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COUNTRY: (U) SOMALIA (SO); IRAN (IR).

SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] SHIPS TO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES FOR SOMALI MILITIA (U).

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SUMMARY: ~~(S/NF)~~ THE SOMALI NATIONAL ALLIANCE (SNA) PLANS TO USE SHIPS TO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES TO MOGADISHU AND THE CENTRAL REGIONS. THE SNA IS EXPECTING A LARGE ARMS SHIPMENT FROM IRAN SOMETIME BEFORE THE END OF MAY 1994.

TEXT: 1. ~~(S/NF)~~ SNA PLANS TO USE SHIPS--SOMALI NATIONAL ALLIANCE (SNA) OFFICIALS, IN CONTACT WITH ((AIDEED)), HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT SHIPS HAVE BEEN HIRED TO CARRY LARGE WEAPONS AND SUPPLY SHIPMENTS TO VARIOUS AREAS IN SOMALIA. THE SNA HAS PROCURED THE USE OF SEVEN SHIPS WHICH WILL BE USED TO TRANSPORT WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION TO PORT AREAS LOCATED IN HOBYO, [REDACTED] SO, MARKA [REDACTED] SO, AND BRAVA, [REDACTED], SO. THE SHIPS WILL ALSO CARRY NEWLY CONSTRUCTED TECHNICAL VEHICLES AND MILITIA FORCES TO AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION NORTH OF HOBYO. THE SNA PLANS ON USING SMALL VESSELS TO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES FROM LARGE SHIPS WHICH ARE UNABLE TO DOCK IN PORTS AT THE AFOREMENTIONED LOCATIONS. SOME OF THE PROCURED SHIPS ORIGINATE FROM DJIBOUTI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, IRAN, LIBYA, AND IRAQ. THE SNA IS EXPECTING A LARGE ARMS SHIPMENT ORIGINATING IN IRAN TO ARRIVE IN

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SOMALIA PRIOR TO THE END OF MAY 1994. [REDACTED] SEVERAL SHIPS
HAVE BEEN USED IN THE PAST TO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES TO THE SNA. THE
MAIN REASON THE SNA CAPTURED MARKA WAS TO MAKE USE OF THE PORT. THE
SNA PREFERS, HOWEVER, TO TRANSPORT SUPPLIES OVER LAND BECAUSE IT IS
LESS EXPENSIVE.)

COMMENTS: 1. (S/NF) [REDACTED]

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