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(U) WITH THAT IN MIND, I MADE A SMART TRICK; AT 2350 SHARP ON THAT DAY I ORDERED THAT SIX ROCKETS BE FIRED AT ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AT HAFR AL-BATIN. THAT WAS A LUCKY HIT. OUR SECTORS SPENT THE NIGHT IN BUSTAN AND THE ROCKETS WERE FIRED IN ONE SALVO MAKING FOR AN IMPRESSIVE SIGHT. THE HIT WAS TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE MIDDAY NEWS BULLETIN OF THE SAUDI ARABIAN RADIO, WHEN THE NEWSREADER IN THE STUDIO WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF READING OUT LOCAL ITEMS. HE WAS NOTICED TO HAVE STAMMERED AND WAS UNABLE TO SOUND THE ALERT. OUR 12TH STRIKE AT TARGETS ON SAUDI ARABIAN TERRITORY HAD PROVED A COMPLETE SUCCESS. THE ROCKET ATTACK WAS MEANT TO AVENGE THE ZIONIST STRIKE AT THE IRAQI TAMMUZ NUCLEAR REACTOR AND THE CHILDREN OF THE INTIFADAH AND THE CHILDREN WHO WERE KILLED IN THE BOMBING OF AL-'AMIRIYAH SHELTER BY THE MURDEROUS AGGRESSORS. 15 FEBRUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) AT HEARING THE ULULATION OF WOMEN AND CHANTS OF YOUNG MEN AS A TOKEN OF THEIR ELATION ON THE ROAD THAT LED TO WEST BAGHDAD, I WAS SWEEPED BY A DEEP SENSE OF JOY, HAVING REALIZED THAT OUR PEOPLE WERE STANDING SIDE BY SIDE

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WITH US AS WE WENT DOWN THE ROAD CELEBRATING IN THE TRUCKS GLORY AND PRIDE. I HAD STOPPED AT THE ROADSIDE TO ADMIRE THE SIGHT OF A VEHICLE AS IT PASSED CARRYING A WELL-CAMOUFLAGED MISSILE. THE SIGHT OF THAT ROCKET HAD FILLED THOSE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WITH ENTHUSIASM, AT WHICH THE NAME OF THE TUNE, "PALESTINE SHALL REMAIN ARAB," THAT HAD CEASED TO BE PLAYED, CROSSED MY MIND. I DIRECTED MY CHAUFFEUR TO DROP ME AT MY HOME AS SOON AS OUR WORK WAS COMPLETED. A BODYGUARD OF THE PRESIDENT'S HAD ONCE ASKED ME TO SEE IF I COULD CALL IN A TRANSLATOR FROM HEBREW TO ARABIC FROM THE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS SO HE COULD HELP IN TRANSLATING SOME INTERESTING THINGS. WHEN THAT TRANSLATOR FAILED TO BE PROVIDED I ASKED MY DRIVER TO GO TO MY HOME SO THAT I COULD BRING BACK A NUMBER OF BOOKS IN HEBREW, A LANGUAGE OF WHICH I KNEW A LITTLE, BUT THESE HAD FAILED TO BE FOUND. ARRIVING HOME, I TRIED TO FIND THE BOOKS MYSELF. AT SEEING ME, MY CHILDREN RAN TOWARD ME HAPPY TO SEE ME. I SENSED THAT THEY WERE PROUD THAT THEIR FATHER WAS TAKING PART IN A GLORIOUS BATTLE. I HURRIED UP TO A ROOM UPSTAIRS TO SEARCH FOR THE HEBREW BOOKS WHEN I HEARD THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE FROM WHAT SEEMED TO BE CLOSE QUARTERS. IT WAS FOLLOWED BY SHARP SCREAMS THAT APPEARED TO EMANATE FROM INSIDE OUR HOUSE. I HURRIED DOWNSTAIRS IN SOME PANIC FEARING THAT A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY MIGHT HAVE BEEN HURT OR SOMETHING. IN FACT, IT WAS MY DISTRAUGHT WIFE BEATING HER CHEST AND WITH THE CHILDREN STANDING ABOUT HER. I ASKED HER WHAT THAT WAS ALL ABOUT. TO WHICH SHE SAID THAT THE NEIGHBORS WERE SAYING THAT IRAQ HAD AGREED TO THE TERMS OF THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE IRAQI TROOPS FROM KUWAIT. MY REACTION WAS TO SMILE AND TO ASK THEM TO TUNE IN TO RADIO BAGHDAD FIRST. IRAQ HAS ITS OWN CONDITIONS TOO; HAVE NO FEAR FOR OUR COUNTRY, I ADDED. WHAT ABOUT SADDAM? WHAT ABOUT SADDAM? THEY DEMANDED TO KNOW. HE IS FINE, I REASSURED THEM. DEEPLY MOVED AND TOUCHED, I THEN SAID GOOD-BYE TO MY FAMILY AND I WAS PARTICULARLY TOUCHED BY THE SIGHT OF THE YOUNGEST CHILD "HAJAR" WHOM I REALIZED WAS AWARE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON. I EXPLAINED THAT REACTION TO MYSELF AS THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE YOUTHS AND THEIR RALLYING BEHIND THEIR COURAGEOUS PRESIDENT. I WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THEIR FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR LEADER SADDAM HUSAYN. TAKING MY SEAT IN THE CAR, I WAVED GOOD-BYE TO MY FAMILY MEMBERS AND WE SMILED AT EACH OTHER IN A MEANINGFUL WAY. WE MENFOLK DO THE THINKING AND ANALYZING WITHOUT OUR FEARS SHOWING ON OUR FACES, BUT THE OUTBURST OF EMOTION THAT SHOWN CLEARLY ON THE FACES OF MY FAMILY MEMBERS WAS A SORT OF BAROMETER OF THE EXTENT OF LOVE AND AFFECTION IN WHICH THEY HELD THEIR NATION AND THEIR LEADER. I WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED AND MOVED BY THAT SIGHT AND I HAVE, SINCE THEN, RECOUNTED THAT EPISODE TO THEM WHENEVER I FELT THERE WAS A NEED FOR ME TO BOOST THEIR MORALE. PLEASE DISREGARD JN2911064098 AND JN2911064598 SENT IN ERROR. PLEASE DISREGARD JN2911064098 AND JN2911064598 SENT IN ERROR. PLEASE DISREGARD JN2911064098 AND JN2911064598 SENT IN ERROR. PLEASE DISREGARD JN2911064098 AND JN2911064598 SENT IN ERROR. THIS REPORT MAY CONTAIN COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL. COPYING AND DISSEMINATION IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE COPYRIGHT OWNERS. (ENDALL) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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