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(U) 2. THE SCUD MISSILE'S WARHEAD WEIGHS 987 KG WHILE THAT OF AL-HUSAYN MISSILE WEIGHS 650 KG.

(U) 3. THE SCUD MISSILE HAS A MAXIMUM RANGE OF 300 KILOMETERS, WHILE AL-HUSAYN HAS A RANGE OF 650 KILOMETERS, AND THE AL-HIJARAH MISSILE HAS A LONGER RANGE THAN THAT.

(U) 4. THE SCUD'S DRIVING ROCKET REACHES A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 86 KILOMETERS, WHILE THAT OF AL-HUSAYN MISSILE REACHES A MUCH HIGHER POINT.

(U) 5. THE SCUD MISSILE'S ENGINE IS STARTED IN 65 SECONDS, WHILE THAT OF AL-HUSAYN IS STARTED IN 82 SECONDS.

(U) 6. THE SCUD MISSILE TAKES FIVE MINUTES TO REACH ITS MAXIMUM RANGE, WHILE

AL-HUSAYN MISSILE TAKES MORE THAN EIGHT MINUTES.

(U) 7. THE SCUD MISSILE TAKES A TOTAL OF 3,771 KG OF ALL KINDS OF FUEL, WHILE AL-HUSAYN MISSILE TAKES 4,758 KG. THE PROUD IAQIS USED LOCAL EXPERTISE TO MANUFACTURE AND DEVELOP SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILES AND THEIR LAUNCHING PADS.

(U) 6 FEBRUARY 1990 (SUBHEAD) I ATTENDED A MEETING AT THE MIO HEADQUARTERS WITH A KUWAITI DELEGATION, WHICH CAME TO EXCHANGE EXPERTISE AND ACQUAINT ITSELF WITH THE IRAQI EXPERIENCE. WE DO NOT CONCEAL ANYTHING FROM ANY FRATERNAL ARAB COUNTRY. 12 FEBRUARY 1990 (SUBHEAD) HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS FLEW OVER THE WESTERN DESERT OF THE COUNTRY. IT WAS AN EXCITING TRAVEL OVER A BARREN LAND. WE CHOSE THE RIGHT SITES FOR OUR WORK AFTER WE CONDUCTED A DETAILED SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA. WE THEN EXAMINED THE LAND VERY WELL AS IF WE HAD WANTED TO BUILD HOUSES ON IT. WHENEVER WE LANDED, THE HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS ROSE DUST THAT LASTED FOR A WHILE. WE ALSO CHOSE THE BASES OF THE LAUNCHERS ONE BY ONE. 5 MARCH 1990 (SUBHEAD) IRAQ ANNOUNCED THE EXECUTION OF BRITISH SPY BAZOFT. THE ZIONIST CIRCLES IN BRITAIN EXPLOITED THE ISSUE AND STEPPED UP THEIR FIERCE ONSLAUGHT ON IRAQ. THE IRAQI LEADERSHIP KNEW THAT THE UPROAR HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR TO ATTACK THE INDUSTRIALIZATION INSTALLATIONS IN IRAQ. SPY BAZOFT HIMSELF CONFESSED TO HIS COMPLICITY IN ESPIONAGE IN FAVOR OF THE ZIONIST ENTITY AND BRITAIN. BAGHDAD TELEVISION SHOWED THE EVIDENCE OF THE CRIME, AS WELL AS THE MAPS, WHICH HAD BEEN FOUND WITH HIM UPON ARREST. THE EVIDENCE WAS ALSO RECOGNIZED BY THE BRITISH NURSE, WHO HAD FALLEN INTO BAZOFT'S TRAP. MOREOVER, BAZOFT, WHO IS OF AN IRANIAN ORIGIN, WAS A CRIMINAL AND WAS SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT IN BRITAIN FOR ROBBING A BANK NINE YEARS EARLIER. IT SEEMED THAT THE BRITISH AND ZIONIST INTELLIGENCE ORGANS HAD RECRUITED HIM WHILE HE WAS IN JAIL, BUT THE WESTERN MEDIA ORGANS PORTRAYED THE CRIMINAL AND ROBBER AS A VICTIM. (MORE) 27 OCT [REDACTED] 20 (b)(3) MARCH 1990 (SUBHEAD) IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING NUMBER OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS, INCLUDING SPACE RESEARCH IN AL-ANBAR BASE, WE FORMED A NEW TEAM FOR THE SPECIAL TESTS SO AS NOT TO AFFECT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MISSILE DIRECTORATE AND ITS BRANCHES. WE ALSO FORMED A FORCE FOR THE MISSILE TESTS. 22 MARCH 1990 (SUBHEAD) IN LIGHT OF OUR SURVEILLANCE AND THE PROPOSALS WE SUBMITTED ON 14 MARCH 1990, THE ARMY STAFF COMMAND APPROVED THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE, WHICH WAS CHARGED WITH PREPARING THE WESTERN THEATER. AS A RESULT, SEVERAL UNITS OF THE REPUBLICAN GUARDS WERE PLACED UNDER OUR COMMAND TO PROTECT THE WORKING TEAM IN THE WESTERN REGION. 3 APRIL 1990 (SUBHEAD) THIS DAY IS THE EIGHTH DAY OF RAMADAN 1410 HEGIRA. ON THIS EVENING, THE IRAQI TELEVISION SHOWED THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH A GROUP OF FIGHTERS. HE SPOKE AT THE MEETING, WARNING THE ZIONIST ENTITY THAT ANY ATTACK ON IRAQ WOULD BE RETALIATED FOR STRONGLY. THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF WAS SPEAKING ABOUT A SERIES OF PAINFUL ISSUES, INCLUDING US DECISION TO CANCEL THE CORN DEALS IN FEBRUARY, AS WELL AS THREATS BY THE ZIONIST ENTITY, THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN, AND FRANCE TO ATTACK THE IRAQI INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATIONS. ON 28 MARCH, THE CAMPAIGN WAS STEPPED UP IN BRITAIN UNDER THE PRETEXT THAT NUCLEAR INTENSIFIERS HAD BEEN DISCOVERED. MEANWHILE, THE ZIONIST ENTITY ALLEGED THE PRESENCE OF IRAQI ARMY UNITS IN JORDAN, AND GENERAL EHUD BARAQ, ISRAELI DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF, ANNOUNCED ON 30 MARCH THAT ISRAEL WAS READY TO CARRY OUT A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE AGAINST IRAQ ANY TIME IT FELT THAT IRAQ'S POWER POSED A THREAT. ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAQ SHAMIR ALSO THREATENED THAT ISRAEL WOULD ATTACK IRAQ IF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT

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FELT THAT IRAQ WAS ABOUT TO PRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. 7 APRIL 1990
(SUBHEAD) EDITION 9,456 OF THE KUWAITI NEWSPAPER AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM ARRIVED IN
IRAQ ON 7 APRIL 1990. ITS FRONT PAGE CARRIED AN EXCITING BANNER HEADLINE
SAYING THAT RADIO ISRAEL HAD DISCLOSED THE SCENARIO OF AGGRESSION AGAINST
IRAQ. (MORE) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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