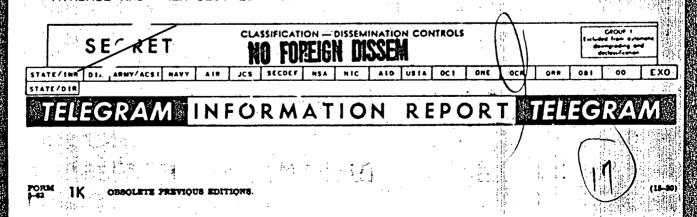
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1. AFTER BEING INFORMED THE THE COUP D'ETAT AGAINST PRIME MINISTER QASIM HAD BEEN ACT! ATED DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 8 FEBRUARY, THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE SECOND DIVISION IN KURKUK, HASAN MUSTAFA, AFORMED THE DIVISION COMMANDER, BRIGADIER MAHUMAD ABD-AL P ZZAQ AND ASKED FOR HIS SUPPORT OF THE COUP. WHEN IT WAS EFUSED, THE COMMANDER WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST. IMMEDIATELY AFTEF ARDS, MAJOR HARDAN TIKR:TI, COMMANDER OF AIR OPERATIONS IN RITHERN IRAQ, TELEGRAPHED THE REBELS THAT KIRKUK AIRBASE HAD SECURED AND HAD JOINED THE SIDE OF THE REBELS.



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TIKRITI AND TWO OTHER AIRFORCE PILOTS THEN PILOTED 3 MIG-17S TO BAGHDAD FOR ATTACKS ON RASHID AIRFIELD AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE REBEL TANK UNITS DEPARTED HABBANIYAH BUILDINGS. FOR BAGHDAD AT Ø4ØØ HOURS, 8 FEBRUARY.)

- THE 3 MIG-17S FROM KURKUK WERE JOIN D BY TWO HAWKER HUNTERS FROM HABBANIYAH AIRFIELD. THESE REBEL PLANES FIRST BUZZED RASHID AIRFIELD WARNING GROUND CREWS NOT T' ATTEMPT TO PREPARE ANY PLANES FOR TAKE-OFF. HOWEVER, BRIGADIER JA AL AWQATI, THE COMMANDER OF THE IRAQI AIR FORCE, WAS AT R'SHID AIRFIELD AT THE TIME AND IMMEDIATELY ORDERED FOUR COMUNIST MIG-19 PILOTS TO ATTEMPT TO GET THE MIG-19S IN THE / R AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WHEN THE REBEL PILOTS NOTICED THIS COUND CREW ACTIVITY DURING THEIR SECOND PASS OVER THE AIRFIELD, HEY STRAFFED THE MIG-19'S AND BOMBED THE RUNWAYS. SUBSEC ENTLY, TWO MIG-17S AND THE TWO HAWKER HUNTERS BEGAN THEIR POKET AND MACHINE GUN ATTACK ON THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE BU! DING.
- 3. THE THIRD MIG-17 CIRCLED RASHID AIRFIELD TO PREVENT ANY AIR JPPOSITION FROM THE AIRFIELD. SIMULTANEOUSLY, AN UNIDENTIFIED TANK REGIMENT AT CAMP RASHID BEGAN AN ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT UNITS AT THE CAMP AND AIRFIELD WHICH HAD DECIDED TO RESIST THE COUP ATTEMPT. REBEL TANKS WERE ALSO PLACED AT THE END OF RUNWAYS TO PREVENT ANY PLANE FROM TAKING OFF. THE TANK ATTACK CONTINUED

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| UNTIL THE EVENING OF 8 FEBRUARY WHEN GOVERNMENT UNITS AT THE AIR- FIELD SURRENDERED. BRIGADIER AWQATI AND THE FOUR COMMUNIST PILOTS | |
| WHO HAD ATTEMPTED TO FLY THE MIG-19S ALSO SURRENDERED. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, CAMP RASHID WAS THE LAST TO SURRENDER TO THE REBELS.) | |
| A LIEUTENANT WHO PAPTICIPATED IN THE ATTACK ON THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS REPORTED THAT THE LATE PRIME MIN- ISTER'S ARMED GUARD AT THE MINISTRY HAT PUT UP A WELL FOUGHT | |
| BATTLE. IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE MORNING OF 9 FEBRUARY THAT THE REBEL FORCE COULD ENTER THE MINISTRY. THIS SAME OFFICER SPECULATED THAT THE LATE PRIME MINISTER JOULD HAVE HELD OUT FOR AT LEAST 10 | |
| DAYS HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE REBEL AIR ATTACKS ON THE MINISTRY BUILDING.) | |
| ONE OF THE REBEL PLANES CRASHED WHILE ATTACKING THE MIN STRY OF DEFENSE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IT WAS ONE OF THE MIG- 7S INASMUCH AS OBSERVATIONS DURING THE LATE | |
| MORNING AND ARLY AFTERNOON OF 8 FEBRUARY INDICATED THAT ONLY TWO MIG-17S A'D TWO HAWKER HUNTERS WERE INVOLVED ON THE AIR ATTACKS | |
| ON THE MINISTRY. DURING THIS SAME PERIOD NO OTHER PLANE COULD BE OBSERVED CIRCLING RASHID AIRFIELD.) 6. | |
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