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(U) SOURCE: AMMAN AL-'ARAB AL-YAWM IN ARABIC 25 OCT 98 P 11 TEXT:

(U) WE ALL BELIEVED THAT OUR EFFORTS IN THESE FIELDS WERE FOR THE SAKE OF THE NATION'S BASIC ISSUES. IN THE MIDST OF THE POLITICAL CHAOS THAT PERVADED THE WORLD DUE TO US BIAS AND ALLIANCE WITH THE ZIONIST ENTITY, WE MUST TURN TO FINDING THE RIGHT WEAPON, DESPITE OUR INCLINATION TO PEACE AND DESIRE FOR JUSTICE AND EQUITABILITY TO PREVAIL IN THE WHOLE WORLD. THIS WAS WHY, WE IN THE MISSILE CORPS, FELT THE REAL NEED FOR LONG-RANGE MISSILES WITH A RANGE OF 1,000 KILOMETERS. WE ALSO FELT THE NEED FOR A MODERN METEOROLOGICAL SYSTEM AND OTHER UP TO DATE EQUIPMENT FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE MISSILE CORPS. THE YEAR 1989 PASSED WHILE WE WERE TRYING TO FORM A NEW BRIGADE WHICH WOULD ABSORB THE STRATEGIC IRAQI LAUNCHERS AND MANAGE THE FIXED BASES. WE WERE ALSO BUSY MAKING THE LIQUID FUEL FOR AL-HUSAYN MISSILE SYSTEM. BUT, I FELT GRATIFIED WHEN I ACCOMPLISHED WITH A STAFF OFFICER A PLAN FOR "CARRYING OUT THE FIRST STRIKE," FROM THE TIME WE RECEIVED THE SIGNAL FROM THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY TO THE TIME OF THE LAUNCHING. I INCLUDED IN MY CALCULATIONS, COOPERATION, AND COORDINATION

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WITH ALL THE PARTIES CONCEFApproved for Release: 2018/10/09 C06765425D AIR DEFENSE COMMAND. BUT I AND OTHERS ALSO LEARNED FROM MY EXPERIENCE IN AL-QADISIYAH BATTLE 1980-1988 THAT IT IMPORTANT TO COORDINATE MATTERS EARLIER WITH ALL THE OTHER DIRECTORATES, COMMANDS, AND FORMATIONS, SUCH AS THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE, THE MILITARY SURVEY DIRECTORATE, THE AIR FORCE AND AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, THE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT DIRECTORATE, THE MILITARY ENGINEERING CORPS, THE SUPPLIES DIRECTORATE, THE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE, THE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DIRECTORATE, AND THE ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DIRECTORATE. THIS WAS WHY I INCLUDED ALL THESE ADDRESSES WHEN ORDERING TASKS FOR THE MISSILE CORPS. (MORE) 25 OCT WE IN THE MISSILE CORPS WERE ABLE TO TACKLE MANY PROBLEMS PERTAINING TO ARMAMENT, LOGISTICS, AND MANAGEMENT. THIS WAS WHAT WE RESOLVED TO DO IN 1989. AND TO PLACE THE EFFORTS OF MY MEN IN THEIR PRECISE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, LET ME MENTION HERE BRIEFLY THE MAIN PROBLEMS WE TACKLED AS FOLLOWS:

(U) 1. ENDEAVORING TO DEVELOP LONG-RANGE MISSILES WITH A RANGE OF 1,000 KILOMETERS.

(U) 2. OBTAINING MODERN SURVEY EQUIPMENT.

(U) 3. OBTAINING A MODERN METEOROLOGICAL SYSTEM, WHICH WAS QUICK, PRECISE, SAFE, AND REQUIRING LESS MANPOWER.

(U) 4. TACKLING THE PROBLEMS OF TARIQ--ASTRAS--(RADAR) SYSTEM AND ITS SPARE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES.

(U) 5. TACKLING THE SECURITY ASPECTS OF ASTRAS RADAR SYSTEM.

(U) 6. OBTAINING HIGHLY EFFICIENT TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

(U) 7. TACKLING THE PROBLEM OF OLD TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES, NOT SUITABLE FOR MOVING LAUNCHERS.

(U) 8. MEETING THE NEED TO INCREASE THE RANGE OF OPERATIONAL MISSILES TO 150 KILOMETERS.

(U) 9. TACKLING TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS, SUCH AS:

(U) 10. THE LACK OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT AND DECOYS FOR THE MISSILE SYSTEM.

(U) 11. THE LACK OF TRAINING MOVIES. WHAT WE HAD WERE A FEW VIDEOS WHICH WERE NOT AS GOOD THEATER MOVIES.

(U) 12. THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING HOUSING FOR THE MISSILE SECTORS AND THE MISSILE SCHOOL.

(U) 13. THE PROBLEM OF SECURING THE NEEDS OF THE SPECIAL UNITS.

(U) 14. THE PROBLEM OF THE SPECIAL CADRES; THAT IS, VOLUNTEERS FOR SPECIALIZED ASSIGNMENTS.

(U) I BELIEVE THAT WHILE A MILITARY COMMANDER MUST BE TRUSTWORTHY, HE MUST ALSO BE CREATIVE. ON THIS BASIS, WE EXAMINED ALL THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE AND WORKED OUT THE PLAN OF "CARRYING OUT THE FIRST STRIKE" IN A MANNER THAT WAS CLEAR AND UNDERSTANDABLE TO EVERYONE AND HAD NO COMPLICATIONS, ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

(U) 1. ORDER THE COMMANDERS OF BRIGADES 223 AND 224 TO PACK THE MISSILES

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(U) 2. INFORM THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE OF ITS DUTY.

(U) 3. OPEN THE TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS ON RECEIVE AND RECORD ALL INFORMATION WITH THE TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT DIRECTORATE.

(U) 4. ORDER THE FIRST MISSILE MAINTENANCE UNIT TO STAND READY, SINCE IT WILL BE CONCERNED WITH STORING AND TRANSPORTING MISSILES AND THEIR PARTS. (MORE) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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