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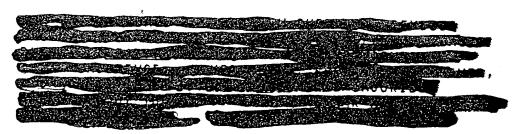
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1. IRAQ: LASER BLINDING WEAPON POSSIBLY UNDER

DEVELOPMENT :

NEW REPORTING

THAT THE IRAQIS

HAVE DEVELOPED LASER WEAPONS—INCLUDING ONE CAPABLE OF

BLINDING RABBITS AT A RANGE OF 4 KM. THIS INFORMATION IS

BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH RESEARCHERS AT THE SALAN (SIC) AL
DIN FACILITY (PRESUMABLY THE SALAH AL-DIN RESEARCH AND

PRODUCTION FACILITY LOCATED NEAR DAWR ON THE TIGRIS RIVER).



COMMENT:

THIS NEW INTELLIGENCE SUPPORTS PREVIOUS UNCONFIRMED REPORTING THAT THE IRAQIS ARE DEVELOPING LASER <u>BLINDING WEAPONS</u>--THOUGH WE HAVE YET TO CONFIRM THEIR EXISTENCE.

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NEW INFORMATION

SUPPORTS OUR PREVIOUSLY STATED SKEPTICISM IN REGARD TO IRANIAN EYE CASUALTY REPORTS (SEE SWR FOR 28 SEPTEMBER 1990) AND REINFORCES OUR BELIEF THAT THE PRIMARY EYE HAZARD TO US FORCES IN THE GULF IS FROM IRAQI LASER

RANGEFINDERS AND TARGET DESIGNATORS.



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