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FACT SHEET

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SUBJECT: SA-7 Firings at United States Army Helicopters

PURPOSE: To summarize the available data on SA-7 Firings since 2 May 72.

FACTS:

1. (C) During the period 2 May - 23 Aug 72, there have been 24 reported incidents involving 29 SA-7 missiles which have been fired at United States Army helicopters.

2. (C) Of the 29 reported firings, there have been 4 confirmed hits, 2 probable hits, and 23 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*		4*		6**
MISSSES	8		7	8	23
INCIDENTS	7		11	6	24
MISSILES FIRED	10		10	8	29

* Includes 1 probable hit.

** Includes 2 probable hits.

4. (C) There have been 8 reported SA-7 firings at aircraft equipped with the I.R. Suppression kit; none of these firings were successful.

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

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