

PROJECT: 8712-A

I am getting the feeling that an attack against a U.S. flagged ship is not of importance in the Persian Gulf situation. I will try to describe such an attack later. \*Yes, a U.S. tanker or perhaps even a warship will be hit, but for now, Iran is trying not to provoke the U.S. in any way. There are some secret deals going on between Iran and the U.S. at this time. Iran has agreed to "lay-off" U.S. interests for certain concessions. Iran is definitely afraid of the ever increasing presence of U.S. warships in the Gulf! But, Iran will not back down. Iran is very primitive and quite childish about this whole situation. Iran will continue to harass shipping without regard. The kettle will boil over soon. Iran will get their "ass kicked", but I see the U.S. taking the minor, supporting role.

\* ~~Some other nation~~ will take the initiative first. Iran has gone too far! Iraq is next on the hit list. There will be other ARAB nations supporting the actions taken against Iran/Iraq when it does occur. I see this taking place within a week or so. This whole situation is a matter of honor or losing face, there will be a "duel-to-the-death," so to speak. This is Iran's mentality.

1. x complete strike?  
2. x 14115 Sep 87

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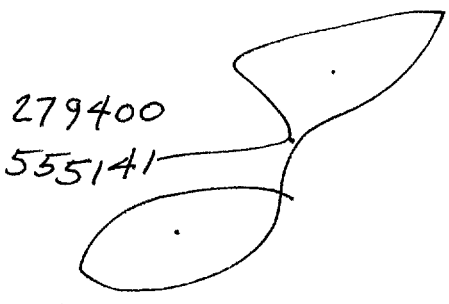


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EI: Describe nature and scope of attack(s) on US-flagged vessel(s) in Straits of Hormuz and Persian Gulf during September 1987.



A. across, angle up, angle across.

hard  
& structure

S-2?

dark  
black  
red  
white

AOC break  
lik a tanker

A. incline down, curving,  
curving around,

soft  
& water

S-2

light blue  
green  
soft  
liquid

Break 1015hrs

black  
flat black  
dull black  
red  
white  
blue  
green

ship            tanker

missile  
gaping hole  
above waterline  
minimal damage  
personal injuries minor

insignificant incident

break 1020 HRS

chance of AOL-drive, will  
resume tomorrow

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