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(U) 5. STORAGES WILL BE MADE INTEGRATED GROUPS MADE UP OF CONVENTIONAL WARHEADS, FUEL, MISSILE BODIES, AND PARTS. SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE TO ISOLATE THEM SO THEY WILL NOT AFFECT EACH OTHER.

(U) 6. TEN MISSILES WILL BE DEPLOYED IN A SOUTHERN DIRECTION AND CONSIDERED A THIRD LINE FOR BRIGADE 224. ANOTHER 10 MISSILES WILL BE PLACED ON MIDDLE READINESS. THUS THE BRIGADE WILL HAVE 30 MISSILES. BUT, THE FIRST MAINTENANCE UNIT WILL ACTUALLY PREPARE 50 MISSILES.

(U) 7. THE AREA UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FIRST MAINTENANCE UNIT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO 3 TO 4 SECTORS IN THE NORTH, THE CENTER, AND THE SOUTH. CONTROL WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY TELEPHONE THROUGH THE COMMANDERS OF THE SECTORS TO INSURE IMMEDIATE CONTACT. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE WORK OF LIAISON OFFICERS.

(U) 8. ADEQUATE PROTECTION WILL BE INSURED FOR THE STORAGE AREAS BY THREE INFANTRY COMPANIES. 9. GOOD CAMOUFLAGE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE SITES UNDER TREES AND BEHIND OTHER NATURAL BARRIERS.

(U) 9. SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO SECURITY AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF RELIABLE ELEMENTS FOR THIS TASK.

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(U) 10. TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED TO TRANSPORT THE PROTECTION UNITS WHICH WILL ACCOMPANY THE TRANSPORTATION OF MISSILES.

(U) 11. AN ENGINEERING UNIT WILL BE PROVIDED AND MEANS WILL BE GUARANTEED FOR TRANSPORTING THE STORAGES WHICH WILL BE DISPERSED.

(U) 12. SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE GIVEN TO FIRE-FIGHTING BY PROVIDING MACHINES AND SIMPLE LIGHTENING RODS.

(U) 13. THERE WILL BE REGULAR CHECKING OF STORAGES.

(U) ON THE SAME DAY, 11 AUGUST 1990, WHICH WAS AN EVENTFUL DAY, I CONTINUED TO COORDINATE WITH THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES ON THE NEXT PHASE AND THE INFORMATION ON EFFECTIVE TARGETS. I WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH THE QUESTION OF CAMOUFLAGING AND PROTECTING OUR UNITS. I TOOK THE NECESSARY MEASURES BY FORMING PROTECTION GROUPS TO ACCOMPANY BRIGADE 224 IN THE WESTERN DESERT FROM A DISTANCE OR ON ACTUAL LOCATIONS. I CALLED THESE GROUPS "FIRST SPECIAL TASK GROUPS." I BASED THEM IN THE REGION OF AL-WARRAR, AL-ANBAR GOVERNORATE, TO BENEFIT FROM TRANSPORT VEHICLES AND AL-RA'D (LUNA) LAUNCHERS, WHICH WERE AMONG THE RESERVE. WE ALSO TRAINED THEM ON MISSILES. ON THE SAME DAY, I ISSUED A SPECIAL DIRECTIVE TO CARRY OUT INITIAL SURVEYS OF THE SOUTHERN REGION IN ORDER TO PREPARE SITES FOR THE MISSILES WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. THE SITES WERE LOCATED IN THE GOVERNORATES OF MAYSAN, DHI QAR, AND AL-BASRAH. 12 AUGUST 1990 IT WAS MIDNIGHT. MY WIFE, WHO WAS ON THE TELEPHONE, BADE ME "GOOD NIGHT," AND HUNG UP. I PICKED UP A PEN AND TURNED TO THE REPORT I WAS WRITING FOR THE PRESIDENT. WHEN I FINISHED, I HEARD THE CALL FOR MORNING PRAYER FROM A NEARBY MOSQUE. I QUICKLY GOT UP, PERFORMED ABLUTION, AND PRAYED. I PRAYED TO GOD TO HELP US TRIUMPH OVER OUR ENEMIES. FOR HE HEARS US AND RESPONDS TO OUR PRAYERS. AFTER PRAYER, I WENT BACK TO MY DESK. IN ADDITION TO THE REPORT BEFORE ME, THERE WERE THE INITIAL RESULTS OF THE RECONNAISSANCE WHICH WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE FIRST AND SECOND GROUPS. THEY SELECTED SITES IN AL-QURNAH QAL'AT SALIH, AL-'AZIZ, JULAYBAH, AND AL-BATHA', ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS I GAVE THEM ON 11 AUGUST 1990. I KEPT THE INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE FOR STUDY BY THE COMMANDERS OF THE UNITS WHICH WILL BE ASSIGNED TASKS IN THE SOUTH WHEN THE NEED ARISES IN THE FUTURE. THERE WAS ALSO A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE ALERTING US TO THE NEED TO TAKE ADEQUATE MEASURES FOR CAMOUFLAGE, CONCEALMENT, AND PROTECTION FOR TRUCKS CARRYING LONG-RANGE MISSILES ON THE HIGHWAY TO THE WESTERN BORDER. OUR REPLY TO THE LETTER EXPLAINED THE REASONS FOR THE CONFUSION ON THIS SUBJECT. FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CAMOUFLAGE AND DECEPTION PLAN WAS ALREADY IN PLACE. ACTUALLY, THE REASONS FOR THE CONFUSION WERE AS FOLLOWS:

(U) THE TRUCKS MENTIONED WERE ACTUALLY CARRYING THE PROTECTION UNIT WHICH WOULD ACCOMPANY THE LAUNCHERS AND SPECIAL TRANSPORT VEHICLES; IN OTHER WORDS, THE FIRST SPECIAL TASK GROUP. A ROAD ACCIDENT OCCURRED, DELAYING THE MOVEMENT OF THE TRUCKS. THE HIGHWAY WAS NOT OPEN FROM AL-RAMADI. WE DID NOT MOVE ANY VEHICLES CARRYING SUCH GROUPS WEST OF AL-RAMADI FOR TECHNICAL REASONS. WE DID NOT TRANSPORT REAL STRATEGIC LAUNCHERS DURING THE DAY TIME. THE LAUNCHERS THEMSELVES WERE ALREADY DEPLOYED IN THE WESTERN REGION AT THE TIME. A MIO PROJECT WAS IN PROGRESS IN THE WESTERN REGION, AND IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAD TO USE A MISSILE SOMETIMES FOR THE PURPOSES OF TESTING FIXED BASES.

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(U) STILL, WE DOUBLE-CHECKED ALL THE SECURITY ASPECTS INCLUDING THOSE  
PERTAINING TO CAMOUFLAGE WITH COVERS AND NETS. (MORE) END OF MESSAGE  
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