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IRAQI MINISTER OF DEFENSE 'AL-HASSAN AL-((MAJID)) VISITED THE NORTHERN IRAQI CITY OF KIRKUK IN LATE SUMMER 1992 TO MEET PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES, MILITARY COMMANDERS AND BA'ATH PARTY REPRESENTATIVES TO IMPLORE THEM TO DEFEND THE CITY TO THE UTMOST AGAINST ANY FUTURE ATTACKS FROM KURDISH GROUPS. MAJID ALSO SOUGHT SIMILAR ASSURANCES FROM REGIONAL TRIBAL LEADERS THAT THEY WOULD HELP DEFEND KIRKUK. MAJID THREATENED TO HANG ANY MAN WHO FAILED TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT AGAINST THE KURDS.

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MAJID SAID HE PLANNED TO SEND TO KIRKUK A NEW SECURITY DETACHMENT COMPOSED OF ELEMENTS OF THE IRAQI SECURITY FORCES AND AN INTELLIGENCE APPARATUS TO HELP KIRKUK OFFICIALS BETTER MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY'S INHABITANTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE FAMILIES WHICH HAD RELATIVES LIVING IN THE KURDISH REGIONS OF NORTHERN IRAQ.

(S//OC/NF) 2. [REDACTED] SUBSEQUENT TO MAJID'S VISIT, THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT SENT APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY PERSONS TO IRBIL AND SULAYMANIYAH PROVINCES UNDER THE DIRECTION OF 'AZIZ ((KHOCHNOW)) TO RECRUIT MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS KURDISH GROUPS. KHOCHNOW APPEARED PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE PRESENT ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE PLANS OF THE KURDISH DEMOCRATIC PARTY (KDP) AND THE PATRIOTIC UNION OF KURDISTAN (PUK). HE SPENT LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TRYING TO SEEK OUT KURDS WHO COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION ON KDP AND PUK ACTIVITIES.

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(S//OC/NF) 3. IN ADDITION TO MONITORING KURDISH ACTIVITIES, KHOCHNOW'S IRAQI SECURITY ELEMENT IN KIRKUK WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR TRYING TO PREVENT UNITED NATIONS INSPECTION TEAMS FROM SUCCESSFULLY CARRYING OUT INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND KIRKUK. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] KHOCHNOW'S SECURITY ELEMENT ATTEMPTED TO PLANT TWO BOMBS UNDER UNITED NATIONS VEHICLES IN KIRKUK AND IRBIL IN LATE AUGUST. THE BOMBS WERE DISCOVERED BEFORE THEY WERE DETONATED. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IRAQI SECURITY SERVICE SERVICE TEAMS PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO SALAH AD DIN IN LATE OCTOBER TO TRY TO DISRUPT THE THIRD SERIES OF IRAQI NATIONAL CONGRESS (INC) MEETINGS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN LATE OCTOBER.

[REDACTED] IRAQI LEADER ((SADDAM)) HUSAYN OFFERED TO PAY 500,000 IRAQI DINARS TO ANYONE WHO COULD "ELIMINATE SENIOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS" OR SABOTAGE THE CONFERENCE LOCATION.)

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