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3 December 1982**MECHANIZATION OF THE 112TH INFANTRY DIVISION**
ZHANGJIAZHANG ARMY BKS AL 2, CHINA

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: A SECOND REGIMENT OF THE 112TH INFANTRY DIVISION HAS BEEN MECHANIZED, SUGGESTING THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TOTALLY MECHANIZED INFANTRY DIVISION IN CHINA.

2. (SWN) REMARKS: ON IMAGERY [] 160 PROBABLE M-1967 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APC) WERE OBSERVED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT ZHANGJIAZHANG ARMY BKS AL 2, AN INFANTRY REGIMENT OF THE 112TH INFANTRY DIVISION, 38TH ARMY. THE APC WERE PARKED IN TWO SEPARATE VEHICLE PARKING AREAS WITHIN THE INSTALLATION. ON THE SAME DATE, 105 APC (NOT ON GRAPHIC) REMAINED AT SONGLINDIAN ARMY BKS AL 1 [] WHERE INITIAL MECHANIZATION OF THE 112TH DIVISION WAS OBSERVED IN APRIL 1981. NO APC HAVE BEEN OBSERVED AT DINGXING ARMY BKS AL 1 [] THE THIRD INFANTRY REGIMENT OF THIS DIVISION. THE 112TH INFANTRY DIVISION IS APPROXIMATELY 50 NM SOUTHWEST OF BEIJING. THIS DIVISION IS AN ELITE "SHOWPLACE" UNIT WHERE FOREIGN VISITORS ARE FREQUENTLY INVITED. THE DIVISION IS ALSO LESS THAN 40 NM SOUTH OF ZHANGXINTIEN ARMD VEH PLT 618 [] THE ONLY PLANT PRODUCING M-1967 APC IN CHINA.

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(SWN) THIS IS THE FOURTH DEPLOYMENT OF APC IDENTIFIED IN A MAIN FORCE ARMY INFANTRY REGIMENT IN CHINA. ALL PREVIOUS DEPLOYMENTS OF APC AT THE REGIMENTAL LEVEL HAVE CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 120 APC. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF APC OBSERVED (265) INDICATES THE PRESENCE OF AT LEAST TWO MECHANIZED INFANTRY REGIMENTS IN THE 112TH DIVISION. APC WERE NOT PRESENT AT ZHANGJIAZHANG ARMY BKS AL 2 WHEN LAST OBSERVED []

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3. (S) [] COORDINATES, 39-22-41N 115-32-01E

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