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(U) I WAS CONFIDENT THAT EVERYTHING WAS PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN: FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, THE ZIONIST ENTITY WAS NOW WITHIN THE RANGE OF AN EFFECTIVE WEAPON HELD BY THE ARAB HANDS OF THE VALIANT SOLDIERS OF IRAQ AND WHICH WAS THE PRODUCT OF THEIR INGENIOUS AND CREATIVE MINDS. AT THAT

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MOMENT, I WISHED THAT AT LEAST SOME ARABS WOULD BE ON THE REGULAR AND OFFICIAL LEVELS, WERE WITH US AS WE STOOD READY TO EXECUTE THAT MISSION. HAD THIS BEEN THE CASE, I THOUGHT, PALESTINIAN AND OTHER ARAB TERRITORY WOULD NOT HAVE REMAINED UNDER THE OCCUPATION OF THE ZIONIST ENTITY, NOT EVEN FOR HOURS. I RECKONED THAT HAD THIS BEEN THE CASE, THE ZIONIST ENTITY WOULD HAVE BACKED DOWN AND SUBMITTED TO ARAB WILL AND TO THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE WHO HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO DAILY TORMENT FOR GENERATIONS. I HAD CARRIED OUT A FAITHFUL AND ACCURATE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED TO ME FROM THE MOMENT THE ROCKETS WERE PRIMED FOR ACTION TO THE MOMENT THAT THEY WERE FIRED AND UP TO THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES. I WENT OVER THE ROCKET STRIKE PLAN FOR THE SECOND PRIORITY RELATED TO THE ENEMY TARGETS AND ITS CONCENTRATIONS ON SAUDI TERRITORY. THINKING TO MYSELF, I CONSIDERED THE IRONY OF OUR SEARCH FOR AN ACCURATE MAP OF SAUDI TERRITORY JUST A FEW DAYS PREVIOUSLY AND THE BAD AMERICANS WHO HAD SOLD THE ARABS THE FALSE NOTION THAT IRAQ WAS IN FACT COVETOUS OF ARAB LAND. I WONDERED WHAT PUNISHMENT SHOULD BE METED OUT TO THOSE WHO SOUGHT TO SPREAD FALSE IDEAS. WE THEN HAD THE WIRELESS SYSTEM HOOKED UP TO THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. 13 JANUARY 1991 (SUBHEAD) IRAQ WAS SEEKING A FAIR SOLUTION IN A WORLD WHERE DOUBLE STANDARDS WERE THE NORM AND WHERE NOTHING ON EARTH, INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS, HAD BEEN SPARED THE INTERFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES. I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS WORLD WHERE BRIBERY AND THREATS WERE THE PREVAILING PATTERN, WITH THE WEAKER COUNTRIES COMING UNDER THREATS AND THE REST TAKING HUGE BRIBES AS A PRICE FOR LOOKING ON AS THE CRIME OF THE AGE WAS BEING COMMITTED. THAT DAY JAVIER PEREZ DE CUELLAR, THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL, ARRIVED IN BAGHDAD, HIS VISIT TAKING PLACE, AS IT DID, ON THE 11TH HOUR, AS IF TO SEND THE MESSAGE THAT HE WAS LENDING INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY TO A DECLARATION OF WAR. IT WAS AS IF HE WAS VISITING SO IT COULD BE SAID THAT DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO ARRIVE AT A PEACEFUL WAY OUT HAD BEEN EXHAUSTED. THE GAME HAD NOT BEEN LOST ON IRAQ, A POINT THAT IT MADE TO THE UN CHIEF WITHOUT ANY EQUIVOCATION. ON 9 JANUARY 1991, THAT SAME POINT WAS MADE BY TARIQ 'AZIZ TO JAMES BAKER, THE US SECRETARY OF STATE. THE WORLD UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS ACTING AGAINST THE ARABS ON BEHALF OF THE ZIONIST ENTITY AND THAT THE MATTER HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE QUESTION OF KUWAIT. THE US POSITION WAS MADE AMPLY CLEAR BY THE US PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH; NAMELY THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS BENT ON DOING UNDESERVED HARM TO IRAQ. THE US PRESIDENT SAID VERBATIM THAT "IRAQ'S WITHDRAWAL FROM KUWAIT IN ITSELF WAS NOT ENOUGH; A SOLUTION OF THE CRISIS MUST PROVIDE FOR DISARMING IRAQ AND DISMANTLING ITS ROCKETS AND ALL ITS NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES. BEYOND THAT, IRAQ MUST BE MADE TO PAY FULL REPARATIONS FOR THE DAMAGE THAT HAS BEEN CAUSED TO ALL REGIONAL PARTIES." (MORE) 3 NOV [REDACTED] THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THAT STATEMENT HAD BEEN DICTATED TO THE US PRESIDENT BY ZIONIST AND OTHER REGIONAL CIRCLES WHICH HAD SENSED THAT THE HUGE PROGRESS MADE BY IRAQ HAD CONTRASTED WITH THEIR DIMINISHED IMPORTANCE. I FOLLOWED THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION CENTER AND THEN LIEUTENANT COLONEL SHABIB SULAYMAN, A BODYGUARD OF THE PRESIDENT'S, AND I AGREED ON CODE-RELATED DETAILS. A DIRECT PHONE LINE WAS THEN INSTALLED ON THE PRESIDENT'S EXCHANGE. I SENT OUT A LIST OF THE CODE WORDS TO THE COMMANDERS AND THEN I SENT OUT COMPLEMENTARY PLANS TO BRIGADE 223 AND BRIGADE 224 AND THE MAINTENANCE UNIT WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST AND SECOND PRIORITY STRIKES. THE PLANS COVERED THE TARGETS AND LOCATIONS AND THE TECHNICAL PREPARATIONS THAT WERE NEEDED FOR LAUNCHING THE ROCKETS, AND THEY ALSO SPELLED OUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY RECONNAISSANCE,

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TRANSPORTATION, AND LIAISON. APPROVED FOR RELEASE: 2018/10/09 C06765440 NUMBER OF THE PLANS FROM SEVEN TO FOUR. CERTAIN PLANS WERE ENVISAGED TO BE FULFILLED IN 21 HOURS, OTHERS IN 27 HOURS, DEPENDING ON HOW FAR THE TARGETS WERE. ON THAT DAY, CERTAIN UNITS CARRIED OUT A FINAL RECONNAISSANCE OF THEIR LOCATIONS IN THE WESTERN AREA. 14 JANUARY 1991 (SUBTITLE) IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE MOST GRACIOUS, THE MOST MERCIFUL: "THOSE ADVISED BY SOME TO BEWARE OF THE FORCE ASSEMBLED TO ATTACK THEM HAVE ONLY BECOME EVEN STRONGER BELIEVERS AND WERE CONVINCED THAT GOD'S SUPPORT WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR THEM." (KORANIC VERSE) I HAD JUST FINISHED READING WHAT VERSES I COULD GIVEN THE TIME CONSTRAINT FROM THE HOLY KORAN. AFTER A WHILE SITTING ON MY PRAYER RUG, I ROSE TO MY FEET. HOW COMFORTABLE BOTH FOR MY BODY AND SOUL THAT PRAYER SESSION WAS. BEFORE THAT, I HAD SPENT 10 SOLID HOURS AT THE OFFICE DESK. I PACED UP AND DOWN THE ROOM TO STRETCH MY LEGS BUT I FELT DIZZY. I HAD NOT HAD A MOMENT'S SLEEP SINCE THE DAY BEFORE. I KNEW THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE WAR COULD BEGIN THAT NIGHT, THAT DAY BEING THE ONE SET BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL FOR IRAQ TO WITHDRAW FROM KUWAIT, A RESOLUTION PASSED UNDER IMMENSE PRESSURE FROM THE UNITED STATES, OR ELSE FACE A MILITARY STRIKE. THAT WAS AN UNFAIR AND PROVOCATIVE RESOLUTION. IT BETRAYED A TREACHEROUS INTENTION REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IRAQ REMAINED IN OR WITHDREW FROM KUWAIT. IF AN ATTACK WAS INEVITABLE ANYWAY, WHY, THEN, SHOULD IRAQ GIVE UP ITS PRINCIPLED STAND? SADDAM HUSAYN IS NOT ONE TO GO FOR SUCH AN OPTION. IT WAS A HISTORIC AND DECISIVE BATTLE THAT WENT BEYOND THE PRESENT AND THAT SHOULD MARK THE ARAB RESPONSE TO THE ATTITUDE OF IMPERIALISTS TOWARD THE ARABS. (MORE) END OF MESSAGE UNCLASSIFIED

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