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The Republic of Iraq

The Republic Presidency

The Secretary

Hussein Kamil's file and his problems with the family

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Mister President, the Commander, may God protect you,

Dear Sir, I am truly pleased that your Excellency has ordered me to present the truth, and the true reason for the problem. I do not want to present excuses here to justify what had happened, but it is the truth. From some time I have been sensing and feeling a clear resentment against me. The matter was so great that the employees of the private security and the employee's of major general `Abd and his friend knew about it. The reason was because I actuated some issues and my implementation to the law. Their main concern was to convey the wrong information to your Excellency to alienate me from you. I am sorry to say this, but this is what had happened, this matter is led by Qusay with Major General `Abd. Major General `Abd's roll is concealed and through instigating Qusay. On the other hand Qusay's roll was visible in front of your Excellency; they are both known, each one of them covers for the other one, and each one of them gets the other one closer to you.

Dear Sir; a [illegible] happened to the friend of Major General `Abd, who is called Ra'adal-`As. He is more than a friend. His brother is 'Ala' al-Dawn. Ra'ad al-`As received more than one million dollars to help finance and bring a factory [to Iraq], however he did not fulfill his obligations. When I asked him to repay the amount or bring in the factory, he asked for extension several times and then he stayed in Amman and we had no news about him. Some time passed by then he came back and asked for his debt to be paid over time as if things were easy. What is rather strange is Qusay appearing in my office

criticizing Major General `Abd's relationship with Ra'ad, Ra'ad, and 'Ala', he is Ra'ad's brother. He was saying that they have a bad reputation, may God forgive me.

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Our measures were correct, however the back stabbing is continuing. Qusay did not ask me to release him [Ra'ad] in any way; as if he did not have any relation with him.

The sphere of relation and interest are now bigger. We asked from one of the employees that works in the military industrialization [commission], who we transferred from the Ministry of Commerce where he was a Commercial attaché and then he returned to Baghdad, and was an observer for the assessor of manufacturing material, because of his position and to interconnect with the intended party in Amman, which allowed us to release our products faster. After he joined the industrialization [the military industrialization commission] we discovered that he has relations and that he has a brother named Khalil, who works as a merchant in Amman, who he accompanies him [TC: Hussein mentions the name Khalil as the name of the brother of their employee] when he [the employee] is sent to Turkey or the Gulf [Arabian Gulf Countries] for official business. Khalil travels with him to conduct commercial business for the benefit of the Industry [TC: possibly the Ministry of Industry] and the military industrialization. Khalil [illegible] the travel expenses. It is clear that he connects all the companies that he deals with Khalil, and he also adds all the expenses to that, and he is receiving of monies without work or effort. All of this is against the business practice law, as commerce is competition, it is not afford to the middle men. He is also in violation of travel expenses, as he is conducting business while he is on official business, and we found out that he is originally from Syrian origin and his mother is Iraqi. He should have been taken to the courts, but because of his relation with Qusay I had to act in the following way: Lieutenant General `Amir requested to call him in and inform him with his mistakes, also, to tell him that we decided to give him a choice. The choice is either for him to go back to the Ministry of Commerce or any other place he chooses and based on the acceptance of the place he wants to transfer to. His answer was that he does not want to go back to the Ministry of Commerce and is it

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possible for him to retire? We did agree for him to retire and an order was issued regarding this matter. Also, the director of the bureau called asking for information about Khalis al-Makhzumi, so I told him that "an order to send him to retirement has been issued and not to repeat requesting to move him to the economical department." I also asked him to inform Qusay. I also explained all the details to him; however I knew later that this matter bothered Qusay. It happened sir that a problem with Major General `Abd has arose. This happened right after I informed your Excellency, without mentioning any names that his relatives deal in stocks. Your Excellency and I met and you asked the General "did he buy some of these stocks?" He answered in your presence and the presence of all of us that he does not own any stocks. [Illegible word] this meeting in the house of [illegible word], I know that he is one of the buyers and I wanted to prove to you that he was lying. After this I told your Excellency that he is collecting information about stock companies. Now we have the names of all the companies to enter it into the computer and present it to the council of ministers. This made all hell break loose and I became a target that getting rid of was a must. We previously have raised the issue of mixed companies to the ministry of transportation. We said that the deputy of the ministry of transportation and 'Al' al-Dawn i are both involved in buying stocks of illegal companies, which the ministry knows about and that this is illegal. We also asked why the transaction was presented through the Presidents council. That is should have been

presented through the secretary of the council of ministers. In short this was lacking the legal side and I read

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this to the council to explain the legal side and the lack of survey. I have mentioned to your Excellency that Major General `Abd has stocks and that he is a part of this operation. I found that your Excellency is interested to know the details, but they knew that I was collecting information about the investors and the investments of Major General `Abd. I have no idea what kind of information they passed on to you about me, all I know is that you became different in your treatment to me. I also, informed your Excellency, over lunch, that the information about Major General `Abd is complete and that I will present it to your Excellency. I asked to meet with you, but I was not granted a meeting. The presentation of the bid is ready and I learnt from Major General `Abd that the lists of stocks have been presented to your Excellency for a price of 38,000,000 (thirty eight million dollars) without any [illegible], he said: "it was sold to the President." I then said: "these stocks were previously sold, right after your Excellency gave the orders" This took place right in front of you, keeping in mind that he, in the past, denied that he owns any stocks. In this you can see that he obeyed your order to sell, at the same time he bought stocks in new developed companies right after when you ordered to sell. You see sir; I became the target in this and the battle started with me and only me and I noticed alienation. Aab'awi now is directing national security and the private security toward me by order of Qusay. All the apparatuses are working against me. All I did is tried to move an Employee that is a partner to him from the council of Presidency. Nothing is happening to those who owned stocks against your orders [illegible] and they attacked everyone that was working with Iz-al-Din and Tha'ir, whether they were a driver of a cook. Where do they go? Who comes to them? And where do they go? It is I who is targeted, no one else.

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Sir, I hope that God will direct you to the right path. I hope that you would call in brother Qusay to explain the whole truth. He is altering the truth, not to get me out of power, but rather to have me executed. I know who is behind all of this, but I did not take any action against anyone and no one was hurt by me. Being away from my country I am suffering the torture of exile. There is no hope, I am like a man who had a lightning fall on him, and he had to get away.

Dear Sir; Qusay is working [illegible] clear, and he is working against my word. He also thinks that I have [illegible]. This has happened with a lot of them, but after he finds out that my relation with them is on the surface [illegible] he has unbelievable powers. This has happened to Brigadier General Jabbar al-Jubur. He left and he knows that the war against him is cause by a small village [illegible eight words]. Also, there was a confrontation with Brigadier General Faqzi, the commander of `Adnan division of the private guards with the Americans, when he was the commander of Faw city brigade. He had a direct relation with `Abd [illegible last name] and due to this relation he had to move away from the formations and brigades of the president. He got away and he did not know what the argument was about. He was [illegible] for Mister President. Qusay was talking in front of me that he is conspiring. At that time I knew that he had a relation with Iz-al-Din. I found out this late. I then asked to be away from him. He acted as if he

was a good loyal officer and he was appointed the corps chief of staff [illegible].
Amongst the fighters there was

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Sabir al-Muraymus and his sons. The same thing happened to them. Qusay was calling them bad names. He considers them as my relatives. The reason for that is their son air force Colonel Nahid is married to my sister and [illegible] is married to my other niece. He accuses them of being cowards. Please keep in mind that Nahid is an excellent pilot and in the last war he had several contributions to include flying two aircrafts to Iran, one of which was not allowed to land causing him to fly it back to our air base. Nahid is known for his high morals with his brothers and uncles too.

A lieutenant named Riyad worked with me for a short while when I was in defense [illegible]. I did not know that Qusay hated a man more than Riyad. Riyad's brother, Ghazi, was in charge of the security in your private mechanic shop. Qusay fired him and he placed someone else in his place with known relations with Qusay. He is from Samira' and his name is Shaddad. When he was officially appointed in the garage; he got my official vehicle out of the garage, keep in mind that my vehicle belongs to the Presidents council. These are Qusay's opinion and work; I hope that God will clarify to your Excellency who Shaddad is. Shaddad is the one that I and my brother Kamal punished before. He is the one that brings vehicles from Kuwait and personally benefit from it.

Suddenly we were under distress sir. Anything that we did, no matter how innocent it is; it was interpreted as a nightmare. If we visited any of our relatives or if we went to a family function and my relatives are their, they [the authorities] come close to us and they find the smallest mistakes and they turn them into big problems. As if they were [illegible seven words].

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And they criticize anyone [TC: from Kamal's family] who participates in any activity. Also, they hide what ever they want to hide so they look like they have no other means of income except their salaries. I also see the farms that was leased [TC: by Qusay and his group] from the government and then they owned it and then they sold it. I also see the vehicles from Kuwait, which was looted and sold. He [Qusay] even controlled the horse races and fishing in the rivers and in the sea.

Sir I know that they are close to you and I am far away. I know that they can do what they want. I also know that they know I will convey all of these details to you. I just want to be clear with you. I am not aiming to gain anything, except that I will learn from my mistakes and other will too. I know that all odds are against us [Kamal's family]. We were working against ourselves. We were greedy and selfish and we worked against each other. Sir, I know that he [Qusay] and the rest are aiming to gain power and money. I ask God to reveal the truth to you. It does not matter if I am close or far, I am still loyal to

you.

As I do not keep quite when there is an attack against my family [TC: the meaning of the last sentence in page 9 is not clear].

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Sir, President Leader,

I wish to tell your Excellency about some things that took place. It is as if we don't have the right to even complain or reclaim what is ours. What happened is that Abd-al-[illegible] Al-Khattab lied to the land property registration commission in [illegible] and he took the house and the lot it is build on [illegible]. Nobody questioned his behavior or what he did despite the fact that his cousin is the governor of Salah-al-Din and knows well [illegible] and his other cousin is the Secretary of the President of the Republic, and his maternal uncle and his maternal cousins... [Incomplete sentence]. We brought up the issue to your Excellency, your Excellency told him that [illegible]. After all this, the land belongs to the children of Nada [illegible] from their father. It is known that Nada's children divided the land and each one of them knows his share of the land. The person who registered the land can be located [illegible]. Nevertheless, he comes to our land in Al-Ujah and takes waterpipes using his company to do so. Everyone knows. I hope that his Excellency Mr. President asks what kind of punishment he received to stop him. All of his relatives hold direct roles of power; the governor of Salah-al-Din, Interior minister, the secretary of the President of the republic. We only took the pipes back from him. Had the reverse happened, and we were the ones who took his pipes, the reaction would have been unbelievable [illegible].

- After the riots and disorderly incidents that took place, [illegible] was appointed governor to Salah-al-Din. My paternal aunt, my paternal uncle's wife [illegible] and the wife of my cousin Azz-al-Din happened to be riding in one of their cars [illegible]

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they got them out of the car, took the car, and left them in the middle of the market. The driver of the car was punished and humiliated, then detained, and left the women in the market. [Illegible]

Sir, we claim to be champions of honor and nobility while we leave our women in the middle of the market; women who are relatives of the president of the republic, and relatives of a member of Supreme Command Ali Hasan Al-Majid, and Hussein Kamil. How can this happen sir? It is hateful and malicious; that is the answer. It is hate and injustice. Had he known [illegible], he would have treated the women that way. I know that he is not on the side of the rule of law; and Mr. President leader told him that, and I was the one who informed you about it. After the killing of my cousin without reason, there was an issue involving girls between [illegible]. A person who is the brother of one of the women of Shamar confessed during the investigation, and in spite of that he said in front of a large number of people that Muhammad Al-Muhsin conceded his right by saying that everything is under the rug, and Al-Khatir, the cousin of President Saddam, but Sab'awi was not pleased with this concession and he repeated three times "What about me Abu-Azz-al-Din. Am I not a man? Am I not your cousin?" The answer was "Al-Khatir is my cousin and he is more important and the elder". The same scenario took place again in another situation we did not dwell on and considered the issue over. Note Sir that it was OK to drop the women off in the middle of the market but he didn't like to give up his right in the incident above [illegible] when I was a minister in the Iraqi government, he followed my brother [illegible] despite the fact that my brother protected

his nephew from a beating, and he hit the attackers who assaulted his nephew and chased them away.

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Immediately after the funeral service, we went back home but Azz-al-Din was still at large. He had killed his brother seven days earlier and they forgave him that; there was consideration for his actions or the reason he was not arrested claiming he is in Kuwait. What I learned lately is that Azz-al-Din visited the Republican Guard unit few times. He was sent by Qusay and General Kamal to bring weapons including hunting rifles, pistols, and various other rifles. I verified that he was sent by them and that they were responsible for withdrawing large number of supply and vehicles. He told me long stories in detail and I can say he never entered Kuwait, and I am ready to take the responsibility of my statement. In another incident, there were three men from [illegible] in a car, one of them is my cousin Ibrahim Muhammad Hasan Al-Majid, Arkan Inb-Abdallah [illegible], and the third was the son of Haza Al-Umar [illegible] whose name I don't know. On their way they came across a fight between two groups, and they decided to intervene and stop the fight because one of the involved was a friend of Arkan. Arkan got off the vehicle and walked towards them to put an end to the fight; but one of the men involved in the fight had his pistol pointed at his adversary and as Arkan was walking towards them he fired his gun who pretended that he was shot and fell down on the ground immediately. Ibrahim Muhammad Hasan Al-Majid tried to avenge him and to defend himself while the son of Haza ran and hid behind the vehicle. What happened later is that the son of Haza was put under the protection of Qusay while the second was put under the protection of my aunt Um Uday and he was released by the problem was resolved.

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The happened, sir, is that Al-Hussein Muhammd Al-Hasan was unfairly arrested for quite a long time. [Illegible]. Had the man who ran and hid was from Al Ghafur and had the one who took the revenge was from Al Ghafur, the matter would have been totally different; but he, from Al Ghafur, got arrested along with [illegible] in interior ministry prison with another prisoner while [illegible] but his prison was like a palace [illegible]. This reminds me sir of a bigger incident when your aircraft was attacked by Iranian aircrafts and was forced down. General Sabah Harzar and I were in your company in addition to another individual named Sabah Al-Na'imi. General [illegible] was with us when we landed and he ran and left your Excellency. What does the law say in the case of an officer accompanying the president of the republic who runs away [illegible]. We know that an officer who flees a battle is subject to the death penalty; but in his case he not regarded as a runaway. This also reminds me of a situation in Kuwait where I was driving and he was next to me, with Sabir Al-Duri in the back seat. I wanted to go drive around in Kuwait at night but they objected. Their objection made me continue in my driving around Kuwait because I felt fear is a shameful thing in a man although prudence is required. While moving we saw a group of four men dressed up in Arab garb who were setting up large signs. I thought maybe they are hostile but I was on the other side and couldn't read the signs. I tried to turn around but [illegible]. I returned to the area without protection and found that the signs were hostile and the individuals who set them

up disappeared. I went to the next road and I could see them not too far away, but they ran away as soon as they saw us. I got off the car and ran after them. I pulled out my

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rifle and fired. General Abd fired at the person closest from us [illegible] the second man got to the door of the house and I followed him running and shot him and he fell dead at the door. The third entered the house and I followed him by myself and killed him. The fourth ran around the house and I returned fast to catch up with him and kill him. That was my duty; but General Abd told the story in front of me about how he shot the man closed to our car, which is accurate, although he didn't move three meters away from the vehicle. He didn't say anything about how or who chased them into their house and he fully shared the credit with me. By God I am ashamed to tell it as it was in detail. This is just a quick account of what happened. I did not want to tell it as it was but personally I couldn't allow myself to stand by the car while the others enter houses. He [illegible] not to chase them. After we got back to the base we were assigned by the General security to search that house but he claimed that the area is dangerous. He, General Abdu himself, called on the minister of higher education to issue a spending receipt for the department of political science to repair the air conditioning unit in the department. I remember Twenty-six million Dinar were issued, a very large amount at that time, then I was surprised to receive a letter from the president's office inquiring about the matter and the amount which was outside of the plans and budget [illegible]. I asked the minister of high education about the matter and he told me that [illegible].

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I contacted General Abd and asked him about the matter and his response was [illegible]. I then told him that he has to go back to Mr. president to order that the amount be repaid since the amount was spent, which is what happened immediately. [Illegible] I wouldn't be bothered if the supervision ended in a normal manner because positions of responsibility are not desired for what they are, rather, they are a responsibility and a duty by Mr. President. [Illegible], the same thing happened to me when I was directed to stop the republic's bridge project [illegible]. We corrected 45 Km of the bridge and 10 Km are still defective, and the world turned upside down because I managed and I felt that it was my duty as the head of the State engineering effort. I was the one who assigned the bridge to the ministry of housing after we found that they had imported a pre-manufactured bridge from a foreign company [illegible] and brought through Kirkuk area so that it is used to complete the republic's bridge. Had we known of the existence of this imported bridge, we wouldn't have assigned it to housing [illegible]; rather, it would have been assigned to Industry and Military Industry.

Another thing that took place is when I criticized some members of the National

Conference Command held in [illegible]. The criticism of your Excellency to me was well-meaning [illegible]

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Another incident sir was during a meeting a ministers meeting. I wasn't present to discuss an issue that related to production. The minister of petroleum spoke first followed by the minister of the interior who directed his speech to the minister of petroleum and the ministers who work in the sector telling them that they are not ministers and that they are only deputy ministers as long as they are tied to General Hussein Kamil. The minister of the interior was not [illegible]; in fact, the minister of Petroleum was changed after he presented a report to your Excellency; and oversight is practiced by the different countries of the world in different ways.

- The Interior minister committed another transgression in Azz-al-Din farm when he sent a full emergency unit who surrounded the area and pointed their weapons as him and told him to come with them or they would shoot him; and when the Interior ministry was asked why that happened, he responded that shots were fired in his farm although his farm is surrounded by a many other farms of other officials. They entered his farm and were unable to find any empty cartridges. There was occasion for any shot to be fired. I was there myself sitting and he saw us [illegible] No shots were fired; after Saddam left the force entered in a patronizing way. The purpose was to insult and indicate that he was the one who shot the force so that the force shoots him since they don't know his ties to Mister President Leader.

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The whole issue is motivated by jealousy because I do my job and I work hard while the others don't even do one quarter of what I do; rather, they spend the night partying and drinking, except for your Excellency. By God, your Excellency, I am not one of those that spend the night partying and show up in the morning before you pretending to be hard at work. I say they are all failures. I thank God for returning to my country and to my people and that I am now close to your Excellency; but the hostilities are still ongoing. Forgive me sir and may God protect you and give you glory. Verily, He hears prayers and He is able to answer them.

Note:

I found out that even my cousins who work with me are put on a list of those not allowed to travel even before I left the country and this has only one explanation sir.

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His Excellency President Leader Saddam,

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In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Your Excellency, Honorable leader, Mr. President, may God protect you and glorify you, and may He watch over you.

Dear Sir,

Firstly, I would like to ask you to accept my utter apology for what happened despite its gravity. I ask your pardon. I have known your forgiveness and generosity, and I know very well that you are very capable to get past any crisis regardless of its complexity. History will tell that about you.

Honorable Leader,

It was never my intention to leave my country or be away from it and it never crossed my mind to harm your Excellency. I never dreamed of living anywhere else other than Iraq and I always criticized those who chose to do so. I always considered that a very harmful and an undesirable deed.

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Your Excellency, regarding the reason of my departure, God be my witness, an unexpected harm had befallen me and forced me to leave my country, my family, and everything behind quickly. It was beyond my will. I don't know where I am going and I don't know what is going to be my fate. I ask for your forgiveness for not explaining the details in fear that somebody else might see this letter and learn of the details in it. It is a private matter that I don't wish anyone else other than your Excellency to know so that you may understand the situation and know exactly what happened. But at any rate, the matter is left to the evaluation of your Excellency.

Mr. Leader, I never meant to speak badly about anybody when I left; but what infuriated

and irritated me were the statements made by some officials in Baghdad claiming that I was an agent of the American intelligence. This is nonsense. It is an unacceptable thing

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to say. How can I be accused of spying against my country? And for whom!? I spent my life serving and building my country, and fought in defense of it. I endangered my life thousands of times without fear or hesitation. All I ever wanted was to hold the name of my country and the name of the President Leader high; and now I get accused of spying against my country by people who know me very well. This is the worse kind of injustice. Your honor knows that and appreciates it, and you know that we grew up hating America. How can I be accused of spying for America against Iraq? Iraq is in our blood and is the air we breathe, and there is no life without it.

More importantly, dear sir, I thank God for your safety and health. We will not trade our country or our leader, the victorious by God, Saddam Hussein, may God protect him. I know Sir that your picture and family's honorable pictures are hanging in every corner of

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the house since the first day we arrived. The number increases with each new picture published. This is known sir and is not going to change. Until this day, our children don't know the reason of our departure from Baghdad. We saw [illegible] and Ali, who are more aware than the others, discussing a plan to put a recorder in our room to find out the reason we left the country and everybody. All they talk about all day is Baba Saddam, Mama Sajdah, their uncles Uday and Qusay, their aunt and their cousins. This is all we talk to each other daily. The strange thing is that they tell us about seeing you and the family in their dreams and they compete with each other in interpreting these dreams. Even the young ones are making up stories.

I apologize again for what I have done and I say to you Sir that we will always be faithful

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to you and to our country Iraq. This is the truth. I wish that God Almighty protect you and keep you out of harm's way whether that harm is caused by me or anybody else. I pledge to you, and God is my witness, that I will be your number one servant and that I will use the lessons I learned from this experience for my personal life and for the service to my country. I pledge to avoid all wrongs to the best of my ability and as much as God permits. I beg my lord and dear leader to forgive us and allow us to return to our country Iraq and live under your generosity and kindness.

May you remain forever our source of pride and glory, and please accept my warmest greetings and that of the family to your Excellency and to the whole family with much admiration and respect.

[Signature]
Hussein [illegible]

Comments:

The handwriting of Saddam [Illegible] is used writing the letter.

