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FACT SHEET

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SUBJECT: SA-7 Firings at U. S. Army Helicopters (U)

PURPOSE: To summarize the available data on SA-7 firings since 3 April 1972.

FACTS:

1. (C) During the period 3 April - 15 November 1972, there have been 32 reported incidents involving 38 SA-7 missiles which have been fired at U. S. Army helicopters.
2. (C) Of the 38 reported firings, there have been four confirmed hits, three probable hits, and 31 misses.
3. (C) A compilation of SA-7 data by Military Region is shown below:

	<u>MR 1</u>	<u>MR 2</u>	<u>MR 3</u>	<u>MR 4</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Hits	2*	N	4*	1*	7**
Misses	9	O	7	15	31
Incidents	8	N	11	13	32
Missiles fired	11	E	11	16	38

* Includes one probable hit.

** Includes ~~two~~ probable hits.
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4. (C) There have been 14 reported SA-7 firings at aircraft equipped with the IR suppression kit; none of these firings were successful.

5. (U) GDS declassification date 31 December 1978.

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