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- FOR A37'S

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C. (b)(3):10 USC 424 OBSERVATIONS

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APPROXIMATELY 24 SHAFRIR AIR TO AIR MISSILES THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO USE ON THE A37'S IN AN AIR DEFENSE ROLE. COL JUAN RAFAEL ((BUSTILLO)), THE FAS COMMANDER, IS CONCERNED WITH THE MILITARY BUILDUP IN NICARAGUA AND WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH AN AIR TO AIR CAPABILITY.

TEXT 1. ~~(S)~~ IN 1976 THE FAS PURCHASED 24 SHAFRIR MISSILES FROM ISRAEL. AT THAT TIME 4 OR 5 OF THIER OURAGAN FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WERE MODIFIED TO ACCEPT THE SHAFRIR MISSILE.

THE INITIAL MODIFICATION AND TESTING WAS ACCOMPLISHED UNDER ISRAELI CONTRACT BY ISRAELI TECHNICIANS HERE IN COUNTRY. THE PROGRAM PROCEDED SATISFACTORILY UNTIL THE CONTRACT RAN OUT, AND THE ISRAELIS DEPARTED. THE PROGRAM LOST MOMENTUM AND WAS EVENTUALLY ABANDONED. FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW THE MISSILES HAVE NOT BEEN MAINTAINED OR TESTED AND ARE STORED IN A WAREHOUSE AT ILOPANGO AIR BASE.

2. ~~(S)~~ CONSEQUENTLY THE FAS HAS NO REAL AIR TO AIR CAPABILITY. THIS FACT COUPLED WITH GROWING CONCERN OVER NICARAGUA'S MILITARY BUILDUP HAS PROMPTED COL BUSTILLO TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF REJUVENATING THE SHAFRIR MISSILES AND FITTING THEM TO HIS A37'S, WHICH HE BELIEVES TO BE THE BEST AIRCRAFT FOR THIS MISSION. IT MAY OR NOT BE COINCIDENTAL THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE BACK IN EL SALVADOR IN FORCE. RECENTLY SEVERAL ISRAELIS HAVE ARRIVED; HOWEVER IT IS NOT KNOWN FOR WHAT PURPOSE THEY HAVE COME OR THE DURATION OF THEIR VISIT.

3. ~~(S)~~ THE FIRST STEP IS TO TEST AND EVALUATE EACH OF THE SHAFRIRS TO DETERMINE IF THEY CAN BE BROUGHT BACK ON LINE FOR USE. NEXT, THE FEASIBILITY OF LOCALLY MODIFYING THE A37'S TO ACCOMMODATE THE SHAFRIRS NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED. COL BUSTILLO BELIEVES THAT THE MISSILES CAN BE BROUGHT BACK ON LINE AND THAT MODIFICATION OF THE A37'S WOULD BE NO PROBLEM.

4. ~~(S)~~ THE SHAFRIR MISSILE IS MANUFACTURED IN ISRAEL BY THE RAFAEL ARMAMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. IT IS A SHORT RANGE INFRA-RED HUMING MISSILE WHICH CAN BE USED AGAINST AIRCRAFT AT HELICOPTER HEIGHTS UP TO 60,000 FEET.

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