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Major General Sabah Matrud — [Illegible]

Major General Tal'at Shakir Hasan — July's Revolution

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- 1- Mr. President Saddam Hussein — The General Commander of the Armed Forces
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- 3- Air Marshall Hamid Sha'ban — Air Force Adviser
- 4- Major General 'Abd-al-Juwad Dhannun — Forth Adjutant for Operations
- 5- Staff Air Marshall Muhammad Jassam Hanash — Air Force and Air Defense Commander
- 6- Staff Brigadier General Maysar Ibrahim Hammadi — Military Operation Director
- 7- Staff Brigadier General Tali' Khalil Ibrahim — Secretary General of (Kh, 'A, Kh, M)

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SPEAKER	We have obtained information about the occurrences, it is ...
AIR FORCE COMMANDER:	Yes
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	It is not a burning fire, it is oil flowing out, and it was videotaped, 7 minutes after striking it. These two oil wells that are engulfed in flames, one of them has been burning as a result of a previous strike, and the other well was struck last night. Sir, it is oil, we videotaped it 7 minutes after the strike. When you look at the aerial images with the magnifying glass, you will be able to see the enormous amount of oil flowing out of it in such height, which is casting a shadow over that direction.
AIR FORCE COMMANDER:	Yes, correct, what does the Ministry of Oil say about this well?
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	Which one sir, do you mean this tower?
AIR FORCE COMMANDER:	Was that the tower that was struck by our aircrafts?
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	Yes sir.
AIR FORCE COMMANDER:	So the tower has been struck
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	According to the associates of the Ministry of Oil, a number of the oil wells' pipes meet at that platform, more than one
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	It is raised on this platform

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AIR FORCE COMMANDER:	It [the pipes] comes from different directions and meets there, look at it sir, it is very high
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	Yes, it is high
AIR FORCE COMMANDER:	The enemies' helicopter aircraft is guarding this platform. Sir, the associates of the Ministry of Oil have precise calculations about every tower and the number of oil wells that their pipes meet on this platform. I think the associates of the Ministry of Oil have stated that one of these platforms has 4 oil wells and the other has 5 oil wells.
MR. RAHG:	They have stated that there could be 10 oil wells meeting in one tower.
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	On these platforms?
AIR FORCE COMMANDER:	Yes sir.
MR. RAHG:	Yes, usually 4 oil wells' pipes meet on each platform
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	That was a precision strike, now this platform is destroyed
AIR FORCE COMMANDER:	Two remain, this one and the other one
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	It would have been better to strike it today, before they take the necessary measures.
AIR FORCE COMMANDER:	Sir, the weather is not suitable for flying.
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	Yes.

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AIR FORCE  
COMMANDER:

I want our aircrafts to bomb the Ardishir Oil Field before this one, put this one aside for now, we will bomb the Ardishir Oil Field first, then we will bomb these targets afterward. It is not a problem to bomb these targets, we have struck them before with 128 (C5K) type missiles

MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

Yes, excellent

AIR FORCE  
COMMANDER:

4 missiles were dropped on it, how will they be able to close these oil wells?

MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

We will postpone [bombing] these targets

AIR FORCE  
COMMANDER:

Yes sir.

MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

We can agree on closing down these oil wells [now], so that we have the option available to us whenever we need to strike them.

MR. RAHG:

Okay sir.

AIR FORCE  
COMMANDER:

Sir, what about the Ardishir Oil Field?

MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

Strike the Ardishir Oil Field.

AIR FORCE  
COMMANDER:

Yes sir, it is about 5-6 Km from the target, it is not too far sir.

MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

Yes, that would be their cover to agree upon

AIR FORCE  
COMMANDER:

Sir, I contacted them yesterday by phone from the Command Center here, after the bombing of these targets, and I suggested not to announce the strike -

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:  
 AIR MARSHALL HAMID SHABAN —  
 AIR FORCE ADVISER:  
 MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:  
 AIR FORCE COMMANDER:  
 MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:  
 MR. RAHG:  
 MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:  
 MR. RAHG:

Because it would not be satisfactory to the gulf leaders [Illegible], and we did not announce it in the [press] report  
 Yes, just mention targets being struck, targets in the gulf ...

We could claim that we struck the helicopter located on the platform, and not the oil well.

Why should we say that? Is there anyone to tell us not to bomb?

In addition, the Minister of Information, Mr. Latiff Nasiff Jasim, contacted me by phone and stated that we are under political pressure; I told him that we do not need to announce it.

Excellent, may God bless you all.

Thank God for your safe return [Speaking to Mr. Rahg]

May God bless you sir.

Tell us about your trip and the arrangements that you accomplished

Our trip was to the Third and Fourth Corps, and the trip to the First and Second Corps will follow. After the movements ended and the situation stabilized, the Third Corps presented a report to us, that talks about a sector and several factors, briefly, they are in need of additional sectors other than what they have now, or in other words, give them back a few of the sectors. The sectors that they want are approximately (11) formed Brigades. As for us, regarding the information that we have about Al` Amara sector, -

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- we have not received a report from the General Military Intelligence Directorate (GMID), to indicate that the enemy has changed his tactics in this area, the East Al-`Amara area. The opposition brigades that were engaging in the battle are still there, whereas, the enemy withdrew them to regroup, supply, and retrain. However, there was not maneuvering within any of these sectors, except Al-Basra, despite the fact that we did not receive any of the reports that were sent by the (GMID) to our corps, the commander of (FL3) has sent us a report stating that, by listening to the radio communications, the activities of the volunteering units and their arrivals to the sector, he is convinced and able to determine the size, which consist of two brigades in one sector and two other brigades in another sector. Now he is stating that (L23)(Kh, Ka) ...

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

It is possible that the volunteers will join unaware that they are used for intelligence purposes, it is hard to tell the position of every volunteer, because extracting information from them and their equipment are limited. It is possible that they would transport and position the volunteers in (FL3) sector, then attack it.

MR. RAHG:

For that reason, and in light of this situation, I felt that we should be close to it, watch it, and communicate with it. Now, we cannot engage the units of Al-`Amara sector to that extent, because the enemy's position has not changed, concerning the enemy's original preparations. In addition, we are not done with our mission in Al-`Amara sector. The best solution would be to go-

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:  
MR. RAHG:

- and see the Commander of the Third Brigade, and before we go there, we must supply him with some units.

We have agreed here that we must send him ...

The Commander of (FL3) is asking for total of (11) brigades, and we must send him at least a few brigades, but where can we get these brigades? We do not have a reserve; therefore, we must take brigades from the (FL4). We have explained the (FL4) position, that is why we must first visit the (FL4) Commander to speak with him and see how many we will be able to take from him, without affecting his current position or the ongoing missions of his sectors ... Therefore, we visited the Commander of the (FL4) and were able to reach a solution. We are able to take three brigades from the (FL4), which we can deploy 2 brigades to the (FL3) and the third one is ready for deployment to the (FL2) whenever they need it. These are the preliminary steps, however, we did not meet with the Commander of the (FL2) yet, I was thinking to visit (FL2) next week. If I have a chance during my visit, I will go to the sector where the battle took place.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF(On the phone):  
MR. RAHG:  
[Illegible]

[Saddam Husein speaking on the phone] Put me through with the Commander of the Second Armed Brigade [The Republican Guards] We visited the area where the battle took place, at the (L, Sh 108) area and the (L,M'a51). Whatever I saw is still there until now, however, the sight gives a very clear picture of the nature of the battle that took place, and the aftermath of the battle remains. Still there!

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:  
MR. RAHG:

The sectors are there, and no one can walk in the area because the odor of the dead bodies.

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<p>MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF: MR. RAHG: MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF: MR. RAHG:</p>	<p>Anyway, how is the soldiers' situation there?</p> <p>Sir, I informed them of the issue, and the issue has been stressed. Medical committees must be sent there.</p> <p>I told them that this situation is unacceptable and must not continue, everything must be cleared from the aftermath of the battle area, and withdraw the sectors that participated in this battle, especially the (L, Sh 418), must be withdrawn to the rear. I issued an order yesterday, to exchange this brigade, to send a different brigade. However, the aftermath of the battle, the ammunition, the broken wood, and the destruction of the structures are still visible, that is to say, the atmosphere of the battle remains there. The thing that caught my attention was the shrapnel, even though the ground is tilted, you can still see the shrapnel of the bombs, which is as abundant as the rocks are on the ground.</p> <p>Of course, just like rocks</p>
<p>MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF: MR. RAHG: MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF: MR. RAHG'S ADJUTANT FOR OPERATIONS:</p>	<p>Yes, it gives an impression like I have never seen before Big battle</p> <p>If you allow me sir, concerning the replacement of the (L,Mesh 418) brigade, I have instructed [Illegible] [Military Operation Director] to call the Army Corps' Chief of Staff, which told him that the weakness came from the brigade's commander and not from —</p>

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- the brigade. The brigade has fought indeed. In addition, the (L,Mesh 418) have participated in the battle from the beginning stages with the (L,Mesh 36) and the (L,Kh,Ka/65). I think it is a simple task, if the issue is the commander of the brigade, it would be better to replace the brigade's commander than bringing in another brigade; in light of the directions issued yesterday, the report that was presented to you last night. Yes sir, [Illegible] [Military Operation Director] has called

The only thing left is to come up with a brigade.

Last night, yes sir, [Illegible]

MR. RAHG:  
MR. RAHG'S  
ADJUTANT FOR  
OPERATIONS:  
MR. RAHG:

The brigade will be brought in to rest, just as a tired person, so that they will later have the desire to control their positions.

They suggested to bring back the (L,Mesh 108), we did not agree to this, Mr. President, because this brigade the (L,Mesh 108) spent a long period in the sector.

MR. RAHG'S  
ADJUTANT FOR  
OPERATIONS:  
MR. RAHG:

Therefore, they will train, rest, and reorganize. In addition, the (L, M'a51) sector is almost in the same situation and description.

However, we were able to get two brigades for the (FL3) initially. After the end of the battle, we brought back one brigade.

Yes, Hawl the (Mesh 427)

MR. RAHG'S  
ADJUTANT FOR  
OPERATIONS:  
MR. RAHG:

Now the (L,Mesh 427) is behind the (Fokh, Mesh11) area, and the training is now taking place there, near the sector and both brigades.

I think the (L,Mesh28) has arrived

As well as the (L,Mesh419)

MR. RAHG'S  
ADJUTANT FOR  
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MR. RAHG  
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I think the (L,Mesh28) has arrived and centralized there, as for the (L,Mesh419), it will be withdrawn and returned to its original sector (Fokh, M'a6), where it will hold a defense position there, so that the (L,Mesh, Mechanical/25) will be released [from its duty]. The (L,Mesh, Mechanical/25) is the mechanical brigade for the (Fokh,M'a6), and holds a defense position. When I was in Basra, I went to visit the battlefront of the (Fokh, Mesh19), and I saw a continuous situation [INTERRUPTED]

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Have you seen negative arbitration from the (L,Mesh 108)?

MR. RAHG:

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Yes sir, it needs reexamination, it should be rebuilt, and it should be completed now, during this calm period.

MR. RAHG'S  
ADJUTANT FOR  
OPERATIONS:

I know that. How long has it been since the battle ended?

MILITARY  
OPERATIONS  
DIRECTOR:

About one month

MR. RAHG:

Approximately 25 days

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

One month sir.

MR. RAHG:

Therefore, they should have completed this in one month, this means that the issue has not been stressed enough.

MR. RAHG'S  
ADJUTANT FOR  
OPERATIONS:

The barbed wires and the roadblocks are there, however, this is not

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

They are feeling the same way we do

Yes, this feeling is not good

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MR. RAHG:

In addition, there are many shelters, part of them have been rebuilt and the other part is still destroyed, the metal and the wood is all destroyed.

When you saw these shelters, had they all been struck?

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

The shelters that were struck, were completely destroyed, the ground and the metal mixed with the dirt. Sir, from observing the area and the situation, you will get a very clear picture of the fierce battle that took place. I have also told you about the large amount of shrapnel that I observed there.

MR. RAHG:

This has got to be the most fierce battle in the history of this war, however, this ...

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

MR. RAHG:

Sir, the ground is filled with metal, part of the bombs are buried and destroyed, it still looks like a bomb, but it is indented into the ground. In addition, there is the metal from the heavy bombs that cover the entire area with metal parts. I visited the (Fokh, Alih/5) as well, and seen the dividing border and the communication points between the (Fokh, Alih/5) and the (Fokh, M'a6), afterward, I went to 'Atfat, which is the position of the (Fokh, Alih/5) a short distance across the border, I visited and observed it. Then, I observed the communications between the (Fokh, Mesh8), the (Fokh, Alih/5) and the section (Alwatir) that will become the responsibility of the (Fokh, Mesh8), which we will re-arbitrate now. The visit was short; the commander of the (FL3) wants artillery, two or three battalions. I am waiting until the fifteenth of this month, because there will be (4) battalions formed and ready to be sent to the (FL3), bring back some of his battalions.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

MR. RAHG:

[Send them] To the (FL3) or the (FL4)

Pardon me, we will send them to the (FL4), and draw the artillery's battalions, which will return to -

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:  
MR. RAHG:

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MR. RAHG:  
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

- the (FL3) that is located there ... after that, he mentioned the armory his report, saying that he has secretly sent some of the armories to the Iranian (Fokh71), which he secretly sectioned branch units along the Arabian coast. He is recommending to form a battalion for the Arab coast, a tanks battalion, and to form another tanks battalion for the (Fokh, Mesh 11), so that we would not be forced to divide the (Fokh, M'a6) within its sector.

We must have tank battalions that are available? Without having to form new ones, because our armories are sufficient

It is all necessary sir, sir; we are not losing anything by forming units and training them. These units will be sent there and will have the chance to train.

Yes, we will lose, because that will freeze our human assets.

It will help us

We are in need of the human assets. We will not have a work force when the Egyptians leave Iraq, which they are starting to leave, because the foreign exchange has become unprofitable to them.

Therefore, the work will stop, otherwise training, preparing and rehabilitating people is profitable -

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MR. RAHG:

- to us, we have armory and tanks available.  
I thought that we could send the armory and people that we need to form, however; whatever you think it is suitable.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

If we find an available tanks battalion, then we can send it there, because it is better than dividing the (Fokh, M'a6).

MR. RAHG:

Yes, we need to keep the (Fokh, M'a6) intact. Whereas, no battalion leaves, and we will take a battalion from the other one and place it there.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

If you do not find available battalions to send there, then it is okay to form battalions.

MR. RAHG:

We will visit the (FL2) sector next week, concerning the sector that is located near the area of Saddam's oil field, because I have a feeling that if the Iranians want to carry out an offensive attack, it would be this location, because it is an important oil field area.

Introduction

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

How is the training for your brigade going? When will it complete the training? The training is done? Yes, the Defense Ministry, good, is your brigade still there? Where? Where have you reached up to now? Yes, I have -

(On the phone with  
(A,R) Riad Taha  
Dawod Commander of  
(L,Ha,J/2))

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- another idea, to head south from there, but they told me not until Thursday, yes, now they will return to Baghdad, so go ahead and return to Baghdad, and give them leave permissions on two periods, half will be granted a leave while the other half stays on duty, then the other returns, yes, stay on it and get it done, and divide your brigade into two divisions, then give them a leave in this fashion, call me on that day, before you are ready, so I can give you the orders, thank you, give my best to all the members of your brigade.

[End of phone call]

MR. RAHG:

Sir, concerning the (L,Ha,J/2), when I visited the location a while back, I saw the (L,Ha,J/2) sector ... how far is it from the battlefield?

It was 16 — 17 — 18 Km

MR. RAHG'S  
ADJUTANT FOR  
OPERATIONS:  
MR. RAHG:

17 Km, now we need them to be on the defense position, because with this kind of force they will need ground troops.

In this battlefield there are (3) brigades engaging in true battle

MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

We said, that one brigade should be sent there, or they should not take an offense position.

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Tentatively we can decide on positioning (3) brigades, and let us determine directing the sector from now, so that during the maneuvering, every brigade goes to it, and we be able to reduce the battlefront the same way we did with the (FL4). If the Iranians started their mobilization, we will divide the position into a sector with two brigades; if they continue to mobilize, we will make it a sector with three brigades.

MR. RAHG:

Exactly, this is the idea, after my visit to the (FL2) I was thinking to visit with the (FL1), because there are things going on in the (FL1) sector

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Yes, now they are in a good position, and they are satisfied. I met with the commander of the (FL1) when I went to Al-Mosul, I asked about you, so that you can accompany me.

MR. RAHG:

I learned about it, I was in Al-Basra

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

MR. RAHG:

They told me that you were still in Al-Basra

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

I am thinking about visiting the (FL1)

MR. RAHG:

I think there is fighting going on, and there are losses, I think approximately (500) individuals among them were killed. In Al-Sian and Shaher-zwor areas, near Halabja

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

In another hand, his [the commander of (FL 1)] situation ... regarding the brigades is not sufficient, when things calm down between them, he is saying that his situation is very good, however; I do not think so, whenever things calm down between them, the issue will require changes to the (FL 1), to support what he already has, and not just to increase the number of the staff, but what is important is to fulfill the need for staff, because he has a shortage in staff. He has some suggestions, but I told him that we could fulfill his need of staff from the Kurds. We are thinking of calling for a number of Kurds for a specific period.

MR. RAHG:  
MR. COMMANDER TN CHIEF:

It would take (6) months  
We would state in the summons that we are seeking the individuals whom we have exempt from the service for 4, 5, 6 months, therefore, you [the commander of the (FL 1)] will present your shortage to us precisely, so that we could call for the exact number that we need, and we will tell him "when forming the units, you must have balance, meaning, the number of Kurds that you need should not be the majority in your units, this way it does not cause an imbalance from the security aspects, and present this report -

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MR. RAHG:

- to us, so that we could act in light of it".  
A previous situation occurred just like that, for example, in Rabi't there are a large number of Kurds, therefore, the Kurd soldiers attacked the rest of the soldiers in Al-Rabi't and took their weapons then ran away

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Even though we did not discuss this before, I am thinking of well planned operations, on a large scale, in light of the information provided to us by the intelligence, where we could share it with the Special Forces of the Republican Guards (W,L,Kh,Ka/65), with the units that he already has, and with part of the units that we could maneuver from the (FL2), for a short period, (5) days or a week. We would carry out extensive strikes, where it would give us results. We can maneuver the units after things calm down, which will calm down even more. We also could maneuver with the artillery for the special operations, or we could maneuver with all the military aircrafts in all of Iraq. We could maneuver with the corps' commandos, the Special Forces of the Republican Guards and the (L,Kh,Ka/65), this is a very large force. Therefore, we should plan for the operations, where we could use the planning of the Kurds to our advantage and direct heavy strikes on them -

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- however, it should be continuous strikes, so that they could not get used to our method. We should not carry out a strong strike then wait a month before carrying out another, rather we should carryout 3-4 extensive strikes in order to affect their moral. The Kurdish insurgents draw their plans according to what appears and what is known to them, which is the army's main effort is occupied. What we have [Illegible]. We have some brigades that will carry out small operations, therefore, they would not feel secure, for example, to carryout drop operations against them, using one or two special brigades, it would be viewed from their perspective as a large operation, therefore, we will accomplish very large goals, and we will defeat them mentally and financially. Which we do have the capability to carryout operations of this kind, we could even maneuver with all the basic army resources, which consist of the fighter, the rifle, the military aircrafts, and even the Air force if it is necessary. Therefore, -

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MR. RAHG:  
MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

- we were not paying attention to these previous operations and did not have time for them, which is causing occurrences on a daily basis, however; now we have power.  
Yes, we have power, clear minds, and many opportunities  
Yes, clear minds, and we are able to predict using our precise intelligence information about the area, and plan for effective operations, even if we disregard all the corps resources, we still have the (L,Kh,Ka/65) and the special forces of the Republican Guards, which is a great force, in addition, we have corps' commandos  
We have (16) brigades of mobile commandos

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DIRECTOR:  
MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

Therefore, with this force we will be able to hurt and defeat the enemy, it is also possible that we will carry out an extensive drop operation.  
Using the helicopters or artillery support and the Air force  
Against an area that has center for a large number of insurgents

MR. RAHG:  
MR. RAHG'S  
ADJUTANT FOR  
OPERATIONS:  
MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

Yes, against an area that has a center for a large number of insurgents. We will not move without evidence. However, we will plan according to the areas that have a stationary center for the insurgents, and not -

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- just a center, so that the plan would be accurate, and the fire support would have a tremendous impact. We could use the support of the Air force nearby if we need it and the helicopters as well. However, it should be a committed operation, that is to say, it is relatively committed, which would give us the chance to destroy these targets and make them afraid to stay. Their administrative affairs will be complicated and they will become mentally distressed, where the situation would become very exhausting to them.

MR. RAHG:

Recently, in light of the limited effort that was spent there by the (FL1), also the result of the clashes between them, and the result of the small strikes that were carried out in some areas, now a large number of them gave themselves up and joined, approximately (100) individuals.

MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:  
MR. RAHG'S  
ADJUTANT FOR  
OPERATIONS:

I believe that, that is to say, there are strikes; however, as you know the mental and the political breakdown occurs when you carry out a strong military strike. The war is still going on, but what would they do when the war is over? Ultimately, I think the situation will be good.

Sir, it is the effect of the sinking situation in Iran, because these individuals live among them.

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:  
MR. RAHG'S ADJUTANT FOR OPERATIONS:  
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:  
MR. RAHG:  
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Yes, they are living among them.

That is to say, they know that in the end their position will not help them in Iran, therefore; this is one of the reasons why they are giving themselves up, in addition to other elements that we know of. The situation that occurred after the battle, will cause a series of changes in Iran.

There are clashes among them in Iran. We received information today that the Khomeini Guards are fighting amongst themselves. The [Shiite] Revolution Party did not officially participate in the planning, educating and the struggle previously, because they were afraid of the repercussions, and they are bound by the Soviet's plan. In addition, they did not state that it was not all true; there is something that was not announced by them. The Soviet's spy that is working with the English people, gave the information that they announced to them, they leaked the information somehow. They would call one of the Khomeini's Guards and tell him that they have important information, which he would be a friend of his, then he would go to Mohsin Rada'i to inform him and so on, or they would call Mohsin Rada'i himself, just as our broadcasting station stated -

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- that this is the information of the British Intelligence. Therefore, if Khomeini's Guards were undertaking the operation, then they must ask the guards where they obtained the information. Moreover, how did you obtain the information of the British Intelligence?

Therefore, they must look for British Agents within the Khomeini's Guards, because this incident will divide them and always build suspicion among them. Therefore, I want you to think about this, especially (L,R) Jawad [(L,R) Abd-al-jawad Thinwon, Mr. Rahg's Adjutant for Operations], the Director of General Military Intelligence [(L,R) Mahir Abd-al-rashid], and the Commander of (FL1), (M'a) ['Am Myasir the Director of Military Operations], I want very effective operations, and to have a strong continuous impact.

Yes sir

MR. RAHG:

Sir, if we pinpoint their main gathering location, I think we should strike them with a very heavy strike using the Air Force.

AIR FORCE

COMMANDER:

I say, every category carries out their role, and after that, the assessment operation will come later.

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CHIEF:

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AIR FORCE  
COMMANDER:  
MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

Using parachute dropping and ...

Using parachute dropping and plan it precisely [Illegible] helicopters type [Illegible] we can mobilize it all there, whereas we are able to conceal it good, then surprising them with the operation, just as we did in the marshes operation. Do you know how the marshes operation was carried out? It was organized in an excellent way and it had an element of surprise, because we carried out a diversion operation awhile back, and I gave the orders to the People's Army force that were mobilized there, whereas, it was carried out by (11) thousand fighters of the corps' commandos that were on standby for the operation, also the army aircrafts were involved, they killed (180) individuals at that location, because they resisted, and they arrested (800) individuals, they brought them tied up, whereas the marsh was cleaned up within three days. It was considered an offensive operation, and I told them whoever resists among the (800) individuals, kill him, also yesterday, they carried out (600) death sentences of these individuals. We gathered -

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- large numbers from all the marshes villages and from the draft evaders that recently joined the army, to watch the procedure of carrying out their [the 600 individuals] execution. We told them come and see this, so that next time there would not be any area in Iraq that would say we are resisting ... and so on, and next time when a person from the marsh evades the draft, he would run to the desert, because he would say to himself, I would rather be judged there and sentenced to 5-10 years, however; at the marshes he would be sentenced to death.

Therefore, the planned strikes and the courage is what surprised your enemy. Now these individuals in the marsh do not expect that, they are thinking that we are busy with the war ... and so on, but they did not imagine that we are able to carry out an additional surprise plan of attacks while the army keeps fighting in the battle. Therefore, they were surprised and that is why this happened to them.

AIR FORCE  
COMMANDER:

Sir, even the operations that took place within the city was a result of their planning.

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

MR. RAHG:

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

MILITARY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

MR. RAHG: SECRETARY GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A, Kh, M):

Of course, they have communications with the Iranian borders; this marsh is connected to the Iranian marsh.

Al-Hawiza marsh

What I meant, is to stress the importance here, that we will obtain a target, and diagnose it carefully, then we will destroy it, where the news will spread throughout the entire area that we have great power, in addition, I am able to support you with a Special Forces Brigade from the Republican Guards for this operation.

In addition, I will assign a squadron for them.

From the (L,Kh,Ka/65) so there would be two brigades.

And the Commandos sir.

And these Corps' Commandos, they have regimens there. This operation is simple compared to the war with the Iranian enemy and this operation will be as simple as an exercise that we carryout.

Yes sir, it can be executed easily.

These units are enough for more than one location at the same time.

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Is that right? Well as you said, it is enough for more than one location. However, we must deal with this carefully, and these operations must stay under total secrecy, so that they will stay safe in their locations. This strike is good, and you have another strike that has been planned to be carried out in the month of April. Within this month sir.

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

Yes, in March, "God Willing"

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

"God Willing", the oil refinery in Karmensha

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

There were two targets.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

And the second is the pump stations at Sindag, they are ready for it, and it will be carried out as soon as the weather gets better.

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

Take your time doing this, we are not in a hurry, because we have a long period, the operation will be very precise, and it will be planned with precision. However, during this period it will be required to stress them mentally. During this opportunity, I want a number of our remaining (R17) missiles ... are there (20) missiles remaining?

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

We have approximately (19) missiles remaining, or around (20) missiles.

MR. RAHG:

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

We need to launch two (R17) missiles at Dezful City, because they are still maneuvering, and we want their mental defeat, whenever they breakdown we will strike them very hard and they will fall hard.

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

We can strike them with the Air Force instead of the (R17) missiles.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Yes, strike them with the aircrafts, but not the Kurdish Cities.

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

Sir, from Karmensha to the highway.

MR. RAHG:

From the highway, Karmensha, Hemdan, and north of that, north of that are all the Kurds, whereas, south of that are not Kurds.

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

Sir, that is to say, you do not have an objection against striking south of Karmensha?

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Yes, choose districts and provinces, where we can force them to divide their air defense resources on every location and the areas that our aircrafts are able to reach, this would be beneficial to us.

MR. RANG:

So that we can draw them out of these areas.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Pinpoint a district then destroy it, and pinpoint a province then destroy it.

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

Yes sir.

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Because it has a very strong mental effect, especially that they did not accomplish their missions against us. They struck some of our cities yesterday.

MR. RAHG:

Regarding the Egyptian missiles  
Yes, did anyone go to see them?

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

No sir, according to the information that we received, they are in the final stage.

MR. RAHG:

No, no, he visited us officially. The Egyptian Intelligence Director came here along with Major General Nassar, and he told me, concerning the missiles that we discussed with the brothers [Friends] are ready now, and we are ready to provide them to Iraq.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Okay, should we send technicians to test them?

MR. RAHG:

Yes, these are your procedures, he has informed me officially and discussed them with me

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

We will send members of technicians from the Artillery and the General Staff, to travel there where they will be able to see them and test them, afterwards we can proceed with the contracting procedures if it is ready, within two stages.

MR. RANG:

Yes, I agree.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

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MR. RAHG:

I will send a group of technicians within these days.  
I agree, the Long-Range missiles

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Yes sir, this is excellent.

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

The Egyptians started producing them.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Sir, you have given us the cars as a gift and at that time we did not thank you for it, therefore, we are unable to thank you enough for your generosity and this valuable gift.

AIR FORCE ADVISER:

Why do you want to thank me?

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

It is overwhelming sir, and we do not know how to express our gratitude sir.

AIR FORCE ADVISER:

This is your merit.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

May God protect you sir.

MR. RAHG:

We do not know how to express ourselves to you sir.

MILITARY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:

This is your merit, whether it was for you personally or for you as a representative of the armed forces

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

May God protect you sir.

ALL THE COMRADES: MILITARY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:

Sir, it is too small of a word to say thank you, we do not have -

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	- the Egyptian's eloquence. We are satisfied with the eyes and heart of the Iraqi.
MR. RAHG:	Yes, Abu-Mothana [Mr. Rahg] I want to talk about the situation of the ammunition, the 100mm. penetrating ammunition.
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	The remainder of this ammunition was large from the beginning of the war, however; the [Illegible] it was low from the beginning of the war.
MR. RAHG:	It was approximately (600) thousand bombs.
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	In the beginning of the war [right]?
MR. RAHG:	Yes, approximately (600) thousand bombs.
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	Therefore, it has increased.
MR. RAHG:	The total of both types were one million bombs.
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	Also this increased, because there are (906) thousand bombs.
MR. RAHG:	Yes, increased.
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	Mosfir [Zero Caliber]?
MR. RAHG:	We have approximately (20) thousand bombs of this kind, I think it is 100mm.

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

You will receive a note in 1984 of the beginning production of 152mm, 115mm, 125mm ordnances, which would be (300) bombs daily within a one work period.

MR. RAHG:

Even this would be enough.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

I think we should make (600) bombs.

MR. RAHG:

Yes, this would be enough.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Maneuvering the production lines, three of the lines could produce the 150mm, or three lines produce the 125mm, or the 115mm, as you wish.

MR. RAHG:

I will notify you of the ordnance that I need according to the occurrences taking place.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

We are done with this; I sent an order a long time ago. They presented a report yesterday to me and I reviewed it today as soon as I arrived, it has the timing and the types of the imported machines, they also obtained the Soviets' approval for it. Regarding the manufacturing of the machines, it is made in Switzerland. In addition, the Soviets have approved it, however; we will not use the Soviets' machines, and we have signed a contract on that and -

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MR. RAHG:

- everything is done, we even signed a contract on buying the machines. Okay, what about the 122mm. D-30 ordnance?  
The D-30, we have (237) thousand bombs, and there are (171) thousand bombs ready to be modified, therefore, there will be over (450) thousand bombs.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

The Air Force's bombs and missiles definitely increased since the beginning of the war [right]? Is it as much or less?

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

It is in a good position sir. It is in a good position sir, however; sir, we have a proposal that came through the Al-mukhabarat [the Secret Police], there are American Cluster Bombs made in Chile, cheap and affordable. They have offered us (5000) bomb, and for political reasons, as for the regime, I wanted to ask your Excellency about purchasing them. Mr. Rahg told me that the price is (30) million dollars and sir, we are not in a desperate need to buy them.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

We will not sign a contract on anything that we do not need to buy, because now our situation requires that, and I want you to cut some of the Ministry of Defense's contracts, the civilian or military types, equivalent to (110) million dollars, which would be the price for the Super [Illegible]. Because I have ordered comrade Tariq Aziz to sign a contract for it, even if they asked for the amount in cash.

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MR. RAHG:  
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MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

Yes, we will buy them sir, because they have a special function sir  
We will pay for it, and we will get the required amount from cutting  
the other contracts.  
We have a squadron that consists of 22 aircrafts, it has been formed  
recently sir, a few days ago.  
Consists of 22 aircrafts, well done!  
I visited them a few days ago, and your Excellency had called me  
regarding this issue, the issue of the Super-flown.  
Yes, the Brigadier General Amir came over and I wanted to ask you  
about it.  
Yes sir, now I can say that our squadrons we have are almost good.  
Yes, well done.  
Within this year we will continue to form the amount of capability  
that I discussed with your Excellency and the extensive training of  
the pilots will continue in a fashioned manner. All the firing ranges  
of the Air Force are busy, because now all the squadrons are firing  
from the morning until the evening.  
Make the parachutes last priority, so that it does not interfere with  
your training

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AIR FORCE  
COMMANDER:

Your Excellency, you know how our enemy is, the extensive flights that he is conducting against us, and the flights that we detect, which averages 40-60 flights on a daily basis. Because we control the initiation

MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

However, sir, all of our sectors in the country do not exceed (15) flights, they are for emergencies only, and for some specific areas, which their training continues extensively.

AIR FORCE  
COMMANDER:

The status of the 155mm ordnance is good, however; the 152mm is not. I have stressed that.

MR. RAHG:

I have ordered looking into the production line of 152mm ordnance, which we will have the 152mm Chinese cannons.

MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

Sir, we will have a large number of them.

MR. RAHG:

Approximately (300) of the 152mm advanced Chinese cannons, which we have a contract for.

MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

We could gather all the 105mm battalions (5) Rotl, also we have available Batteries, which would be the standard artillery, the 152mm cannon would be the standard artillery that we use, and the 122mm cannons would be the infantry.

MR. RAHG:

The Soviet will be forced to equip us with the advanced 152mm cannon, they must do that, because the 152mm cannon is more advanced, and when -

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CHIEF:

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MR. RAHG:

- we start receiving the Chinese cannons, then they will equip us with it.  
Now we have an artillery of approximately a quarter of a million bombs for the 155mm cannon, that is to say, (270) — (280) thousand bombs, which awhile back it was approximately (190) thousand bombs, however; now it has increased to (270) thousand bombs. The cannons that we have are very good.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

MR. RAHG:

Because we buy from different places, we have contracted with the French and the Austrians and ... so on. The 150mm cannon will enter our service gradually, and we will receive the French cannons 155mm, and (200) Austrian cannons from Austria, where we will have a good armory, which this line will become very good. Yes, our main ordnance will have lines of production within Iraq.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

MR. RAHG:

Now the Mortar 120mm is operating well, and the usage is nearly good, which we have one million ordnance remaining, of the 120mm Mortar ordnance.  
There was not many of the Mortar ordnance 82mm.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

MR. RAHG:

Yes sir, the Mortar ordnance 82mm now is not enough, which I have indicated that, and the Mortar 60mm as well, I have emphasized to purchase additional large quantities.  
We have (134) thousand Grad missiles [Ground to ground missile].

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MR. RAHG:  
 MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:  
 MR. RAHG:  
 MILITARY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:  
 MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:  
 MR. RAHG:  
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 MR. RAHG:  
 MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:  
 AIR FORCE ADVISER:  
 MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:  
 MR. RAHG:

This is before the war  
 We entered this war with (23) thousand Grad missiles.

Yes, and the Grad battalion was the only one operating  
 Which is manufacturing (6) types.

At that time, I remember saying to you, "we must retain a quarter of a million Grad missiles" at that particular time.  
 If it was not for the last battle we would have had (220) thousand, which is the last number we had in the ...  
 This battle is a blessing from God, and one of the most decisive battles.  
 We expend a very extensive amount of ordnance, where the shrapnel and metal covered the ground.  
 Covering the ground!

This battle was much more furious than the original battle of Alqadisia, with the numbers, the efforts, and the unity, it was even much more furious than the decisive battle of Al-Yarmouk that took place in the history, the numbers that were involved in it ...  
 By the way, there were (52) brigades involved in this battle.

Sir, it was exactly (52) brigades, which the entire sector of the (FL4) joined the battle.

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

If we noticed the battle of the (Fokh,M'a 10), its entire sector entered the battle, also the battle of the (Fokh,Alih/1) and the (L,M'a 51), and the skirmishes that took place at Al-shaib battle. In addition, we see that at least (45) brigades have joined the battle of th (Fokh, Alih/14) and the (Fokh, Mesh 15), in addition to the units that joined from the Iranian side.

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

Sir, the Egyptians want to purchase aircraft tires from us.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Yes, we will sell some to them.

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

We told them that we have a very large production of them, it would meet their need and the entire Arab countries that need it, which it is the outcome of this war sir.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Yes, the war

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

Sir, they also wanted to buy a reserve material

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Yes, this is also one of the war lessons.

AIR FORCE COMMANDER:

At one point in time, they had our aircrafts, which they asked for them and we sent them [In the war of Tishrin (October/November)]-

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- Dr. Hisham Saiah [Commander of the (FL4)] has left everyone out of his writings and started attacking Muammar al-Qaddafi [President of Libya], however; in spite of this, he was right, because we are in the same party with Hafiz Asad and we are an ally with him ... and so on. That is to say, for more than one reason, as a neighbor, even though there will be association between neighbors, however; you [al-Qaddafi] are far from the area, therefore, why are you taking this position? [with Iran] You [al-Qaddafi] did not join our party previously and you separated from it.

MR. RAHG:

We do not have any joint interest with him, or any conflicting interest, nor do we have relations. The distance between Iraq and Libya is (3000) km, therefore, what is there to discuss, he does not have justification [for Libya's help to Iran].

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

These are not more or less than complex ... He has a history ...

MR. RAHG:

If they did not supply us, there are (3) missiles that have been fired.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Up to this date, yes, it was (3) missiles, therefore, we have more than 20 or 17 missiles.

MR RAHG:

(23) missiles

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

MR. RAHG:

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

MR. RAHG: MILITARY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:

MR. RAHG:

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

SECRETARY GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A, Kh, M):

AIR FORCE COMMANDER: MILITARY OPERATIONS

DIRECTOR: AIR FORCE COMMANDER: MILITARY  
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	Human effect, he means human effect is limited
MILITARY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:	Yes, sir
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	However, this target is similar to [Illegible], as you know the air base could only be struck by luck, and if we want to strike it we would have to fire approximately (15) missiles on it, hoping that one of them would strike it. In addition, one of these missiles might drop on a residential area and kill a large number of residents, especially that our missiles are limited. Therefore, we will continue firing only on the big cities, because wherever the missile strikes, it will cause damage, and it appears that Andimeshk is a big city.
MR. RAHG:	Yes, it is an industrial city, it has factories and ammunition factories.
MR. RAHG'S ADJUTANT FOR OPERATIONS:	It is considered an industrial park.
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	If we decided to strike Andimeshk city, then we must strike it at a particular time, which is during working hours. We will specify one missile to strike Andimeshk city, however, do we have aerial photos of it?

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AIR FORCE  
COMMANDER:  
MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

Yes sir, we have them.

We will fire the missile at the industrial site, and we will specify a missile to strike Dezful city at night, because striking the city at night will have better effect, since there will be larger number in the city at nighttime than there would be during the daytime. Therefore, we will strike Andimeshk city during the daytime, and strike the Dezful city at nighttime in the same day.

Sir, that is to say, for us to strike Andimeshk city during their business hours.

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OPERATIONS  
DIRECTOR:  
MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:

Yes, their business hours.

We should strike it in the 0900 hours or 1000 hours.

AIR FORCE  
ADVISED: AIR  
FORCE  
COMMANDER:  
MR. RAHG:

In addition, we have the aerial reports ready, whenever they need them.

Sir, look at the last page of the Position, it is showing our supplies that we received this week and stored in the warehouses.

-Greetings-

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OPERATIONS  
DIRECTOR:  
(Military Operations  
Director on the phone  
with (M,R Wafik 'Nil  
from directorate of  
(A,S,'A,'A))

An order has been issued to direct a strike with one R17 missile on Dezful city, and another missile on the industrial park of Andimeshk, the strike on Dezful city during the nighttime, and on Andimeshk city during their business hours in the daytime.

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MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:  
MILITARY  
OPERATIONS  
DIRECTOR:  
(Military Operations  
Director still on the  
phone with (M,R Wafik  
'AO from directorate of  
(A,S,'A,'A))

SECRETARY  
GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A,  
Kh, M):  
AIR FORCE  
ADVISER:  
MILITARY  
OPERATIONS  
DIRECTOR:  
MR. COMMANDER IN  
CHIEF:  
AIR FORCE  
ADVISER:  
MILITARY  
OPERATIONS  
DIRECTOR:

Timing should be between the 0900 hours and 1000 hours in the morning.

Yes, the timing for the strike on Andimeshk city should be between the 0900 hours and 1000 hours in the morning, during their business hours, and both missiles should be fired in the same day. As for the targets information, you have the targets information and aerial photos of Dezful. However, you should be in coordination with the commander of the missiles brigade 'Am Hazim Al-jamas regarding the targets, and if you could not obtain the information about Andimeshk, you could coordinate with Air Force Command to obtain the information, because they have aerial photos and information. Yes, you could also request the presence of the commander of the missiles brigade Hazim Al-jamas regarding this issue. The pursuit will take place starting today, and whenever it is ready, you should fire them according to what I have stated to you... The missiles should be launched on Saturday.

Now it will fall on Thursday and Friday, and they do not work on these days.

Sir, he is saying, if they move today, the operation will take (17) hours, for the transportation and re-supply.

Why? They are working on Thursday.

The time is not feasible for him to carry it out tomorrow.

Sir, he does not have enough time, if he starts moving today at the 1200 hour, he would need (17) hours in order to transport and re-supply, therefore, from ten o'clock today until ten o'clock the next day is (24) hours, and there are (7) hours as a safeguard. I will confirm with him about -

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

- the timing sir, if he was not able to carry it out within this time frame, then he will be able to delay it until Saturday sir, that is if your Excellency gave the orders.

If he could not carry it out within this time frame, then he must carry out the strike on Dezful city during the nighttime, and to fire at Andimeshk city on Saturday during the daytime.

Yes sir.

MILITARY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:

The cannons do not have enough [Illegible].

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Because we included part of them in the service, for example, most of the 8 Knot and the 155mm were included in the service, we have [Illegible] and included it in the service.

MR. RAHG:

MILITARY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR:

(Military Operations Director remains on the phone with (M,R Wafik 'AP from directorate of (A,S , ' A, A))

Staff Major Wafik, regarding the two targets, you must setup the time frame of the strike with the Brigadier General Hazim, and if he would be able to carry out the strikes tomorrow within one day, because he would need (17) hours in order to transport and re-supply, for example, from ten o'clock today until ten o'clock the next day is (24) hours, and there will be (7) hours remaining as a safeguard, then if you have enough time carryout the strike on Andimeshk tomorrow during the daytime, between the 0900 hour and the 1000 hour, and if you did not have enough time, then carryout the strike at Dezful during the nighttime, whenever he is ready tomorrow, after that he should carry out the strike at Andmishk on Saturday morning between the 0900 hour and the 1000 hour, that is if time did not permit, however, if time permits then he must carry out the strikes. Therefore, I am asking of him -

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MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	- to undertake the operation and make sure the Andimeshk city strike is carried out during a business day, and to carry out the strike on Dezful city tomorrow during the nighttime, yes, thank you. [End of the telephone call]
MR. RAHG:	Now concerning the Mortar 82mm ordnance, still not in a good position. Yes, it is not in a good position, and the Mortar 60mm ordnance as well, because it has been used too much, before we use to tell them use it more than the cannon, however, now they have gotten used to using it, and they are using alot of them.
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	They started using it as a rifle.
MR. RAHG:	Yes sir.
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	Before we use to be surprised when we fired 2000 or 3000 bombs, but now we are firing 30,000 bombs a week, and now we are getting results from them.
MR. RAHG:	Yes sir.
AIR FORCE COMMANDER:	Sir, I have to say, if it were not for your Excellency's reconsideration, and your guidance, since the war started, regarding the ordnance, our situation would have been difficult.
MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:	Yes, thank God, that the situation is good now.

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MR. RAHG:

The commander of the (FL3) has written a letter to us stating ... We have noticed within the last period, increasing movements of the commercial boats in Abdallah Valley, and the coast of Bubiyan Island, which started getting closer towards plant 71, about (5) Km off the coast. Kindly contact the Kuwaiti side to move these boats away from the area, keeping in mind that Bubiyan Island and its coasts belongs to Kuwait, and they could send out boats. The Iranians.

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

The evidence indicates that they [boats] are Kuwaiti. We will kindly ask the Kuwaiti side to pay attention to our targets that are located on the coast, in two directions, and if they were able to drive them away from that specific area, it would help us to better secure the area from the possibility of the Iranian spies among these boats. However, if they could not identify the individuals that are in the boats, they should not allow the untrusted elements to get near that area. This should be said in a kind way.

MR. RAHG:

MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

Okay sir.

MR. RAHG:  
MILITARY  
OPERATIONS  
DIRECTOR:

It is situated on the Bubiyan Island. The plant and the island are situated here; therefore, they should not allow them.

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<p>MR. RAHG'S ADJUTANT FOR OPERATIONS: MR. RAHG: AIR FORCE COMMANDER: MR. RAHG:</p>	<p>They should not permit them within 5 km, and we should have the necessary precautions for the plant, because it is a target to them, therefore, why have they allowed them to get close to it? They are getting 5 Km closer to the coast. Within this amount of distance, they should be able to watch through the binoculars, even count the people. It appears that they are raising Kuwaiti flags or different flags, to give the indication that these boats are Kuwaiti boats for fishing. Notify the Kuwaiti side.</p>
<p>MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF: MR. RAHG:</p>	<p>We will notify them. Yes.</p>
<p>MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF: SECRETARY GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A, Kh, M): MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:</p>	<p>I think we should confirm with the Naval Force Command and the Coast Guards, and ask their point of view on this issue, because this information came from the (FL3). Yes, do this as well, the Naval Force will investigate it, call them and the Coast Guards regarding this issue, and tell them, "we have received such and such information, what is your perspective?" Yes sir, it is important that we examine that.</p>
<p>SECRETARY GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A, Kh, M): MR. COMMANDER IN CHIEF:</p>	<p>Yes, and ask for their view on the subject.</p>

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(The Commander in Chief left the operations room)

AIR FORCE  
 COMMANDER: MR.  
 RAHG: SECRETARY  
 GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A,  
 Kh, M):  
 MR. RAHG'S  
 ADJUTANT FOR  
 OPERATIONS: MR.  
 RAHG:  
 MR. RAHG'S  
 ADJUTANT FOR  
 OPERATIONS:  
 MILITARY  
 OPERATIONS  
 DIRECTOR:  
 SECRETARY  
 GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A,  
 Kh, M):  
 MR. RAHG:  
 SECRETARY  
 GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A,  
 Kh, M):

Should I leave these aerial photos with you sir?

No, take them with you, I need different photos from you. I think we should examine that.

Examine what? Concerning the boats that are getting close, [Illegible] ... Kindly examine the issue.

How about your opinion?

Our opinion is first, we should have precautionary measures in front of the plant, and we should not allow them to get within 5-6 Km of it.

Just as I said before, it is territorial waters.

However, we should examine it with the Naval Force, because this information came only from the corps, and Mr. Rahg was not present, that is why I forwarded it.

No, it came from the (FL3) Command.

I know, it was clarified by the corps of the Arab Coast Guards Command, however, we thought we must first examine it with the Naval Force, I forwarded it to you yesterday, because Mr. Rahg was not present there -

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COMMANDER:  
SECRETARY  
GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A,  
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AIR FORCE  
COMMANDER:  
SECRETARY  
GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A,  
Kh, M):

- What did Mr. Commander in Chief say to you, regarding the Cluster Bombs?  
Only if we were in need of it.

Did he refer it to be discussed during the meeting with the General Command of the Armed Forces?  
We just discussed it.

I did not hear it, because I was on the phone.

He said that (30) million would benefit us somewhere else.  
Therefore, there was not an agreement?

Mr. Commander in Chief said ... to put it on hold, that is to say, not to worry about it for now.  
Therefore, to be postponed.

It is better this way, because we have finished part of the meeting.

Yes, you must answer for it according to your request, because the remarks of Mr. Commander in Chief will be based on it, and it will be put forth during the meeting of the General Command of the Armed Forces. Thereafter, the only thing I can do is refer to it, then you can collaborate ... however, it is postponed for now, and there will be one more chance, we will postpone it until -

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- the return of Mr. Commander in Chief.  
 Sir, [speaking to Mr. Rahg] in reference to the issue of the General Command meeting, should we postpone these two paragraphs of the schedule until that day ...

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SECRETARY  
 GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A,  
 Kh, M):

We have a paragraph concerning a request to support the First Corps with a wing of helicopters, their support would be similar to the support of the Air Defense, and this will not be determined without the approval of Mr. Commander in Chief. In addition, he commented on it when suggested during the General Command of the Armed Forces meeting, because it was stated by the Military Office.

MR. RAHG:  
 SECRETARY  
 GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A,  
 Kh, M):  
 MR. RAHG:

It will be put forth at later time.  
 Is it safe to say that we do not have a command meeting today?

SECRETARY  
 GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A,  
 Kh, M):  
 AIR FORCE  
 COMMANDER:  
 MR. RAHG:

Yes, we do not have a command meeting today.  
 Do you have subjects for the meeting?  
 I have subjects, however; the time is not suitable to put them forth, because it requires approval from Mr. Commander in Chief.

Is it concerning the Ardashir Base?  
 The enemy did not maneuver?

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AIR FORCE  
 ADVISOR:

All the units are still there.

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SECRETARY  
 GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A,  
 Kh, M):

We do not have a meeting today.

(Overlapping discussions concerning information about the enemy and about carrying out missile strikes on Andimeshk and Dezful. The discussion is unclear)

Regarding the issue of the delegation trip, I think the General Command of the Armed Forces, along with 'Am, R, Tali'a Al-dawn [Secretary General], should issue it.

Yes, immediately.  
 Regarding what?

MILITARY  
 OPERATIONS  
 DIRECTOR:

MR. RAHG:  
 SECRETARY  
 GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A,

Kh, M):  
MILITARY  
OPERATIONS  
DIRECTOR:  
SECRETARY  
GENERAL OF (Kh, 'A,  
Kh, M):

Regarding Mr. Rahg's trip to Egypt.

I have noted it in my book.

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1	Staff Lieutenant General (retired)	Qadduri Jabir Mahmud Al-Duri	Head of the committee	[Signature]
2	Staff Major General (retired)	'Abd-al-Min'im 'Abd-al-Mu'ti Qadduri Al-Shaykhli	Member of the committee	[Signature]
3	Staff Major General (retired)	Mutar 'Abd Hasan Al-Matani	Member of the committee	[Signature]
4	Staff Major General	Hasan Hadid Khalaf Al-Juburi	Member of the committee	[Signature]
5	Staff Brigadier General (retired)	Kamil Khamis Hammadi Al-Samirra'i	Member of the committee	[Signature]
6	Staff Brigadier General (retired)	Basil 'Umar Salih Al-Tikriti	Member of the committee	[Signature]
7	Staff Air Commodore (retired)	Isma'il Sa'id Faris Al-Sa'd	Member of the committee	[Signature]
8	First Lieutenant	Ehsan Wajih Saleh	Representative of the Military Security Department	[Signature]
9	Brigadier General	Salman Salih 'Abd Al-Khazraji	Member of the committee	[Signature] [Illegible]