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TAGS: ETRO, ETRN, IR, IS, IZ, MASS, YINR, TU
SUBJ: BACK UP OF TRANSSHIPMENT CARGOS FOR IRAQ

REF: ADANA 315

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2. BEGIN TEXT: SUMMARY: LOCAL PORTS OF MERSIN AND ISKENDERUN ARE RECEIVING MORE GOODS FOR TRANSSHIPMENT TO IRAQ, BUT TRUCKDRIVERS' FEARS OF WAR ZONE HAVE GREATLY CUT TRANSSHIPMENT, CAUSING SEVERE PORT BACKUPS. NOT REPORTEDLY IS NOT INTERFERING WITH ONWARD FLOW OF GOODS EXCEPT TO PREVENT ARMS SHIPMENT. SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF ISRAELI GOODS ALSO TRANSIT TURKEY FOR ISLAMIC BELLIGERENTS. END SUMMARY.

3. OBSERVED BACKUP: WE HAVE RECENTLY OBSERVED MANY MORE SHIPS THAN USUAL (APPARENTLY FULLY-LAIDEN TO JUDGE BY THEIR WATERLINES) RIDING AT ANCHOR OFF ISKENDERUN AND MERSIN, THOUGH WE HAD OFTEN HAD OCCASION TO NOTICE, RECENTLY FOR THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE SEEN OFFLOADING CONFIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL
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SUNDAY EVENING, OUTDOOR STORAGE YARDS AT MERSIN HAVE GREATLY EXPANDED AND ARE FULLER THAN USUAL, MOSTLY WITH BUILDING MATERIALS (WIRE, LUMBER, CONCRETE-TYPE SACKS) AND OTHER NON-OBSERVABLE CRATED AND CONTAINERIZED GOODS. THOUGH IMPOSSIBLE TO QUANTIFY, IN THE PAST MONTH OR SO WE HAVE NOTED A DEFINITE DECREASE IN T.I.R. TRUCK TRAFFIC HEADING EAST ON HIGH E-5 (MAIN EUROPE-IRAQ ROUTE VIA ADANA). OF THOSE THAT CONTINUE TO MAKE THE RUN PERHAPS A SOMewhat HIGHER PERCENTAGE THAN FORMERLY ARE RUMANIAN AND BULGARIAN TRUCKS.
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EQUIPMENT. (COMMENT: WHILE SOURCE HAS PROVED RELIABLE IN THE PAST AND HIS PRESENT REPORTING FITS OBSERVABLE FACT, HIS ASSERTIONS REGARDING THE "DEFINITE IMPOSSIBILITY" OF ARMS SHIPMENTS SEEMED RATHER MORE EMPHATIC THAN STRICTLY REQUIRED. END COMMENT.)
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4. SOURCE CONFIRMATION: ONE VERY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED THAT
5. **ISRAELI GOODS: SAME MERSIN SOURCE SAID**

   **HE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR A MONTH TO GET A CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN **
   **CLAIMING U.S. PROVENANCE FOR A SHIPMENT OF SEVENTEEN **
   **THOUSAND TONS OF ISRAELI "CHEMICAL PRODUCTS" BOUND FOR **
   **IRAN. HE ADDED ISRAELI BUSINESS ACUMEN IN SELLING TO **
   **BOTH SIDES." END TEXT OF ADANA 315.**

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