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**MALAYSIAN MILITARY ACTIVITY
SWALLOW REEF, SPRATLY ISLANDS (SWN)**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** MALAYSIAN OCCUPANCY OF SWALLOW REEF WAS
CONFIRMED ON IMAGERY _____ (SWN) 25X1

2. **REMARKS:** A MALAYSIAN FLAG/EMBLEM AND THE WORD MALAYSIA WERE
ON THE ROOF OF A SUPPORT BUILDING AT THE EAST END OF THE
REEF. THE MALAYSIAN NATIONAL SIGNATURE WAS NOT PRESENT ON
_____. ALSO, ONE AEROSPATIALE ALOUETTE-III HELICOPTER WAS 25X1
NEAR THE SUPPORT BUILDING. DREDGING OPERATIONS, WHICH WERE
FIRST NOTED IN JUNE 1983, WERE CONTINUING ON THE CHANNEL
THROUGH THE REEF. THE CHANNEL APPEARED TO BE CAPABLE OF
ACCOMMODATING SHALLOW-DRAFT VESSELS. IN ADDITION, ONE FAST
PATROL CRAFT (PCF) WAS UNDERWAY APPROXIMATELY 1.5 NM NORTHEAST
OF THE REEF. (SWN)

THE SPRATLY ARCHIPELAGO HAS THE POTENTIAL OF SIGNIFICANT
ECONOMIC RESOURCES, INCLUDING OIL AND NATURAL GAS. MALAYSIA,
ALONG WITH CHINA, VIETNAM, THE PHILIPPINES, AND TAIWAN, HAVE
LAID CLAIMS TO ONE OR MORE ISLANDS/REEFS IN THE SPRATLY
ARCHIPELAGO. ALL OF THESE COUNTRIES, EXCEPT CHINA, CURRENTLY
HAVE FORCES ON ONE OR MORE ISLANDS/REEFS. IN ADDITION TO
SWALLOW REEF, MALAYSIA ALSO CLAIMS AMBOYNA CAY AR 1030

_____ 62 NM TO THE NORTHWEST, WHICH IS CURRENTLY
OCCUPIED BY VIETNAMESE FORCES. (SWN) _____

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