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1. BEFORE THE START OF THE WAR, IRAQ WAS CREDITED WITH 925 MEDIUM AND 65 LIGHT TANKS. WE ESTIMATE THAT IRAQI FORCES HAVE LOST LESS THAN 100 TANKS IN THE WAR THUS FAR. ~~(S)~~

2. SYRIA WAS CREDITED WITH ABOUT 1,600 MEDIUM, 80 HEAVY AND 80 LIGHT TANKS BEFORE THE WAR. WE BELIEVE THAT SYRIAN FORCES HAVE LOST ABOUT 800 TANKS SINCE THE WAR BEGAN BUT BELIEVE THE SOVIETS HAVE REPLACED FROM 100 TO 200 OF THESE.

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3. FOR AMBASSADOR'S USE: IRANIAN INVENTORY NOW CONSISTS OF 945 MEDIUM TANKS, INCLUDING US TANKS. UK HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE ALMOST 800 CHIEFTAN TANKS TO TEHRAN BY MID-1977.

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