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(U) THE TEXT OF THE NEWS ITEM WAS AS FOLLOWS: "THE ENEMY RADIO SAID THAT A HEATED ARGUMENT ERUPTED AT THE WEEKLY MEETING OF THE ISRAELI ARMY GENERAL STAFF COMMAND ON 4 APRIL 1990. THE MEETING, HELD BETWEEN TWO CAMPS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF COMMAND, WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY INTERIM PRIME MINISTER YITZHAQ SHAMIR. THE FIRST CAMP WAS LED BY GENERAL EHUD BARAQ, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY, AND THE SECOND CAMP WAS LED BY CHIEF OF STAFF DAN SHOMRON. THE TWO SIDES FORMED A COMMITTEE INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER, THE CHIEF OF STAFF, THE AIR FORCE COMMAND, THE MOSAD CHIEF, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF COMMAND." THE MEETING

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DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

(U) 1. SHELLING AND DESTROYING THE IRAQI SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE BATTERIES, WHICH HAVE A RANGE OF MORE THAN 900 KILOMETERS AND WHICH WERE DIRECTED AT ISRAEL.

(U) 2. THE ASSISTANT TO THE GENERAL STAFF COMMAND PROPOSED A MILITARY PLAN, WHICH HE HAD PREPARED IN COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION WITH THE MOSAD CHIEF AND THE AIR FORCE COMMANDER TO DEAL A MILITARY BLOW TO IRAQ BY 28 ISRAELI WARPLANES, INCLUDING 16 F-16 WARPLANES AND 12 OTHER WARPLANES EQUIPPED WITH EXTRA FUEL TANKS.

(U) 3. THE PLAN WAS OBJECTED TO BY 10 GENERALS, WHO SAID THAT SUCH A LARGE-SCALE ATTACK MIGHT LEAD TO A COMPREHENSIVE WAR.

(U) 4. THE ENEMY RADIO SAID THAT THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN TEL AVIV CONVEYED EGYPT'S WARNING THAT ANY ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST ANY ARAB COUNTRY WOULD HAVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES. THE RADIO ALSO SAID THAT EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT HUSNI MUARAK HELD URGENT CONTACTS WITH THE US PRESIDENT AND US SECRETARY OF STATE IN THIS REGARD. (MORE) 27 OCT [REDACTED] (b)(3)

(U) 9 APRIL 1990 (SUBHEAD) I ATTENDED A MEETING, WHICH WAS HELD BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE AND THE AIR FORCE AND AIR DEFENSE TO STUDY IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE INTENTIONS OF THE ZIONIST ENEMY. WE CAME UP WITH A JOINT PLAN FOR THE AIR FORCE AND AIR DEFENSE AND THE MISSILE HEADQUARTERS TO USE PARATROOPERS DAY AND NIGHT, ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTALIONS, AND GROUND PROTECTION UNITS IN ORDER TO PROTECT ANY SITE CHOSEN FOR THE MISSILE UNITS AND TO CONFRONT A POSSIBLE AGGRESSION. 12 APRIL 1990 (SUBHEAD) SEVERAL REPUBLICAN GUARDS UNITS WERE PLACED UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE MISSILE CORPS TO PROTECT THE FIXED BASES. 14 APRIL 1990 (SUBHEAD) WE GAVE A RAMADAN IFTAR BANQUET ON 19 RAMADAN 1410 HEGIRA. ON THAT DAY, WE STARTED THE FORMATION OF BRIGADE 223 AT THE ORDER OF PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSAYN. WE ALSO REORGANIZED SOME OTHER SPECIALIZED ARMY UNITS. 18 APRIL 1990 (SUBHEAD) WE CARRIED OUT A TEST ON A CHEMICAL WARHEAD. 24 APRIL 1990 (SUBHEAD) THE BLESSED 'ID AL-FITR WAS APPROACHING. I HELD A MEETING OF THE COMMANDERS OF THE FORMATIONS. THE ZIONIST THREATS ESCALATED. THE IRAQI MILITARY INTELLIGENCE WARNED OF A SURPRISE ZIONIST ATTACK. THE UNITS WERE PUT ON ALERT, AND WE FILLED THE MISSILE FUEL VEHICLES. 8 MAY 1990 (SUBHEAD) WE CARRIED OUT A FIRING TEST FROM AL-HABBANIYAH WITH THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE MISSILES. IT WAS, IN FACT, A SERIES OF EXPERIMENTS TO MANUFACTURE THE IRAQI ENGINE. WE ALSO DISCUSSED ISSUES RELATED TO THE SECOND PHASE OF AL-'ABID MISSILE IN AL-ANBAR BASE. 20 MAY 1990 (SUBHEAD) IT WAS A TIRING DAY. WE MOVED FROM OUR OLD HEADQUARTERS TO A NEW ONE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BAGHDAD. THE NEW HEADQUARTERS HAS MUCH MORE FACILITIES THAN THE OLD ONE. 5 JUNE 1990 (SUBHEAD) I OBTAINED THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF'S APPROVAL TO CHOOSE TWO MORE AREAS IN THE OPERATION THEATER IN THE WESTERN REGION, AND WE RESUMED OUR PREVIOUS EFFORTS TO SECURE COMMUNICATIONS TO THE REGION AND TO ESTABLISH FIXED BASES. THE JUNE 1967 SETBACK ANNIVERSARY CAUSED PAIN TO US. IT WAS THE FIRST DUTY IN WHICH I PARTICIPATED. I WAS LIEUTENANT AND I SERVED IN THE FIFTH ANTITANK ARTILLERY BATTALION OF THE 14TH BRIGADE OF THE FIRST DIVISION. SUCH NAMES AS IRBID, JANIN, KAWKAB AL-HAWA, NETANIA PASSAGE, AND THE JERUSALEM FRONT STILL LIVED IN MY MEMORY. IN IRBID, WE MET WITH GOOD, PATRIOTIC PEOPLE, AND I SAW THE GREEN ARAB LAND THROUGH THE

BINOCULAR. AT THE SUNSET, I SAT ALONE AND TRIED TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS IN POETIC WORDS. WAS IT POETRY? I DO NOT KNOW. AMONG MY OLD PAPERS I FOUND A POETRY-LIKE PASSAGE UNDER THE HEADLINE: "THE SAD PLANET." IT SAYS: "PLANET OF LOVE, PATIENCE HAS A LIMIT. DESPITE TIME, LOYALTY IS FOR YOU. AT SUNSET, I CALL YOU AND I FEEL SAD, AS IF THE SUNSET WAS DEATH. O MY PLANET, I CALL YOU WITH TEARFUL EYES. WHEN WILL EVACUATION TAKE PLACE? THE PERFUMED SEA WIND TOUCHED OUR ENEMIES AND WAS DESECRATED." WE CARRIED OUT AN ARTILLERY SHELLING AND WE WERE RELIEVED. WE FELT THE NEED FOR A UNITED ARAB MILITARY AND POLITICAL COMMAND. AT THAT TIME, THAT WAS LIKE A DREAM AND A HOPE. (MORE) 27 OCT [REDACTED] (MORE) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED (b)(3)

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