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COUNTRY: (U) CHINA (CH).

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SUBJ: (b) (2) CAVES AND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES
ASSOCIATED WITH CHINA'S SECOND ARTILLERY ENGINEER UNITS (U)

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SUMMARY: (U) UNIT 96501 PROVIDES UNDERGROUND MISSILE FACILITY CONSTRUCTION AND BATTLE DAMAGE REPAIR SUPPORT TO CHINA'S SECOND ARTILLERY. UNIT 96501 IS ASSESSED TO HAVE FOUR SUBORDINATE REGIMENTS WHICH ARE ENGAGED IN 16 FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THROUGHOUT CHINA. ENCLOSURES.

TEXT: 1. (U) CHINA'S SECOND ARTILLERY ENGINEER UNITS ARE PROBABLY CONSTRUCTING CAVES AND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES FOR POSITIONING OF VARIOUS MISSILES FOR SECOND ARTILLERY MISSILE BRIGADES. INFORMATION ON SOME OF THESE ENGINEER UNITS FOLLOWS.

2. (U) CHINA'S SECOND ARTILLERY ENGINEER UNITS

A. (U) UNIT 96501

THIS IS A SECOND ARTILLERY ENGINEER UNIT LOCATED IN HANZHONG CITY (POSTAL CODE 723000) (b) (2) SHAANXI PROVINCE (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E) IT HAS SEVERAL SUBORDINATE ENGINEER REGIMENTS (b) (7)(E) THESE REGIMENTS ARE ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR FACILITIES SITES IN 16 PROVINCES (b) (2) AS OF NOVEMBER 2006, THE UNIT COMMANDER WAS ((CHEN)) QIANG (STC 7115/1730), AND POLITICAL COMMISSAR WAS ((MA)) LI (STC 7456/0500) (b) (2)

(b) (2) UNIT 96501 RECEIVED ORDERS TO CONSTRUCT A LARGE NUMBER OF LARGE-SCALE FACILITIES, INCLUDING UNDERGROUND FACILITIES, FOR NEW MISSILES IN THE SUMMER 1998 (b) (7)(E) AND IT ORDERED ITS SUBORDINATE

ALSO, THE UNIT CONDUCTED WAR SCENARIO TRAINING IN SEPTEMBER 2006, IN WHICH IT REPAIRED THE TUNNEL ENTRANCE, ROADS, AND BRIDGES OF AN UNDERGROUND MISSILE FACILITY AFTER THESE WERE BLASTED WITH 10 TONS OF EXPLOSIVES. (b) (2)

B. (U) UNIT 96512

THIS ENGINEER REGIMENT IS LOCATED IN BAOJI CITY

(b) (2) SHAANXI PROVINCE (b) (2) AS OF DECEMBER, 2006, THE UNIT COMMANDER WAS ((ZHENG)) ZHILONG (STC 6774/3112/7127) (I/CSZ) AND POLITICAL COMMISSAR WAS ((HUANG)) JINPO (STC 7806/6855/0980) (b) (2)

UNIT 96512 HAS AT LEAST FIVE SUBORDINATE BATTALIONS, AND ENGAGES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF CAVE-TYPE FACILITIES IN FIVE PROVINCES (b) (2)

(b) (2) A NATIONAL MEETING ON UNDERGROUND CAVE-TYPE FACILITY EXCAVATION LESSONS LEARNED WAS HELD AT THE REGIMENT'S CONSTRUCTION SITE ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2005. THE SMOOTH BLASTING DRILLING TECHNIQUE APPLIED BY THE REGIMENT RECEIVED HIGH MARKS AT THE MEETING. THE REGIMENT IS ACHIEVING SUCCESSFUL RESULTS THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE USE OF ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY INCLUDING TUNNELING JUMBO DRILLS AND MOLDING STEEL BOGIES (CHINESE -- GANGMO TAICHE, STC 6921/2875/0669/6508). (b) (7)(E)

(b) (7)(E) (ENCLOSURES 1 AND 2)

C. (U) UNIT 96514

THIS ENGINEER REGIMENT IS LOCATED IN HANZHONG CITY (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E) AS OF AUGUST, 2005, THE UNIT COMMANDER WAS ((LIU)) JIANMING (STC 0491/1696/2494), AND DEPUTY COMMANDER WAS ((GUO)) ZHONGDING (STC 6753/0022/1353), AND THE FORMER COMMANDER WAS ((WANG)) XINMIN (STC 3769/2450/3046), AND POLITICAL COMMISSAR WAS ((AN)) HAILIN (STC 1344/3189/2651) (b)(2)

(b)(2) IT WAS CONSTRUCTING A PARTICULARLY LARGE CAVE-TYPE FACILITY WHICH HAD A DESIGN CONSTRUCTION PERIOD OF 10 YEARS, BUT THIS WAS REDUCED TO 3 YEARS. (b)(7)(E)

THE REGIMENT IS EQUIPPED WITH TUNNELING JUMBO DRILLS (ENCLOSURE 3)

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D. (U) UNIT 96516

THIS ENGINEER REGIMENT IS LOCATED IN HUAIHUA

(b)(2) HUNAN PROVINCE (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E) A NEW COMMANDER HAD NOT BEEN ASSIGNED TO UNIT 96516 AS OF DECEMBER 2006, BUT THE FORMER COMMANDER WAS ((LIU)) ZHENGQING (STC 0491/2973/3237), AND POLITICAL COMMISSAR WAS ((LIU)) ZUMAN (STC 0491/4371/3341)

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UNIT 96516 IS DISPERSED TO MORE THAN 10 SITES ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF THE CHANGJIANG RIVER, AND WAS CONSTRUCTING CAVE-TYPE FACILITIES (b)(2)

(b)(2) THE REGIMENT'S 3D BATTALION WAS CONSTRUCTING A SUPER-LARGE CAVE-TYPE FACILITY, USING AIR FILTERS, WET-TYPE DUST REMOVAL AND VENTILATION SYSTEMS, AND OXYGEN SUPPLY SYSTEMS (b)(2)

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E. (U) UNIT 96518

THIS ENGINEER REGIMENT IS LOCATED IN LUOYANG

(b)(2) HENAN PROVINCE (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E) AS OF SEPTEMBER 2005, UNIT

COMMANDER WAS ((WANG)) ANLI (STC 3769/1344/4409) (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E) AND AS OF APRIL 2006, POLITICAL COMMISSAR WAS ((LI)) YONGSHENG (STC 2621/3057/3932) (b)(7)(E)

(b)(7)(E) THIS REGIMENT, EQUIPPED WITH TUNNELING JUMBO DRILLS, WAS CONSTRUCTING CAVE-TYPE FACILITIES AT MORE THAN 10 SITES, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE GOBI DESERT AND HIGHLANDS IN NORTHWESTERN CHINA (b)(7)(E)

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DISSEM: (U) FIELD -- NONE.

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