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COUNTRY: (U) SOMALIA (SO); YEMEN (YM); EGYPT (EG); LIBYA (LY);
RUSSIA (RS).

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SUBJ: IIR [REDACTED] YEMENI GOVERNMENT PROVIDES WEAPONS AND
SUPPORT TO SOMALILAND FACTIONS (U).

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EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. REPORT CLASSIFIED ~~SECRET~~ ~~NOFORN~~
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SUMMARY: ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ ETHNIC YEMENI SOMALIS ARE INDUCING YEMENI
PRESIDENT 'ALI 'ABDALLAH ((SALAH)) TO BECOME INVOLVED IN SOMALIA.
SALAH PROVIDED WEAPONS TO GENERAL JUM'A ((GHALIB)), THE IDAGALE
CLAN WARLORD. SALAH'S SUPPORT MAY CONSTITUTE REVENGE FOR MUHAMMAD
IBRAHIM ((EGAL))'S RECOGNITION OF SOUTH YEMEN.

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TEXT: 1. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 1994, POLICE
GENERAL JUM'A ((GHALIB)), THE IDAGALE CLAN'S NEW WARLORD OF
SOMALILAND, SOMALIA, WAS AN HONORED GUEST OF YEMENI PRESIDENT 'ALI

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'ABDALLAH ((SALAH)). AS A GIFT, SALAH GAVE GHALIB A PLANE-LOAD OF WEAPONS (NFI). GHALIB CHARTERED A RUSSIAN HERCULES-STYLE AIRCRAFT, WHICH DELIVERED THE CARGO TO THE AIRPORT IN SALAHLY SOMALIA, 20 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF HARGEYSA SOMALIA.

2. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ YEMEN IS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN SOMALIA'S FACTIONAL DIFFERENCES, PARTICULARLY OVER THE SEPARATIST FIGHTING IN SOMALILAND; EGYPT AND LIBYA ARE ALSO EQUALLY INVOLVED. THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IS TO SUPPORT GHALIB AND THE HABR YUNIS FACTION LED BY 'ABD-AL-RAHMAN AHMAD 'ALI ((TUR)) IN THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF SOMALILAND, MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM ((EGAL)). SALAH'S SUPPORT MAY CONSTITUTE REVENGE FOR EGAL'S RECOGNITION OF SOUTH YEMEN DURING THE YEMENI CIVIL WAR.

3. ~~(C/NOFORN)~~ AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR INFLUENCING SALAH'S INVOLVEMENT IN SOMALI INFIGHTING IS THE INTENSE LOBBYING EFFORTS OF ETHNIC YEMENI SOMALIS. THIS GROUP OF SOMALIS TRADITIONALLY CONTROLLED MUCH OF SOMALIA'S FOREIGN TRADE BUSINESS AND WAS RELATIVELY WEALTHY. WHEN FACTIONAL FIGHTING BEGAN IN SOMALIA, MOST OF THEM FLED TO YEMEN, BUT THEY ARE NOW PRESSURING THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT TO HELP THEM RETURN AND REGAIN THEIR WEALTH.

COMMENTS: (U)

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