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(U) SOURCE: AMMAN AL-'ARAB AL-YAWM IN ARABIC 10 NOV 98 P 12 TEXT:

(U) THE DIRECTOR OF THE AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE PROVIDED ME WITH A PRECISE MAP OF HAFR AL-BATIN, WHICH HE FOUND IN THE POSSESSION OF A CAPTURED ENEMY PILOT. THE MAP PROVED VERY USEFUL IN MY WORK. THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF DECLARED 29 AND 30 JANUARY AS REST DAYS FOR THE MISSILE UNITS. I GOT THE ORDER THROUGH THE PRESIDENT'S AIDE-DE-CAMP AT NIGHT. 29 JANUARY 1991 AT 1000 HOURS, I ORDERED THE RETURN OF BRIGADE 224 TO ITS SHELTERS IN BAGHDAD. AND AT 1200, I ORDERED BRIGADE 223 TO DEPLOY IN BA'QUBAH. I ALSO ORDERED THE MISSILE MAINTENANCE COMMANDER TO VACATE THE BELONGINGS AND STORES OF THE FIRST MAINTENANCE UNIT FROM AL-RAMADI TO SAFER AREAS. AT 1230 HOURS, TWO ENEMY HELICOPTERS APPROACHED KILOMETER 160 AREA IN THE WESTERN REGION. AT 1600 HOURS, THE FIRST BATTALION OF THE FIRST COMMANDO BRIGADE OF THE 1V ARMY CORPS WAS PREPARED TO OPEN THE ROAD BETWEEN AL-MUHAMMADIYAT AND AL-RUTBAH AS THE ENEMY OCCUPIED A POSITION 10

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KILOMETERS EAST OF AL-RUTBAH. I COMPLETED THE BATTALION'S TASK TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK BY 2000 HOURS. WE ESTIMATED THE HOSTILE FORCE AT A BATTALION MINUS A COMPANY. THE PRESIDENT'S AIDE-DE-CAMP BROUGHT A MESSAGE CONTAINING AN ORDER TO RESUME THE ATTACK ON ENEMY TARGETS AFTER THE TWO-DAY REST, BUT ALSO STRESSING THE NEED TO BE MORE CAREFUL AND TO USE ONLY ONE OR TWO MISSILES AT A TIME. 30 JANUARY 1991 AT 0100 HOURS, THE FIRST COMMANDO BRIGADE INFORMED US THAT IT SEARCHED THE ROAD FROM KILOMETER 190 TO AL-RUTBAH WITHOUT TRACING THE ENEMY. THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES INFORMED US ONCE AGAIN THAT HOSTILE RECONNAISSANCE VEHICLES WERE SIGHTED FIVE KILOMETERS EAST OF AL-RUTBAH. THE SECOND BATTALION FROM COMMANDO BRIGADE WAS ORDERED TO SEARCH THE REGION BETWEEN THE OLD ROAD AND THE HIGHWAY. I SENT A FOLLOW-UP TO THE INSTRUCTIONS I ISSUED THE PAST TWO DAYS TO BRIGADE 224 AND THE COMMANDER OF THE FIRST SPECIAL TASK FORCE ON THE CAMOUFLAGE OF LAUNCHERS, DECEPTION METHODS, PROTECTION, AND COORDINATION ON PROTECTING AND CAMOUFLAGING UNITS, AND LAYING AMBUSHES FOR ENEMY AIRCRAFT WITH STRELLA MISSILES TO SHOOT THEM DOWN. (MORE) 5 NOV [REDACTED] I ISSUED ORDERS FOR PREPARATION TO FIRE ONE MISSILE ON TEL AVIV AT 1730 HOURS ON 31 JANUARY. I SUBMITTED A REPORT ON OUR STRIKES FROM 18 TO 28 JANUARY, AS WELL AS OTHER DETAILS AS FOLLOWS:

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(U) 1. THE NUMBER OF MISSILES WERE 52--28 ON THE ZIONIST ENTITY AND 24 ON HOSTILE TARGETS IN SAUDI ARABIA. I EXPLAINED THE TARGETS.

(U) 2. THE AVERAGE DAILY FIRING IN GENERAL WAS FOUR AND ONE QUARTER MISSILES; ONE AND ONE QUARTER MISSILES BY IRAQI LAUNCHERS AND THREE MISSILES BY OTHER LAUNCHERS DAILY.

(U) 3. THE FIRING WAS CARRIED OUT FROM 11 LAUNCHING SITES IN FIVE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND ON THREE AXES.

(U) 4. OUR UNITS WERE SUBJECTED TO HOSTILE AIR AND MISSILE BOMBING AND INFILTRATION OPERATIONS. SEVEN INFILTRATORS WERE CAPTURED.

(U) 5. OUR LOSSES WERE: ONE OFFICER AND FIVE SOLDIERS MARTYRED AND SEVEN OFFICERS AND 41 MEN INJURED.

(U) 6. THE ENEMY HIT NINE FIXED BASES -- WHICH WERE NOT IN USE, SINCE WE DEPENDED ON MOBILE BASES ONLY -- OUT OF A TOTAL OF 28 BASES; 17 VEHICLES; AND 3 ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS. IT TOOK THE ENEMY 43 FULL DAYS TO HIT THE FIXED AND CAMOUFLAGE BASES. STILL, IT DID NOT HIT THEM ALL. YET, THE ACCURSED SCHWARZKOPF CLAIMS THAT THEY DESTROYED THEM ALL ALONG WITH OTHER MOBILE LAUNCHERS ON THE FIRST DAY.

(U) 7. THE BALANCE OF OUR MISSILES AND WARHEADS.

(U) 8. I PRESENTED THE PROBLEM OF PROTECTION AND THE NEED FOR MORE UNITS TO INSURE A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR ACTION, SINCE OUR OPERATIONS COVERED A VERY LONG AXIS OF 1,180 KILOMETERS. THE WESTERN REGION ALONE IS 530 KILOMETERS LONG. IT WAS ALSO EXPOSED TO HOSTILE LANDING AND INFILTRATION ATTEMPTS.

(U) I INQUIRED FROM THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE ABOUT THE INFORMATION THEY OBTAINED FROM THE INFILTRATORS WHO WERE CAPTURED ON THE NIGHT OF 26-27 JANUARY CONCERNING OUR POSITIONS AND BASES IN THE WESTERN SECTOR. WE TRANSFERRED SOME BATTERIES BELONGING TO ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTALION 852--WHICH WERE PLACED AT OUR DISPOSAL BY THE 11TH

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DIVISION--FROM OUR COMMAND TO THE COMMAND OF BRIGADE 600 TO PROTECT ITS UNITS. THE NUMBER OF RA'D (LUNA) MISSILES AND TARIQ (ASTRAS) MISSILES FIRED TO THIS DAY IN THE SECTORS OF THE VARIOUS ARMY CORPS IN KUWAIT WAS 40, AND 925 RESPECTIVELY. 31 JANUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE SAID THAT THE TASK OF THE ENEMY INFILTRATORS WAS TO RESCUE ENEMY PILOTS AND MONITOR, OBSERVE, AND GATHER INFORMATION ON IRAQI WEAPONS. IT ADDED: THERE ARE THREE BRITISH GROUPS IN THE DESERT AREAS IN IRAQI TERRITORY. EACH GROUP CONSISTS OF EIGHT PERSONS. THE ONE CAPTURED IS THE NORTHERN ONE. THE SEARCH IS CONTINUING TO TRACK DOWN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN GROUPS. OUR UNITS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BE MORE CAREFUL. (MORE) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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