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SUB: GUERRILLA USE OF STINGER MISSILES AND THEIR EFFECT ON SOVIET TACTICS IN AF (U)
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SUMMARY: (C) REPORT DESCRIBES EXPERIENCES IN SHOOTING DOWN SOVIET AIRCRAFT WITH STINGER MISSILES AND THE CHANGES HE HAS SEEN IN SOVIET TACTICS SINCE THE GUERRILLAS OBTAINED THIS WEAPON.

TEXT:
1. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY REVEALED THAT AS OF THE BEGINNING OF 1987, A GUERRILLA UNIT HAD SHOT DOWN TWO SOVIET TRANSPORT PLANES AND ONE HELICOPTER USING STINGER MISSILES. IT TOOK FIVE MISSILES TO BRING DOWN THE THREE AIRCRAFT. THE TWO MISSES WERE ATTRIBUTED TO UNFAMILIARITY WITH THE WEAPON. NOW, HOWEVER, HIS MEN ARE CONFIDENT THEY NEED ONLY ONE MISSILE PER AIRCRAFT.

2. BEFORE THE STINGERS WERE EMPLOYED IN HIS AREA, SOVIET HELICOPTERS FLEW WHEREVER THEY WANTED WITH IMPUNITY. THEY WOULD HOVER ANYWHERE THEY DESIRED AND FIRE INTO VILLAGES. SOVIET CREWMEN WOULD CHASE VILLAGERS AND SHOOT THEM AT WILL. BUT NOW WHEN THE HELICOPTERS APPROACH VILLAGES AT A LOW ALTITUDE, THEY LAND QUICKLY TO DISCHARGE TROOPS. AT OTHER TIMES THEY FLY VERY HIGH. ALSO, THE TRANSPORTS THAT ARE USED TO FLY UP AND DOWN THE VALLEYS AT LOW ALTITUDE NOW FLY SO HIGH THEY CAN HARDLY BE SEEN WITH THE NAKED EYE. THE GUERRILLAS HAVE FOUND IT A LITTLE SAFER TO LIVE IN THEIR VILLAGES BECAUSE THE HIGH-FLYING PLANES CANNOT BOMB WITH THE SAME ACCURACY AS THEY ONCE DID.

3. EARLIER IN THE WAR HIS CREW SHOT DOWN TWO HELICOPTERS WITH SAM-7 MISSILES.