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DIA (DT-S)

26 Oct 1987

SUBJECT: Free-flight Activity for period of 23 Oct - 31 Oct 1987

Viewer 011 -

---US-flagged vessel hit by (apparent - see sketch) Silkworm missile with US retaliatory action taken against Iranian missile launching sites.

Viewer 079 -

---Viewer indicates no perception of hostile activities and describes the period of 23 Oct '87 to 31 Oct '87 as a peaceful time.

Viewer 018 -

---Viewer describes an attack against a "sloping (Iranian) framework" by a missile from an aircraft bearing a red star. As a secondary perception, 018 perceives US vessels (ships) as firing cannon fire (no further details).

Viewer 003 -

---003 perceives no activity during the reporting period.

However, 003 beheld the smoke-blackened superstructure of a US (appearing) frigate as the result of hostile activity occurring on 3 November 1987. In mid-November attack aircraft of

undetermined nationality *seeking targets of opportunity.*

Viewer 099 -

---099 perceives the presence of a mine dropped from a small Iranian vessel at night. The mine causes an explosion to a medium-sized US warship acting as a lead vessel, ~~(to other~~

~~vessels).~~ Indications of (US) show of force through precipitated

air activity in the area of the Persian Gulf.