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SUBJECT: F-5 AIRCRAFT TO PAKISTAN

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY RELIABLE AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN WITH CONNECTIONS AT TEHRAN AIRPORT THAT THREE F-5A FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WITH PAKISTAN MARKINGS AND PILOTED BY PAK PILOTS TRANSITED TEHRAN AIRPORT FROM TURKEY TO PAKISTAN ON DECEMBER 26. AIRCRAFT WERE NOTED BY SEVERAL EMPLOYEES INCLUDING PAKISTANI WHO SPOKE WITH ONE PAK PILOT AND REPORTED PILOT INDICATED AIRCRAFT HAD COME FROM UNITED STATES.
2. RANKING IRANIAN AIR FORCE OFFICER HAS TOLD US THAT PAKISTAN OBTAINED THREE F-5S FROM LIBYA. HOWEVER, A SENIOR NORTHROP REPRESENTATIVE (PROTECT) HAS INFORMED US THAT TAIL NUMBERS ON TRANSITING AIRCRAFT APPEAR TO CORRESPOND TO AIRCRAFT IN GROUP OF EIGHT ORIGINALLY SLATED FOR SALE TO LIBYA BUT WHICH WERE DIVERTED IN VIEW OF US-LIBYAN DIFFICULTIES AND HAVE BEEN HELD IN CALIFORNIA UNDER USG CONTROL.
3. ARRIVAL OF F-5S IN TEHRAN WITH PAK MARKINGS APPARENTLY ATTRACTED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF A FEW KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS WHO QUITE AWARE PAKISTAN HAS NOT HERETOFORE HAD THIS TYPE AIRCRAFT. ALTHOUGH AIRPORT EMPLOYEES WHO KNOWN TO BE AWARE OF AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO KEEP QUIET, WE CAN NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY STORY MAY REACH INTERNATIONAL PRESS TOGETHER WITH REHIRT THAT PLANES ARE USG FURNISHED.

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4. WELL MEANING PERSONS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT PAK F-5S WOULD BE FAR LESS NOTICEABLE TRANSITING IRAN WITHOUT MARKINGS AS PRESENCE OF F-5S IN IRAN AND IN REGION IS NOT RARE, AND THEREFORE, IF USG IS CONNECTED IN ANY WAY WITH TRANSFER OF ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT SENT VIA TEHRAN, PAK MARKINGS BE REMOVED UNTIL AFTER ARRIVAL IN PAKISTAN TO DIMINISH CHANCES OF UNWANTED PUBLICITY.

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(A COMPLETELY RELIABLE SOURCE) DIRECTLY CONFRONTED ONE OR MORE  
GENERAL OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF WITH THE  
QUESTION AS TO WHETHER ANY US MAP EQUIP HAD RECENTLY BEEN  
SENT TO PAKISTAN. THE TGS OFFICERS, WHO SHOULD BE IN POSITIONS  
TO KNOW, SAID THAT THE ONLY AID THAT THEY WERE AWARE OF THAT  
COULD EVEN REMOTELY FALL IN THIS CATEGORY WAS THAT THEY HAD  
ALLOWED THREE LIBYAN AIR FORCE F-5'S TO FLY THROUGH TURKISH AIR  
SPACE (WITH FUEL STOPS AT ANTALYA AND DIYARBAKIR) ENROUTE TO  
PAKISTAN. THESE F-5'S WERE ALLEGEDLY FLOWN BY PAKISTANI PILOTS.  
THE DATES OF TRANSIT WERE NOT GIVEN. THE SAME TGS OFFICERS  
FURTHER STATED THAT ABSOLUTELY NO US MAP AID TO  
TURKEY HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE PAKISTANIS. WE RATE THE INFO  
FROM THE TGS OFFICERS AS B2 OR B3.

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