PASS: IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED
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SUBJ: IRAQ LAUNCHES MULTIPLE SRBM'S DEC 2 (1792) 5/85

1. (S/N) ON DEC 2, IRAQ LAUNCHED THREE SHORT-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILES FROM SITES IN EASTERN IRAQ. BOTH MISSILES DEMONSTRATED AN APPROXIMATE 600 KM FLIGHT AND A SEVEN-MINUTE TIME OF FLIGHT. IMPACT OF BOTH MISSILES OCCURRED IN THE VICINITY OF THE WESTERN SCUD LAUNCH COMPLEX OF WADI AMIL, IRAQ. THE SECOND LAUNCH WAS A POSSIBLE MISSILE FAILURE.

2. (S/N) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO KNOWN FIXED LAUNCH SITES IN THE AMARAH AREA, THERE ARE SEVERAL AMMUNITION STORAGE COMPLEXES IN THE VICINITY. THE AMARAH NEW AIRFIELD WAS USED AS A SCUD LAUNCH SITE DURING THE IR/IZ WAR: PROBABLY LAUNCHED FROM MOBILE TELS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THIS MISSILE ACTIVITY REPRESENTS OPERATIONAL TESTING OF IRAQ'S INDIGENOUSLY-PRODUCED MOBILE SCUD TELS. THESE TEST FIRINGS MAY BE A SIGNAL IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT US FORCES ALERT.

3. (S/R)

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