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(U) 1. NIGHT ACTION.

(U) 2. SHORTENING THE TIME USED TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL PREPARATIONS FOR MISSILE FIRING.

(U) 3. APPLYING CERTAIN RULES IN SHELTERS AND POSITIONS.

(U) 4. ADHERING TO CONCEALMENT AND DECEPTION RULES.

(U) 5. PROVIDING AIR PROTECTION IN COORDINATION WITH THE AIR DEFENSE SECTORS.

(U) 6. SECURING COVERS OF THE COLOR OF SAND FOR ALL EQUIPMENT.

(U) 7. FORMING THE FIRST AND THE SECOND SPECIAL DUTY GROUPS FOR THE WESTERN REGION AND KUWAIT RESPECTIVELY TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY CAMOUFLAGE.

(U) 8. MANUFACTURING CAMOUFLAGED LAUNCHERS.

(U) 9. CARRYING OUT OTHER PLANS TO CONFUSE THE ENEMY AND FOIL ITS PLANS.

(U) ON THIS DAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 1990, WE DISTRIBUTED MISSILE UNITS TO ARMY CORPS, AND WE ASKED BATTALIONS TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE ARMY CORPS AS FOLLOWS:

(U) THE THIRD BATTALION OF BRIGADE 225 WITHOUT THE AL-RA'D (LUNA) BATTERY AND THE FIRST BATTALION OF BRIGADE 226 WITHOUT AL-TARIQ (ASTRAS) RADAR WILL EXTEND SUPPORT TO THE 3D ARMY CORPS. THE FIRST BATTALION OF BRIGADE 225 WITH THE (LUNA) BATTERY AND THE SECOND BATTALION OF BRIGADE 226 WILL SUPPORT THE 4TH ARMY CORPS. THE SECOND BATTALION OF BRIGADE 225 (LUNA) AND THE THIRD BATTALION OF BRIGADE 226 (ASTRAS) WILL SUPPORT THE 6TH ARMY CORPS.

(U) WE ALSO DEFINED THESE UNITS' PRIORITIES AS FOLLOWS:

(U) 1. HAFAR AL-BATIN-AL-SALIMI.

(U) 2. RA'S AL-SABIYAH.

(U) 3. AL-MANAQISH.

(U) 4. AL-WAFRAH-AL-NUWAYSIB.

(U) THESE MEASURES WERE TAKEN AFTER WE DISCUSSED THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF. ON 16 SEPTEMBER 1990, I FINISHED MY ANALYSIS OF THE INFORMATION, WHICH WAS PROVIDED TO US BY THE GENERAL MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE. THE INFORMATION QUOTED THE US FORCES AS SAYING THAT THE IRAQI MISSILES TOOK 15 MINUTES TO BE LAUNCHED AND THAT THE US AIR FORCE COULD DESTROY THEM WITHIN THAT TIME LIMIT. THIS WHAT SCHWARZKOPF MENTIONED IN HIS MEMOIRS FOR 19 JANUARY 1991, WHEN HE SAID THAT THE LAUNCHING OPERATION NEEDED FROM 30 TO 60 MINUTES. OF COURSE, HE WAS INACCURATE. I READ HIS MEMOIRS, WHICH WERE TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC. HE SAID THAT PRINCE KHALID BIN-SULTAN HAD LEARNED FROM THE EGYPTIANS THAT THE IRAQI LAUNCHER DID NOT TAKE MORE THAN 60 MINUTES WHILE SCHWARZKOPF SAID, ACCORDING TO HIS INTELLIGENCE SOURCES, THAT IT TOOK ONLY 30 MINUTES. HOW SILLY THIS INFORMATION IS! IN 1993, I DISCOVERED FROM THE QUESTIONS POSED BY THE INSPECTION TEAMS AND FROM SCHWARZKOPF'S MEMOIRS THAT THE ENEMY ERRED IN LOCATING OUR POSITIONS BY SCORES OF KILOMETERS. (MORE) 1 NOV

[REDACTED] I TOLD THE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT THAT FROM 35 TO 40 MINUTES (b)(3) WERE NEEDED TO PREPARE FOR A STRIKE BY AL-HUSAYN MISSILE. BUT IF A TECHNICAL FAILURE TOOK PLACE DURING PREPARATION, THE PROCESS WOULD TAKE ABOUT 60 MINUTES. IN THIS CASE, THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM SHOULD BE SWITCHED OFF AND IT COULD NOT BE SWITCHED ON AGAIN BEFORE THE ELAPSE OF AT LEAST TWO HOURS. AS A RESULT, THE SYSTEM SHOULD BE MOVED INTO THE SHELTER BUT NOT BEFORE HALF AN HOUR TO GIVE THE GYROSCOPIC DEVICES ENOUGH TIME TO COOL OFF. WE MAY EXPOSE DEVICES TO DANGER WHILE TRYING TO SECURE THE SAFETY OF THE LAUNCHER IN EMERGENCY CASES. I ALSO EXPLAINED SIMILAR ISSUES RELATED TO AL-RA'D AND AL-TARIQ MISSILES AND THE FIXED BASES OF THE STRATEGIC MISSILES. A SPECIALIZED COMMITTEE STUDIED THE ZIONIST ENEMY'S CAPABILITY OF CARRYING OUT AN AIR OR MISSILE STRIKE AGAINST OUR BASES IMMEDIATELY AFTER AN IRAQI MILITARY STRIKE. THE STUDY WAS CONDUCTED IN RESPONSE TO OUR DEMAND AFTER WE DISCUSSED THE SITES OF THE NEW SHELTERS. THE COMMITTEE SAID THAT THE ENEMY MISSILE RETALIATION WOULD TAKE FROM 30 TO 40 MINUTES AND ITS AIR RETALIATION WOULD TAKE FROM 40 TO 50 MINUTES. (MORE) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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