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(U) I MADE SURE THAT THE WARHEADS WERE BEING LOADED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDERS THAT WERE ISSUED ON 30 AUGUST 1990; NAMELY AFTER THE ENEMY HAD BEGUN MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAQ. IT REMAINED AN OPEN QUESTION WHETHER WE SHOULD WAIT FOR FRESH ORDERS TO LOAD OR TAKE ACTION AS SOON AS

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HOSTILITIES BEGAN. IN ANY CASE, I DREW UP THE INITIAL PLAN FOR THE FIRST PRIORITY STRIKE AND DREW ON A SHEET OF PAPER A PLAN FOR OUR FIRST PRIORITY STRIKE INCLUDING ONE TARGET EACH IN HAIFA AND TEL AVIV THAT WOULD LATER BE STEPPED UP TO TARGET FOUR POINTS IN TEL AVIV AND THREE IN HAIFA. I SPECIFIED THE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE AND FOR THE TECHNICAL ROCKET PREPAREDNESS AND THEIR ORDER OF PRIORITY AND ALSO TOUCHED ON SUCH AREAS AS TRANSPORTATION AND CONTACTS AND TIME FACTORS. THE INTERVAL BETWEEN THE TIME WHEN THE ORDERS ARE ISSUED AND THE LAUNCHING OF ROCKETS WAS SET AT EIGHT HOURS. I ALSO OFFERED MY VISION OF HOW THINGS WOULD PROCEED SO THAT THE FOLLOWING PLAN WOULD SERVE AS A GUIDELINE: A--AT RECEIVING ORDERS AND COMPREHENDING THEM IN REGARD TO ANY SHIFT IN THE PLAN, THE TECHNICAL UNITS OF BRIGADE 223 SHOULD BEGIN PREPARING TWO ROCKETS AND THE TECHNICAL UNITS OF BRIGADE 224 SHOULD BEGIN PREPARING AS MANY ROCKETS FOR THE BENEFIT OF BRIGADE 223. B--THE EQUIPMENT OF BRIGADE 223 SHOULD BE RUSHED TO FORWARD SHELTERS AND WITH THEM THE LEVERS AND ARMS OF LOADING. THEY SHALL BE FOLLOWED BY THE ROCKETS. C--THE TECHNICAL BATTALION OF BRIGADE 224 AND THE TECHNICAL BATTERY OF BRIGADE 223 SHOULD BEGIN TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF BRIGADE 224 AND THE LAUNCHERS OF BRIGADE 224 SHOULD GO FORWARD SO THAT THEY ENTER THE EMPLACEMENTS AT THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT. D--THE METEOROLOGICAL STATIONS ARE PLACED AT REAR AREAS OF THE EMPLACEMENTS. E--HEADQUARTERS AND UNITS RECEIVE CABLES FROM THEIR STATIONS AT THE CENTRAL AXIS (MIHWAR AL-TANAQQUL). F--ALL TECHNICAL UNITS MUST READY ANOTHER 14 ROCKETS AND PUSH THE READY ROCKETS ONTO CARRIAGES TO FORWARD SHELTERS. IN THE MEANTIME, THE MOMENT WILL HAVE ARRIVED FOR THE LAUNCHING OF THE FIRST BATCH AT ENEMY TARGETS. G--TECHNICAL UNITS SHOULD SEND THEIR EQUIPMENT TO FORWARD SHELTERS. H--BRIGADE 223 SHOULD RETURN ITS EMPTY CARRIAGES TO FORWARD SHELTERS. I--LAUNCHERS OF BRIGADE 223 SHOULD BE HIDDEN IN ALTERNATIVE SHELTERS WHILE THE LAUNCHERS OF BRIGADE 224 GO BACK TO LOAD AT THE PLACES AGREED UPON IN ADVANCE. MEANWHILE, THE ROCKET CARRIAGES OF BRIGADE 223 SHOULD BE WHISKED TO THE EMPLACEMENTS AND THEN BE READIED FOR THE LAUNCHING OF THE SECOND STRIKE. J--FOUR ROCKETS ARE TO BE READIED FOR THE BENEFIT OF BRIGADE 223 DURING THE LOADING AND CHECKING OF THE LAUNCHERS OF BRIGADE 224, DURING WHICH TIME EFFORTS SHOULD FOCUS ON MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF BRIGADE 224 BECAUSE BRIGADE 223 WILL HAVE MORE TIME TO DEVOTE TO TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS. K--LAUNCHERS OF BRIGADE 224 SHOULD BE RUSHED TO IMPLEMENT THE SECOND STRIKE AND THEN TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS CONTINUE FOR 10 ROCKETS FOR THE BENEFIT OF BRIGADE 224. THE OPERATION CONTINUES IN THAT SEQUENCE AND SO AS TO SUIT BREAKING DEVELOPMENTS. IN THE END, I REQUESTED FROM THE GENERAL STAFF THAT THEY SEND OUT THE COMPLETE PLAN TO THE BRIGADES AND UNITS. (MORE) 3 NOV [REDACTED] BRIGADIER GENERAL FARUQ FADIL 'ABD-AL-KARIM AL-MU'AWIN, TOOK CHARGE OF THE ROCKET OPERATIONAL CONTROL CENTER FROM THE COMMANDER OF BRIGADE 225. I DREW UP THE INITIAL PLAN FOR ROCKET STRIKES FOR THE SECOND PRIORITY; NAMELY "THE SOUTHERN TASK TO BE EXECUTED AGAINST ENEMY TARGETS AND CONCENTRATIONS ON SAUDI TERRITORY" BY BRIGADES 223 AND 224 AND BY THE COMMANDER OF THE FIRST MAINTENANCE UNIT. THE ORDER SPELLED OUT OPTIONS AND CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN FOR ALL POSSIBILITIES. THE PLAN ENVISAGED ACTION ON FOUR LOCATIONS AND THERE WERE FIVE OPTIONS, WITH THE FIRST OF THEM INCLUDING THREE POSSIBILITIES, WHICH, IN EFFECT, MEANT THAT I HAD PUT IN PLACE FOR THEM SEVEN PLANS. I HAD ALSO SHOWN THE ROCKET DEPLOYMENT SITES AND A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE TARGETS AND THE NUMBER OF ROCKETS NEEDED TO STRIKE AT EACH, AS WELL AS THE DISTRIBUTION OF

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THE WEATHER FORECAST STATIONS FOR EACH OF THE OPTIONS AND POSSIBILITIES.
12 JANUARY 1991 (SUBHEAD) THE PRESIDENT SUMMONED ME AND I HAD THE HONOR
OF MEETING WITH HIM. I SPELLED OUT MY PLAN WHICH I SENT OUT ON 10 JANUARY
1991. I THEN RECEIVED FINAL DIRECTIVES, WHICH HAD MET ALL OUR QUERIES. THESE
WERE: 1--CONVENTIONAL WEAPONRY WAS TO BE THE FIRST OPTION OF RESPONSE IF
AND WHEN AN ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED AGAINST IRAQ. 2--BESIDES THE PRESIDENT,
THOSE AUTHORIZED TO ORDER AN ATTACK WERE MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL
COMMAND AND THE DEFENSE MINISTER AND, A REQUIREMENT ADDED AFTERWARD,
THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES SO THAT MILITARY OPERATIONS WOULD
BE SUSTAINED IN CASE THE PRESIDENT'S HEADQUARTERS CAME UNDER ATTACK. 3--
DIRECT TRANSPORTATION SHOULD BE SECURED AS I HAD PLANNED. I LEFT THE
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE COMPLETELY REASSURED THAT WE WERE GOING TO EXECUTE
OUR OPERATIONS ACCURATELY AND PROMPTLY. I HAD A CLEAR CONCEPTION OF THE
PRIORITIES AND THE DYNAMICS OF ACTION, BOTH OF WHICH I LATER EXPLAINED TO
THE COMMANDERS. WE THEN PLACED OUR FAITH IN THE ALMIGHTY GOD AND PRAYED
THAT HE GUIDE US AS WE SOUGHT TO DEFEND THE HOMELAND AGAINST THOSE WHO
WERE LYING IN WAIT TO HURT IT. (MORE) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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