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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST BRIEF OCPAS MEA 88-016 FOR 21 JANUARY 1988.

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2. IRAN-CHINA: POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF F-7S

IRAN'S REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CLAIMS IT IS BUILDING ITS OWN WARPLANE, WHICH WOULD BE READY BY EARLY NEXT MONTH; THE AIRCRAFT IS POSSIBLY A CHINESE F-7 FIGHTER THE IRANIANS ARE ASSEMBLING. [Redacted]

REVOLUTIONARY GUARD MINISTER RAFIQ-DUST LAST WEEK ANNOUNCED THAT AN AIRCRAFT BUILT BY THE GUARD WOULD BE READY TO FLY DURING CEREMONIES COMMEMORATING THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION EARLY NEXT MONTH AND THAT ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT WOULD BE UNVEILED BY MID-MARCH. [Redacted]

COMMENT: IRAN HAS LITTLE--IF ANY--CAPABILITY TO BUILD ADVANCED AIRCRAFT. WITH FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, HOWEVER, THE IRANIANS PROBABLY COULD ASSEMBLE A RELATIVELY SIMPLE FIGHTER SUCH AS THE F-7. [Redacted]

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