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**United States Department of State**

*Washington, D.C. 20520*

**SEP 12 2012**

Case No. F-2012-26017

Segment: DIA-0001

John Greenwald



Dear Mr. Greenwald:

I refer to your request dated February 26, 2009 to the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), for the release of certain material under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5 USC Section 552). Ten of the relevant documents retrieved in response to your request originated with the Department of State, and were therefore referred to us for appropriate action.

We have determined that six may be released in full, three may be released with excisions, and one must be withheld in full. All released material is enclosed.

An enclosure explains Freedom of Information Act exemptions and other grounds for withholding material. Where we have made excisions, the applicable exemptions are marked on each document. For the one document withheld in full, we cited exemptions (b)(1), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F).

In some cases, two or more exemptions may apply to the same document. In the case of a document released in part, all non-exempt material that is reasonably segregable from the exempt material has been released.

With respect to material withheld by the Department of State, you have the right to appeal our determination within 60 days. A copy of the appeals procedures is enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheryl L. Walter", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sheryl L. Walter, Director  
Office of Information Programs and Services

Enclosures:  
As stated.

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Rules and Regulations

Subpart F - Appeal Procedures

§171.52 Appeal of denial of access to, declassification of, amendment of, accounting of disclosures of, or challenge to classification of records.

(a) *Right of administrative appeal.* Except for records that have been reviewed and withheld within the past two years or are the subject of litigation, any requester whose request for access to records, declassification of records, amendment of records, accounting of disclosures of records, or any authorized holder of classified information whose classification challenge has been denied, has a right to appeal the denial to the Department's Appeals Review Panel. This appeal right includes the right to appeal the determination by the Department that no records responsive to an access request exist in Department files. Privacy Act appeals may be made only by the individual to whom the records pertain.

(b) *Form of appeal.* There is no required form for an appeal. However, it is essential that the appeal contain a clear statement of the decision or determination by the Department being appealed. When possible, the appeal should include argumentation and documentation to support the appeal and to contest the bases for denial cited by the Department. The appeal should be sent to: Chairman, Appeals Review Panel, c/o Appeals Officer, A/GIS/IPS/PP/LC, U.S. Department of State, SA-2, Room 8100, Washington, D.C. 20522-8100.

(c) *Time limits.* The appeal should be received within 60 days of the date of receipt by the requester of the Department's denial. The time limit for response to an appeal begins to run on the day that the appeal is received. The time limit (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal public holidays) for agency decision on an administrative appeal is 20 days under the FOIA (which may be extended for up to an additional 10 days in unusual circumstances) and 30 days under the Privacy Act (which the Panel may extend an additional 30 days for good cause shown). The Panel shall decide mandatory declassification review appeals as promptly as possible.

(d) *Notification to appellant.* The Chairman of the Appeals Review Panel shall notify the appellant in writing of the Panel's decision on the appeal. When the decision is to uphold the denial, the Chairman shall include in his notification the reasons therefore. The appellant shall be advised that the decision of the Panel represents the final decision of the Department and of the right to seek judicial review of the Panel's decision, when applicable. In mandatory declassification review appeals, the Panel shall advise the requester of the right to appeal the decision to the Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel under Sec.3.5 (d) of E.O. 12958.

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TAGS: PTER, PGOV, PREL, ASEC, SCOM, KU

SUBJECT: PROSECUTOR REQUESTS DEATH PENALTY IN BUSH PLOT

REF: KUWAIT 4442 (07/18/93)

1. THE TRIAL OF THE FOURTEEN MEN ACCUSED OF PLOTTING TO ASSASSINATE FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH DURING HIS APRIL VISIT TO KUWAIT RESUMED ON SEPTEMBER 4 AFTER A SEVEN-WEEK RECESS. THE STATE PROSECUTOR DEMANDED THE DEATH PENALTY FOR ELEVEN IRAQIS AND ONE KUWAITI; HE ALSO REQUESTED TEN-YEAR JAIL TERMS FOR TWO KUWAITIS ACCUSED OF COMPLICITY IN THE PLOT.

2. IN RESPONSE, THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ARGUED THAT THEIR CLIENTS HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDERS GIVEN TO THEM BY IRAQI INTELLIGENCE AND MAINTAINED THAT IRAQI NATIONALS SHOULD NOT BE CHARGED WITH "COLLABORATING WITH THE IRAQIS." ONE OF THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ALSO CLAIMED THAT HIS CLIENT HAD NOT KNOWN OF THE PLOT UNTIL THE STATE SECURITY INTERROGATIONS AND THAT HIS CONFESSIONS "WERE NOT TAKEN WITH FAIR METHODS AND SHOULD BE DISCOUNTED."

3. THE COURT WILL COMPLETE HEARING THE DEFENSE ARGUMENTS ON SEPTEMBER 11. GNEHM

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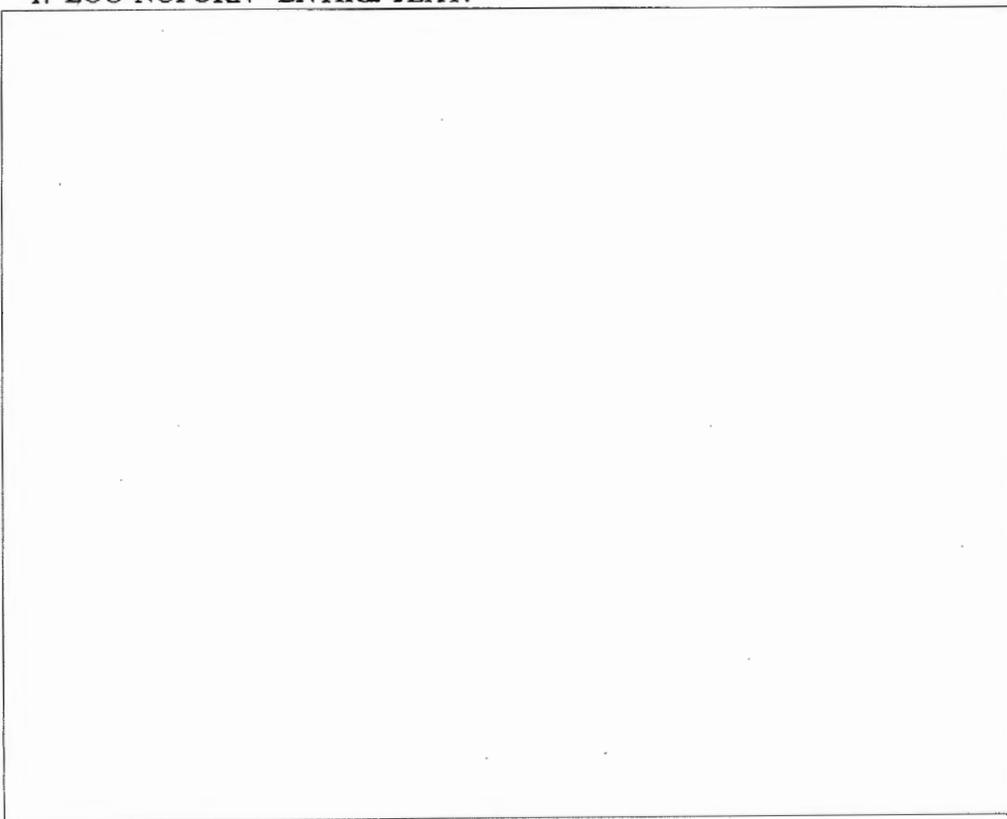
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SUBJECT: INITIAL EDIT OF 1993 HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

REF: STATE 339278

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REPORT: UNITED STATES BOMBING OF  
 BAGHDAD TARGET

1. SUMMARY: GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED GHANAIAN PRESS  
 HAVE RESTRICTED THEIR COVERAGE OF SUNDAY'S PRE-DAWN  
 U.S MISSILE ATTACK ON THE INTELLIGENCE SITE IN  
 BAGHDAD TO REASONABLY STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORTS BASED  
 ON STORIES FROM A VARIETY OF FOREIGN NEWS  
 AGENCIES. THE ARTICLES DO NOT IDENTIFY THEIR  
 SOURCES, EXCEPT TO INDICATE THEY ARE FROM  
 WASHINGTON IN ONE CASE AND MOSCOW IN ANOTHER.  
 THERE HAVE BEEN TO DATE NO EDITORIAL COMMENTS OR  
 FEATURE ARTICLES ANALYZING, CONDEMNING, OR  
 JUSTIFYING THE ATTACK.

2. THE JUNE 28 EDITIONS OF THE  
 GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED "PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC"  
 (CIRCULATION 100,000) AND THE "GHANAIAN TIMES"  
 (CIRCULATION 50,000) CARRIED TWO SEPARATE REPORTS  
 ON THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN NEWS PAGES (PAGE 2) ON  
 THE ATTACK. THE "GRAPHIC" REPORTED BRITISH PRIME  
 MINISTER JOHN MAJOR'S ASSURANCE TO PRESIDENT  
 CLINTON THAT HE HAD HIS FULL SUPPORT IN THE  
 INCIDENT, AND THE "TIMES" REPORTED THE RUSSIAN  
 ASSERTION THAT THE BOMBING WAS JUSTIFIED. THE  
 "GRAPHIC" REPORT WAS HEADED "U.S. MISSILE ATTACK ON  
 BAGHDAD," AND "THE GHANAIAN TIMES" REPORT WAS

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ENTITLED, "U.S. BOMBARDS IRAQ'S INTELLIGENCE HDQTRS."

3. FULL TEXTS FOLLOW.

"PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC"

"IRAQ'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS, NAZIR HAMDUN, YESTERDAY REPORTED 'LOTS OF CASUALTIES' IN THE UNITED STATES CRUISE MISSILE ATTACK ON BAGHDAD. "THE AMBASSADOR TOLD JOURNALISTS THAT FIRST REPORTS COMING FROM THE IRAQI CAPITAL SAID MANY CIVILIANS, MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WERE KILLED IN THE MISSILE STRIKE EARLY YESTERDAY, BAGHDAD TIME.

"U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON SAID HE ORDERED THE ATTACK AGAINST IRAQI INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AFTER RECEIVING 'COMPELLING EVIDENCE' THAT BAGHDAD HAD PLOTTED TO ASSASSINATE FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH.

"TWENTY-THREE CRUISE MISSILES WERE TARGETED AT THE IRAQI INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (ISS) BUILDING. ALL THE MISSILES, FIRED FROM U.S. WARSHIPS IN THE RED SEA AND GULF, WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE HIT THE TARGET, THE PENTAGON SAID.

"WASHINGTON SAID THAT IRAQI INTELLIGENCE HAD PLANNED TO USE A POWERFUL CAR BOMB TO KILL BUSH ON A VISIT TO KUWAIT ON APRIL 14.

"IRAQ'S RULING REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL (RCC) HAS DENOUNCED THE U.S. CRUISE ATTACK AGAINST HER INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS AS 'COWARDLY AGGRESSION.'

"A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE RCC SAID: 'THE UNITED STATES HAD COMMITTED A NEW COWARDLY AGGRESSION AGAINST IRAQ BETWEEN 1:45 AND 2:40 THIS MORNING.'

"BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JOHN MAJOR SAID THE U.S. MISSILE ATTACK ON BAGHDAD WAS 'ENTIRELY JUSTIFIED.'

"MAJOR SAID HE HAD ASSURED U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON OF HIS 'FULL SUPPORT.'"

"GHANAIAAN TIMES"

"RUSSIA TODAY SAID THAT U.S. ATTACK ON BAGHDAD WAS JUSTIFIED.

"A FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT IN MOSCOW SAID 'THE RUSSIAN LEADERSHIP IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE ACTION OF THE UNITED STATES WAS JUSTIFIED, SINCE IT WAS BASED ON ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER GIVING A STATE THE RIGHT TO INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE

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SELF-DEFENCE.'

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"MOSCOW HOPED THAT THE PROBLEM COULD BE RESOLVED FOR BOTH SIDES WITHOUT AN ESCALATION OF HOSTILE ACTS.

"THE U.S. YESTERDAY BOMBED IRAQ'S INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS IN RETALIATION FOR THE ATTEMPT BY SOME IRAQIS TO ASSASSINATE EX-PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH WHEN HE VISITED KUWAIT THIS YEAR.

"MEANWHILE, IRAQ HAD CONDEMNED THE ATTACK AS 'COWARDLY AGGRESSION.'"

END TEXTS.

4. "THE GHANAIAN TIMES" OF JUNE 29 CARRIED TWO FURTHER REPORTS, ONE ON ITS FRONT PAGE, ENTITLED "SECURITY COUNCIL BRIEFED ON U.S. ATTACK ON BAGHDAD," AND THE SECOND ON PAGE TWO: "CLINTON REGRETS DEATHS."

5. FULL TEXTS FOLLOW.

"THE UNITED STATES ON SUNDAY EVENING BRIEFED THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE PRE-DAWN U.S. MISSILE ATTACK ON BAGHDAD.

"GOING INTO THE CLOSED-DOOR SESSION, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.N. MADELEINE ALBRIGHT SAID SHE WOULD PUT FORTH 'COMPELLING EVIDENCE' THAT IRAQ MASTERMINDED A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH DURING HIS APRIL VISIT TO KUWAIT.

"SHE SAID PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON HAD ORDERED THE STRIKE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE U.N. CHARTER, WHICH ALLOWS COUNTRIES TO ACT IN SELF-DEFENCE.

"IN RETALIATION FOR THE ALLEGED ASSASSINATION PLOT, U.S. WARSHIPS IN THE GULF AND RED SEA FIRED 23 TOMAHAWK CRUISE MISSILES AT IRAQ'S INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS COMPOUND IN THE HEART OF BAGHDAD.

"SIXTEEN OF THE MISSILES HIT THE HEADQUARTERS ITSELF, VIRTUALLY DESTROYING THE COMMAND WING OF THE SPRAWLING STRUCTURE, SAID DEFENCE SECRETARY LES ASPIN. FOUR OTHERS HIT ELSEWHERE IN THE COMPOUND.

"THE REMAINING THREE MISSILES MISSED THE TARGET BY SOME 500 METERS, CAUSING WHAT THE PENTAGON CALLED 'COLLATERAL' DAMAGE AND LOSS OF CIVILIAN LIFE. IRAQ CLAIMED SIX CIVILIANS WERE KILLED IN WHAT BAGHDAD DENOUNCED AS A 'COWARDLY ACT OF TERRORISM' BY WASHINGTON.

"REACTION TO THE STRIKE WAS MIXED, WITH MAJOR WESTERN

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NATIONS EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND ARAB COUNTRIES  
GENERALLY OPPOSED.

"CLINTON WENT ON NATIONWIDE TELEVISION TO ANNOUNCE THE  
ATTACK. CALLING THE ALLEGED PLOT 'PARTICULARLY  
LOATHSOME AND COWARDLY,' CLINTON SAID IT WAS 'AN  
ATTACK AGAINST ALL AMERICANS. IT COULD NOT GO  
UNANSWERED.' HE LATER SAID HE REGRETTED THE LOSS OF  
INNOCENT LIVES."

"CLINTON REGRETS DEATHS"

"UNITED STATES (U.S.) PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON  
EXPRESSED REGRET YESTERDAY AT THE DEATH OF CIVILIANS  
IN SUNDAY'S MISSILE RAID AGAINST BAGHDAD.

"I REGRET THAT VERY MUCH BUT I WOULD REMIND YOU THAT  
THE REASON THE MISSION WAS CARRIED OUT AT THE TIME IT  
WAS AND IN THE WAY IT WAS, WAS TO TRY TO MINIMIZE THE  
LOSS OF LIFE,' HE SAID BEFORE HE SET OFF TO ATTEND A  
CHURCH SERVICE IN WASHINGTON.

"SUDAN HAS CONDEMNED AS UNJUSTIFIED THE UNITED  
STATES' CRUISE MISSILE ATTACKS ON SATURDAY AGAINST  
TARGETS IN THE IRAQI CAPITAL, BAGHDAD.

"THE UNITED STATES LAUNCHED THE ATTACKS FROM AIRCRAFT  
CARRIERS POSITIONED IN THE RED SEA AND THE PERSIAN  
GULF AGAINST AN IRAQI INTELLIGENCE SERVICE FACILITY  
AFTER WHAT THE UNITED STATES SAID WAS COMPELLING  
EVIDENCE OF AN IRAQI ATTEMPT TO KILL FORMER PRESIDENT  
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GEORGE BUSH DURING A VISIT TO KUWAIT.

"IN A STATEMENT YESTERDAY NIGHT, THE SUDANESE FOREIGN  
MINISTRY SAID THAT THE RAID HAD TARGETED CIVILIAN  
AREAS AND AS A RESULT INNOCENT WOMEN AND CHILDREN  
WERE KILLED.

"THE U.S. BEHAVIOUR AGAIN SIGNIFIES THAT UNDER THE  
NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER, A SOLE POWER CAN TAKE THE  
LAW INTO ITS HANDS AND BECOME PLAINTIFF AND JUDGE AT  
THE SAME TIME, IT SAID.

"SUDAN SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES ACTION SHOULD HAVE  
BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL THE KUWAITI JUDICIARY HAD MADE A  
RULING ON THE ALLEGED IRAQI PLOT TO KILL FORMER U.S.  
PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH."

END TEXTS.

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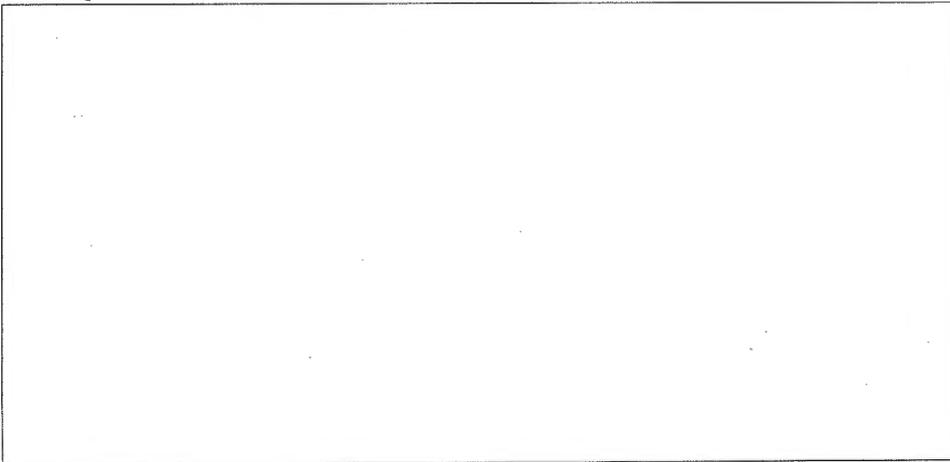
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SUBJECT: UPDATE - POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FORMER

PRESIDENT BUSH

REF: KUWAIT 2686

1. SECRET/NOFORN - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION - REFTEL REPORTED THAT GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT SECURITY PERSONNEL FOILED AN IRAQI GOVERNMENT ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE FORMER PRESIDENT **BUSH** DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO **KUWAIT**. THE IRAQI INFILTRATORS PLANNED TO ASSASSINATE THE FORMER PRESIDENT BY EXPLODING A CAR BOMB NEAR ONE OF HIS PUBLIC APPEARANCES. DURING THE ARREST OF THE INFILTRATORS, KUWAITI SECURITY PERSONNEL SEIZED TWO VEHICLES THAT THEY USED TO INFILTRATE KUWAIT FROM IRAQ.



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4. ALSO SEIZED FROM THE IRAQI INFILTRATORS WERE TEN EXPLOSIVE DEVICES PROBABLY MADE FROM RTX (ACCORDING TO KUWAITI AUTHORITIES), TNT OR ANOTHER HIGH EXPLOSIVE. THESE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES EACH WEIGHED APPROXIMATELY 2 POUNDS AND USED AN ELECTRONIC TIMING DEVICE BUILT INTO THE CENTER OF THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT EACH OF THESE EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WERE SET TO EXPLODE AT DIFFERENT TIMES.

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5. A SECRET SERVICE AGENT AND TECHNICIAN ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN KUWAIT ON APRIL 29, 1993, AND WILL MEET WITH KUWAIT SECURITY PERSONNEL ON SATURDAY, MAY 1.

6. TODAY'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWS ARTICLES ON THIS PLOT WERE FAXED TO NEA/ARP.

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WE  
WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH KUWAITI AUTHORITIES ON THIS MATTER. KUWAITI AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN VERY FORTHCOMING ON ALL OF THE DETAILS

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SURROUNDING THIS MATTER. AS WE LEARN MORE AND MORE  
INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PLOT, IT IS BECOMING CLEAR  
THAT THIS WAS A SERIOUS THREAT AGAINST KUWAIT AND/OR  
THE FORMER PRESIDENT. END COMMENT.

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**SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT THAT KUWAIT FOILED IRAQI ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT BUSH**

1. THE APRIL 25 EDITION OF LONDON-BASED ARABIC LANGUAGE ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT CARRIED A PAGE ONE STORY THAT WE HAVE NOT SEEN REPORTED ELSEWHERE, ACCORDING TO WHICH HIGH-LEVEL KUWAITI SOURCES REVEALED THAT IRAQI INFILTRATORS PENETRATED KUWAIT APRIL 14 AND WERE PLANNING SEVERAL TERRORIST OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE ASSASSINATION OF FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH AND HIS TRAVELLING PARTY. ACCORDING TO THE STORY, KUWAITI AUTHORITIES SUCCEEDED IN SEIZING EIGHT INDIVIDUALS, ONE A KUWAITI CITIZEN AND THE SEVEN OTHERS "BIDOON" OF IRAQI ORIGIN, ALL WORKING FOR IRAQI INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS.

2. WE ARE NOT AWARE IF THE DEPARTMENT AND/OR EMBASSY KUWAIT KNOW OF THIS STORY, AND DRAW IT TO YOUR ATTENTION FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH.

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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: SUDAN/TERRORISM

1. THE INDEPENDENT STANDARD (CIRC. 45,000) AND THE INDEPENDENT NATION (CIRC. 180,000) AUGUST 20 CARRIED EDITORIALS ON U.S. DECISION TO PLACE SUDAN ON THE LIST OF NATIONS SPONSORING TERRORISM. THE STANDARD CALLS THE DECISION "TENUOUS" AND BLAMES THE U.S. FOR "CONTINUED TENDENCY TO WIELD A BIG STICK AT SMALL NATIONS." THE NATION, ON ITS PART, ARGUES THAT IF SUDAN HARBOURS TERRORISTS, IT WILL FACE INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM BOTH EDITORIALS:

2. THE STANDARD EDITORIAL, "U.S. ACTION AGAINST SUDAN DISTURBING":

(QTE) QUESTIONS ARE BEING ASKED WHETHER THE UNITED STATES DID NOT ACT TOO HASTILY ON WEDNESDAY IN PLACING SUDAN ON THE LIST OF NATIONS IT ACCUSES OF SPONSORING TERRORISM. THE EVIDENCE PRODUCED TO JUSTIFY THE DECISION TAKEN BY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER IS AT BEST TENUOUS AND WOULD PERHAPS ONLY SATISFY WHAT AMERICANS CONCEIVE TO BE THEIR ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IT WOULD NOT STAND UP TO RIGOROUS EXAMINATION BY INDEPENDENT MINDS.

WHEN SUDAN FIRMLY DENIED THE U.S. CHARGE THAT "THE CUMULATIVE WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE ESTABLISHES THAT SUDAN

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IS PROVIDING REPEATED SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM," AND CHALLENGED THE UNITED STATES TO COME UP WITH A SINGLE CASE OF A SUDANESE NATIONAL INVOLVED IN A TERRORIST ACT, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, MIKE MCCURRY, WAS EVASIVE....DIPLOMACY AND HEALTHY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CANNOT BE CONDUCTED ON SUSPICION, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THE COLD WAR HAS ENDED. IT EVEN LEADS TO APPREHENSION THAT THE UNITED STATES MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO POSITION AS THE ONLY SUPERPOWER IN THE WORLD TODAY.

WIDESPREAD CONDEMNATION WAS VOICED WHEN...U.S. WARSHIPS UNLEASHED CRUISE MISSILES AT THE IRAQI INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS IN BAGHDAD IN RETALIATION FOR AN ALLEGED PLOT BY IRAQ TO ASSASSINATE FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH WHILE ON A VISIT TO KUWAIT. MANY PEOPLE--WITH A MEASURE OF JUSTIFICATION--SAW THE ATTACK AS "AN ACT OF TERRORISM" AND WONDERED WHETHER--IN THE ABSENCE OF CONCRETE EVIDENCE--TO INVOKE THE NAME OF A FORMER PRESIDENT TO COMMIT AN ACT OF WAR WAS RESPONSIBLE DIPLOMACY. OTHERS SAW IT FOR WHAT IT PROBABLY WAS: A DOMESTIC PALLIATIVE TO ASSUAGE THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND PROP UP PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON'S SAGGING POPULARITY AFTER HIS DISASTROUS START AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

WITH THE DEPARTURE OF REPUBLICANS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, IT HAD BEEN HOPED THAT THE DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION WOULD DEMONSTRATE GREATER SENSIBILITY IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND REFRAIN FROM THE GANG-HO TACTICS OF DEALING WITH SMALLER NATIONS, LIKE THE KIDNAPPING OF MANUEL NORIEGA--DRUG TRAFFICKER OR NOT. IT IS ACCEPTED THAT INTERNATIONAL CRIMES LIKE TERRORISM AND DRUG TRAFFICKING MUST BE HANDLED IN A CONCERTED MANNER IF THEY ARE TO BE ELIMINATED, BUT THEN WHY THE DOUBLE STANDARDS?

THE UNITED STATES ACTION AGAINST SUDAN IS, BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S OWN ADMISSION, LARGELY SYMBOLIC. IT MAKES SUDAN INELIGIBLE FOR NON-HUMANITARIAN U.S. AID AND FOR COMMERCIAL SALES OF U.S. ARMS OR TECHNOLOGY THAT COULD EQUIP TERRORISTS. IT ALSO REQUIRES WASHINGTON TO VETO WORLD BANK LOANS TO KHARTOUM. SUDAN, HOWEVER, RECEIVES NOTHING BUT SOME HUMANITARIAN AID AND COMMERCIAL DEALS ARE MINOR. BUT...A MORE IMPORTANT AIM IS TO PROVOKE U.S. ALLIES TO ACT SIMILARLY AND ISOLATE SUDAN. MORE DISTURBING IS THE CONTINUED AMERICAN TENDENCY TO

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WIELD A BIG STICK AT SMALLER NATIONS; THE PROPENSITY OF WASHINGTON TO CONFUSE NATIONAL GOALS AND INTERNATIONAL ONES. (ENDQTE)

3. THE NATION EDITORIAL, "ANOTHER MINUS ON AFRICA'S SCORECARD":

(QTE) THE DECISION BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO ADD SUDAN /\*\*\*\*\* BEGINNING OF SECTION 002 \*\*\*\*\*/

TO THE LIST OF COUNTRIES IT BELIEVES SPONSOR TERRORISM IS NO HELP TO AFRICAN NATIONS TRYING DESPERATELY TO IMPROVE THEIR STANDING IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD. THE FACT THAT ANOTHER AFRICAN NATION, LIBYA, IS ALREADY ON THE U.S. BLACKLIST...FURTHER SCRAMBLES WESTERN PERCEPTIONS OF THIS CONTINENT, IN WHICH NO CLEAR LINE IS DRAWN BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE REST AND NO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IS MADE OF THE ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS, HISTORICAL, LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES WHICH SEPARATE NATIONS AND REGIONS.

SINCE HE TOOK POWER FROM A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT FOUR YEARS AGO, GENERAL BASHIR HAS SHOWN LITTLE PERCEPTION OF THE JULIUS NYERERE-LIKE SUBTLETIES THAT ARE REQUIRED IN RULING A PART-MUSLIM/PART-CHRISTIAN/PART-AFRICAN NATION. INDEED, HIS ISLAMIC PARTIALITY AND EVIDENT CARELESSNESS OF CHRISTIAN AND SOUTHERN RIGHTS HAS GUARANTEED AN INTENSIFICATION OF ARMED OPPOSITION AND A DEEPENING SPLIT IN NATIONAL COGNISANCE.

IF IT IS TRUE THAT GENERAL BASHIR IS HARBOURING TERRORISTS, THEN HE CAN LOOK FORWARD ONLY TO INCREASING INTERNATIONAL ISOLATION AS THE UNITED STATES AND PERHAPS EVENTUALLY THE UNITED NATIONS PUT THE SCREWS ON THE CIVILISED COMITY OF NATIONS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE DAYS OF CARLOS THE JACKAL AND HIS SPONSORS ARE FINALLY OVER. AS LIBYA HAS FOUND OUT TO ITS DISCOMFORT, INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS CAN WORK AND SUDAN HAS NOTHING LIKE THE WEALTH OF COLONEL GADDAFI TO FIGHT A LONG REARGUARD ACTION.

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**BODY**

SUBJECT: TUNIS MEDIA REACTION, JULY 7, 1993

1. SUMMARY: THE BI-LINGUAL WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE L'OBSERVATEUR THIS WEEK CARRIES TWO COMMENTARIES CRITICAL OF THE RECENT U.S. STRIKE AGAINST IRAQ'S INTELLIGENCE CENTER. BOTH REJECT THE U.S. EXCUSE THAT THE OPERATION WAS LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE. A LENGTHY COMMENTARY IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY LA PRESSE ON FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY INCLUDES COMMENTARY ON U.S.-EUROPEAN DIFFERENCES, MANL REGARDING IRAQ. END SUMMARY.

## 2. IRAQ:

--L'OBSERVATEUR, COMMENTARY BY MONCEF DELLAGI, TITLED "U.S. RAID AGAINST BAGHDAD...":

"AMERICA'S LEGAL SELF-JUSTIFICATION IS WHAT IS DANGEROUS AND REGRETTABLE. THE U.S. INVOKED THE RIGHT OF LEGITIMATE DEFENSE AS PROVIDED BY THE U.N. CHARTER, ARGUING THAT ITS SECURITY WAS ENDANGERED BY THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST GEORGE BUSH. HOWEVER, THIS SAME CHARTER ALSO PROVIDES THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED. THE U.S. ARGUED THAT A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE GEORGE BUSH WHILE HE WAS VISITING KUWAIT WAS HATCHED BY THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT. SINCE THE PLOT TOOK PLACE IN KUWAIT, THE KUWAITI JUSTICE SYSTEM WAS CALLED IN...BUT EVEN BEFORE

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THE JUDGMENT WAS DELIVERED...WASHINGTON STRUCK BAGHDAD. IN SUM, THE U.S. RENDERED SUMMARY JUSTICE ON BEHALF OF A PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZEN, GEORGE BUSH. THIS IS VERY SERIOUS, FOR IT CAN ONLY ALTER INTERNATIONAL LEGALITY AND ENCOURAGE THE SYSTEMATIC USE OF FORCE AND RECOURSE TO PRIVATE JUSTICE. THIS IS CONTRARY TO...INTERNATIONAL LAW...(AND) THE CONFLICTS WHICH ARE ARISING ACROSS THE GLOBE DEMAND RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW."

--L'OBSERVATEUR, COMMENTARY BY SAMI SAIDI, TITLED "IRAQ-US: THE 'ILLEGITIMATE' DEFENSE":

"THE HEADQUARTERS OF IRAQ'S INTELLIGENCE CENTER WAS RECENTLY THE TARGET OF A U.S. MISSILE ATTACK. A STEALTH ATTACK LAUNCHED UNDER THE VAGUE JUSTIFICATION OF LEGITIMATE DEFENSE. IRAQ HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN THE TARGET OF NUMEROUS MISSILE ATTACKS JUSTIFIED IN VARIOUS WAYS, BUT ALL HAVING THE SAME OBJECTIVE...WHAT DANGER TO THE VITAL INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN SUCH A COUNTRY, WEAKENED...AND SUFFERING FOR MONTHS FROM A TOTAL AND UNJUSTIFIED EMBARGO, REPRESENT?! THE DANGER CITED ONLY EXISTS IN THE MINDS OF U.S. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS.

"THE BOMBING A U.N. MEMBER COUNTRY, WITHOUT ANY PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND WITHOUT (PRIOR) UNANIMOUS CONDEMNATION FOR PRACTICING TERRORISM, IS OPEN TO DUAL CRITICISM. FIRST, BECAUSE NOT A SINGLE PARTY - NEITHER THE UNITED NATIONS NOR THE WORLD COMMUNITY, IN GENERAL - WAS AWARE OF THE BASIS OR AND SCOPE OF THE OPERATION...SECOND, BECAUSE THE ALLEGED EVIDENCE WAS QUESTIONABLE... THE ONLY ALIBI OFFERED, THE PUBLICATION IN THE IRAQI PRESS OF CERTAIN ARTICLES CALLING FOR WARFARE AGAINST U.S. WORLDWIDE, DID NOT  
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WHITE HOUSE FORHOBFSOAXTHE THE POST COLD WAR PERIOD - FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET EMPIRE AND THE GULF WAR - TWO NEW "ORDERS" WERE BORN. THE FIRST ONE WAS CALLED THE NEW WORLD ORDER WHICH, IN THE MINDS OF ITS ARCHITECT - THE U.S. - WAS BASED ON TWO PRINCIPLES: HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW. THE SECOND, A MORE DIPLOMATIC U.S. LEADERSHIP, HAD A VERY SHORT LIFE UNDER PRESIDENT BUSH WHO GOVERNED AS THE WORLD'S SOLE MASTER. THE USE MADE OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL BY THE FORMER U.S. ADMINISTRATION WAS CHIEFLY TO FORCE IRAQ TO ITS KNEES, A

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USE WHICH EARNED FOR THE U.S. A HOST OF CRITICISM. SOME DID NOT HESITATE TO CALL THE UNITED NATIONS NOTHING MORE THAN A TOOL OF THE U.S...

"THE IRAQI-WESTERN CONFLICT IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE...CONTRARY TO FRENCH SOCIALISM, WHICH WAS CLEARLY ALIGNED WITH WASHINGTON, THE VIEW OF THE FRENCH RIGHT...IN THE WAKE OF U.S. ATTACK AGAINST THE HEADQUARTERS OF IRAQ'S INTELLIGENCE CENTER, CAN BE SUMMARIZED IN TWO SENTENCES: 'NO' TO ANY DESTABILIZATION OF THE IRAQI STATE, WHICH IN PARIS' EYES REPRESENTS BALANCE IN THE GULF AND 'NO' TO ANY ACTION AGAINST IRAQ OUTSIDE THE U.N. FRAMEWORK. SUCH AN ATTITUDE OPPOSES WASHINGTON'S, WHOSE DECLARED OBJECTIVE IS THE DEPARTURE OF SADDAM HUSSEIN AND WHO STILL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ATTACK AGAIN...IN RESPONSE TO ANY IRAQI 'THREATS.'" BULLOCK

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TAGS: PTER, PGOV, PREL, ASEC, SCOM, KU

SUBJECT: BUSH PLOT VERDICT DELAYED FOR THE SECOND TIME

REF: (A) KUWAIT 6561 (10/31/93)

(B) KUWAIT 7301 (12/08/93)

1. (U) ON DECEMBER 25 JUDGE SALAH AL-FAHD OF THE KUWAIT STATE SECURITY COURT POSTPONED INDEFINITELY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VERDICT IN THE CASE OF THE FOURTEEN MEN ACCUSED OF PLOTTING TO ASSASSINATE FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH DURING HIS APRIL VISIT TO KUWAIT. THE JUDGE STATED THAT HE HAD DECIDED TO POSTPONE THE VERDICT A SECOND TIME (ON OCTOBER 30 IT HAD BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL DECEMBER 25) BECAUSE THE COURT WISHES TO REEXAMINE KUWAITI INTELLIGENCE OFFICER ABDUL SAMAD AL-SHATTI, THE CHIEF PROSECUTION WITNESS, ON FEBRUARY 5, 1994, IN EFFECT REOPENING THE CASE.

2. (U) AL-SHATTI, A COLONEL IN THE KUWAIT STATE SECURITY (KSS), WAS IN CHARGE OF ARRESTING THE DEFENDANTS. AT THE TIME OF THE ARRESTS, AL-SHATTI ASSERTED THAT "SECRET SOURCES IN IRAQ" HAD ALERTED HIM TO A BOMBING PLOT. THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS MAINTAIN THAT AL-SHATTI KNEW ONLY OF AN ALCOHOL SMUGGLING OPERATION. THE JUDGE ADDED THAT HE MIGHT ALSO DECIDE TO REEXAMINE CERTAIN DEFENDANTS (HE DID NOT SAY WHICH ONES) AS PART OF HIS GOAL "NOT TO DO INJUSTICE TO AN INNOCENT."

3. (U) IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE TRIAL SALEM NASSER ROUMI, ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS, WAS TAKEN TO A LOCAL HOSPITAL AFTER COMPLAINING OF PAIN. WHEN LEFT UNGUARDED IN ONE OF THE HOSPITAL ROOMS, HE

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ATTEMPTED TO CLIMB OUT THE WINDOW BUT WAS APPREHENDED BEFORE HE COULD ESCAPE.

4. (C) COMMENT: THIS MOST RECENT DELAY INDICATES THAT THE KUWAITI JUDICIAL SYSTEM TAKES THIS CASE EXTREMELY SERIOUSLY AND DOES NOT WANT TO ISSUE A VERDICT UNTIL ALL ANGLES HAVE BEEN EXPLORED. PRESENT AT THE DECEMBER 25 SESSION WAS MIDDLE EAST WATCH REPRESENTATIVE AZIZ ABU HAMED, A SAUDI NATIONAL, WHO COMMENTED THAT HE VIEWED THE JUDGE'S DECISION TO REEXAMINE AS A POSITIVE ONE. THE REEXAMINATION WILL ALSO GIVE THE DEFENSE THE RIGHT TO MAKE ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTS IF THE DEFENSE ATTORNEYS SO DESIRE. END COMMENT. DEBELL

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**BODY**

TAGS: ASEC, PTER

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH

1. SECRET/NOFORN - ENTIRE TEXT

2. SUMMARY - ON APRIL 26, 1993, KUWAITI NEWSPAPERS DESCRIBED AN IRAQI GOVERNMENT PLOT TO ASSASSINATE FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH AND TO DESTABILIZE THE COUNTRY. ON APRIL 27, 1993, THE DIRECTOR OF KUWAIT STATE SECURITY (KSS) AND THE CROWN PRINCE CONFIRMED THAT KUWAIT SECURITY PERSONNEL FOILED AN ATTEMPT BY IRAQI INFILTRATORS TO ASSASSINATE FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH DURING HIS VISIT TO KUWAIT AND TO PLANT BOMBS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS PART OF A PLAN TO DESTABILIZE KUWAIT. IN APPREHENDING THESE INFILTRATORS, KUWAITI SECURITY PERSONNEL SEIZED WEAPONS, EXPLOSIVES, AND TWO VEHICLES. CONCEALED IN ONE OF THESE VEHICLES WAS APPROXIMATELY 80 KILOS OF EXPLOSIVES. THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH THE CROWN PRINCE AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE. GOK AUTHORITIES OFFICIALS STATED THAT THEY WOULD PROVIDE US WITH ANY AND ALL INFORMATION SURROUNDING THEIR INVESTIGATION. END SUMMARY

3. ON APRIL 26, 1993, KUWAITI NEWSPAPERS, CITING A LONDON BASED NEWSPAPER, CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLES DESCRIBING HOW KUWAIT SECURITY PERSONNEL UNCOVERED AN IRAQI PLOT TO ASSASSINATE FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO KUWAIT AND TO BOMB SEVERAL

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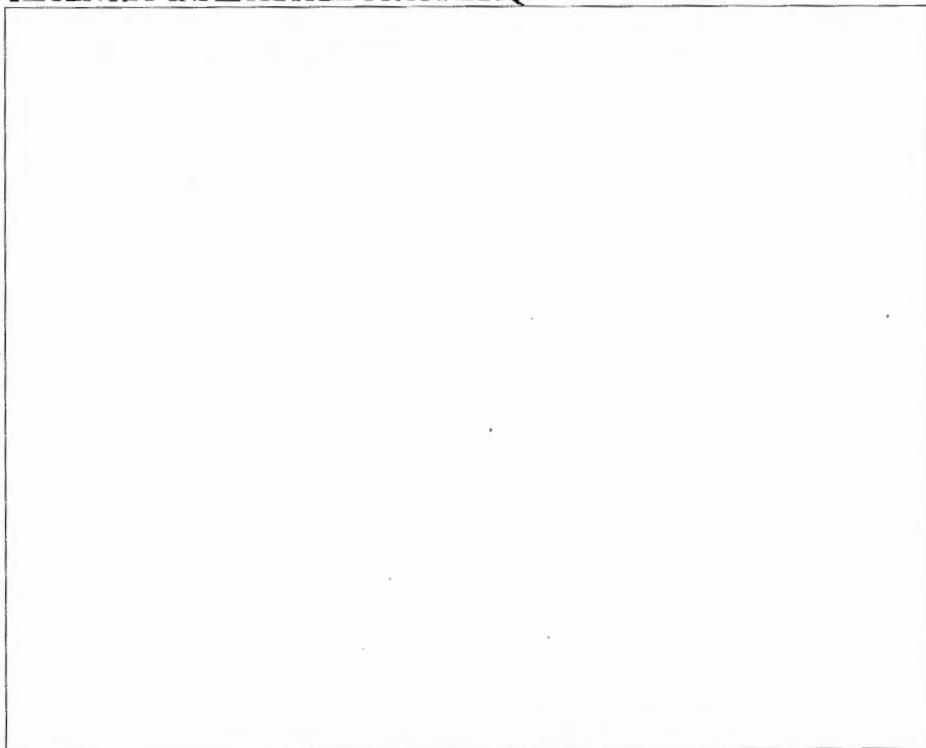
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PLACES IN KUWAIT AS PART OF A PLAN TO DESTABILIZE THE COUNTRY. THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES REPORTED THAT KUWAIT SECURITY FORCES HAD BROKEN THE IRAQI TERRORIST CELL SHORTLY AFTER THEY HAD INFILTRATED THE COUNTRY. THE GOVERNMENT OF KUWAIT (GOK) CONFIRMED TO THE U.S. EMBASSY ON APRIL 26, THAT THESE REPORTS WERE FACTUAL, BUT ASKED TO DELAY BRIEFING US UNTIL THE NEXT DAY.

4. ON APRIL 27, THE RSO AND AARO MET WITH THE DIRECTOR OF KUWAIT STATE SECURITY (KSS) TO ASCERTAIN DETAILS OF THESE RECENT NEWSPAPER REPORTS. ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTOR, ON APRIL 13, 1993, KSS HAS INFORMED

[REDACTED] THAT AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF IRAQI AGENTS WERE PLANNING TO INFILTRATE KUWAIT TO DESTABILIZE THE COUNTRY. AT THIS TIME, KSS CLAIMS THEY HAD NO INFORMATION WHICH INDICATED THAT THE MISSION OF THESE IRAQIS HAS TO ASSASSINATE FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH. THE DIRECTOR STATED THAT DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF APRIL 15, KUWAITI SECURITY PERSONNEL, ACTING ON THE INFORMATION [REDACTED] [REDACTED] ARRESTED 17 PERSONNEL (4 IRAQIS, 12 STATELESS BIDOON, 1 KUWAITI BORN IN IRAQ) WHO HAD RECENTLY INFILTRATED FROM IRAQ.

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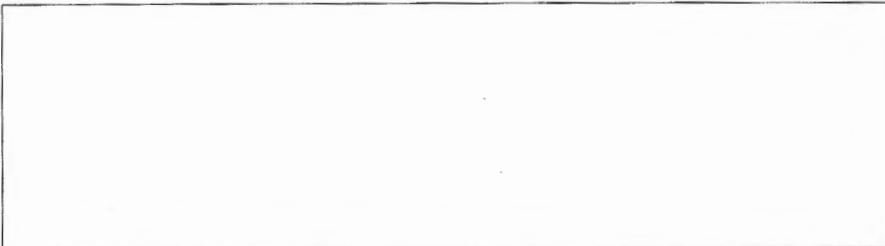


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7. IN ARRESTING THE 17 INFILTRATORS, KSS ALSO SEIZED TWO VEHICLES. THESE VEHICLES WERE DISCOVERED TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN DURING THE IRAQI OCCUPATION OF KUWAIT. DURING THEIR INITIAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES KSS HAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY. AFTER THE IRAQI INFILTRATORS INSTRUCTED THEM WHERE TO LOOK FOR THE EXPLOSIVES, KSS DISCOVERED APPROXIMATELY 80 /\*\*\*\*\* BEGINNING OF SECTION 002 \*\*\*\*\*/

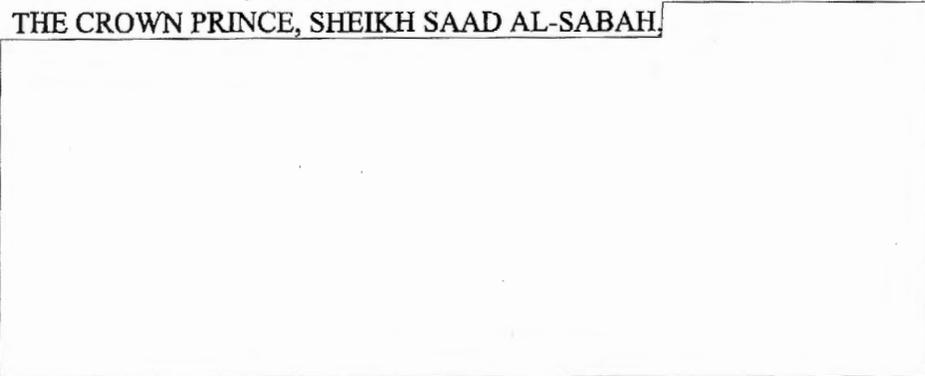
KILOS OF AN UNKNOWN EXPLOSIVE PLACED IN THE PANELS OF ONE OF THE VEHICLES. THE VEHICLE HAS DUAL PRIMED AND COULD HAVE BEEN DETONATED BY REMOTE CONTROL OR WITH AN ELECTRIC DETONATOR FROM INSIDE THE VEHICLE. THE

8. THE KSS DIRECTOR STATED THAT THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO THIS ALLEGED PLOT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. HE SAID THAT KSS WOULD PROVIDE US WITH THE FULL DETAILS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION INCLUDING ALLOWING US TO LOOK AT THE VEHICLE CONTAINING THE EXPLOSIVES. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE US WITH ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS SURFACING AT A LATER DATE.



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10. ON APRIL 27, 1993, FOLLOWING A RECEPTION FOR "DESERT PEACE", THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH THE CROWN PRINCE, SHEIKH SAAD AL-SABAH,



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11. ON APRIL 28, THE AMBASSADOR MET WITH SHEIKH ALI AL-SABAH, THE DEFENSE MINISTER AND ACTING INTERIOR MINISTER. IN RESPONSE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S QUESTIONS,

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12. COMMENT: THE SECURITY SURROUNDING THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO KUWAIT INVOLVED THOUSANDS OF KUWAITI SECURITY PERSONNEL AND THE US SECRET SERVICE. THE PLACING OF A CAR BOMB NEAR ENOUGH TO KILL THE FORMER PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT GIVEN THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE. HOWEVER, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT TO STOP A PERSON WILLING TO COMMIT SUICIDE. FORTUNATELY, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THE IRAQI INFILTRATORS WERE WILLING TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

13. COMMENT CONTINUED: THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO US BY THE KUWAITIS GAINS CREDIBILITY BY THE DETAILS ON THE CAR BOMB, EXPLOSIVES, TIMING DEVICE, ETC. WE WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO COMMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT IRAQIS WERE PLANNING A SIGNIFICANT TERRORIST EVENT INSIDE OF KUWAIT ONCE WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE FIRSTHAND. AT THIS POINT THE KUWAITIS ARE COOPERATING FULLY IN SHARING INFORMATION WITH US. (THE DEFENSE MINISTER/ACTING INTERIOR MINISTER SAID THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTED KSS AND MOI TO PROVIDE USG AND SECRET SERVICE PERSONNEL WITH ANY AND ALL INFORMATION ON THE INCIDENT.)

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