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1. ISRAELIS APPARENTLY ARE ONLY SOURCE OF INFO RE PRESENCE OF SA-7 IN IRAQ. HDQS RECEIVED ISRAELI REPORT ON SUBJECT DATED 21 DECEMBER 1972 AND PRESUME DIA RECEIVED REPORT AT SAME TIME. USDAO TEL AVIV MESSAGE CITED REF NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE HERE BUT SPECIAL ADDENDUM, [Redacted]

[Redacted] PROVIDES SAME INFO AS 21 DECEMBER ISRAELI REPORT. NO OTHER INFO AVAILABLE.

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2. ^{The} PORTABLE VERSION OF SA-7 IS KNOWN IN SOVIET TERMINOLOGY AS STRELA-1. BECAUSE STRELA-1 IS SMALL HAND-HELD INFRARED SAM, IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DETECT UNLESS IT IS FIRED SUCCESSFULLY IN COMBAT. LIVE FIRING EXERCISES COULD BE CONDUCTED WITH LITTLE CHANCE OF DETECTION. ITS PRESENCE IN SOVIET ARSENAL ^{was} NOT KNOWN UNTIL IT ^{was} OBSERVED BY ISRAELI PILOTS IN EGYPT AND FRAGMENTS ^{were} RECOVERED FROM ISRAELI AIRCRAFT. ^{The} MISSILE IS SIMPLE TO OPERATE AND REQUIRES NO SPECIALIZED SUPPORT EQUIPMENT OR TELLTALE CONSTRUCTION. STRELA-1 IS

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CONFIRMED IN EGYPT, NORTH VIETNAM AND EAST GERMANY. AND IT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO BE IN SYRIA, AND IN HANDS OF PAIGC (PARTY FOR INDEPENDENCE OF PORTUGUESE GUINEA AND THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS) TERRORISTS.] *leata*

THEREFORE, WE CONSIDER ITS PRESENCE IN IRAQ AS HIGHLY PROBABLE. SA-3, SA-7 AND ZSU-23/4 ARE CONSIDERED A SINGLE INTEGRAL AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. IRAQ ALREADY HAS SA-3 AND ^{but} THERE AS YET NO REPORTS THAT ZSU-23/4 HAVE BEEN DELIVERED. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY LIKELY IRAQ RECEIVED OR WILL RECEIVE ENTIRE "AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE", I.E., SA-3, SA-7 AND ZSU-23/4.

3. SA-7 MOUNTED ON BRDM-2 KNOWN IN SOVIET TERMINOLOGY AS STRELA-2. THIS SYSTEM HAS THUS FAR BEEN DEPLOYED IN LIMITED NUMBERS SOLELY TO WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. IT IS THEREFORE NOT AS LIKELY THAT T S

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VERSION WILL BE DEPLOYED IN IRAQ.

4. US COUNTERPART TO SA-7 IS REDEYE. []

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6. NO HDQS FILE. E2 IMPDET.

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