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HOVERCRAFT DELIVERY
SAUDI ARABIA

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: ADDITIONAL HOVERCRAFT HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED BY SAUDI ARABIA.
2. (SWN) REMARKS: AT LEAST EIGHT COAST GUARD AIR CUSHION FAST PATROL CRAFT (WPCFA) ARE OBSERVED AT AZIZIYAH NAVAL BASE ON SAUDI ARABIA'S PERSIAN GULF COAST. AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (ACV) HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED AT THIS FACILITY. SEVEN OF THE ACV ARE ON THE RAMP, ONE IS INSIDE A MAINTENANCE BUILDING, AND A POSSIBLE NINTH IS INSIDE ANOTHER BUILDING. THESE ACV ARE PROBABLY THE SAME TYPE AS THE SIX U.K.-BUILT WINCHESTER (SR.N6)-CLASS ACV PREVIOUSLY ACQUIRED BY SAUDI ARABIA AND OBSERVED YESTERDAY AND TODAY AT JUDDAH COAST GUARD HOVERCRAFT BASE AND HEADQUARTERS ON THE RED SEA COAST. THE SAUDIS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE ACQUIRED BOTH [REDACTED] SR.N6 AND THE [REDACTED] MK 6 VERSION OF THE SR.N6. AT LEAST FOUR OF EACH TYPE ACV ARE PROBABLY PRESENT AT AZIZIYAH. A TOTAL OF 16 SR.N6-TYPE ACV WERE ORDERED BY THE SAUDI'S; EIGHT WERE DELIVERED IN 1970.

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 26-01-45N 050-12-35E
COORDINATES 21-33-22N 039-06-49E

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