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~~(S)~~ While engaging SSA George L. Piro in casual conversation in his detention cell, Saddam Hussein provided the following information:

~~(S)~~ Saddam Hussein stated on most days his work schedule consisted of meeting ordinary Iraqi citizens. Hussein preferred to meet them where they worked or lived instead of his office. Normally, Hussein tried to schedule time between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to interact with the Iraqi citizens. Hussein preferred to drive himself and would direct his protective detail to ride as passengers, which gave him the ability to stop whenever and wherever he wanted. Hussein took advantage of this time to address individual issues with citizens, which included discussions involving medical issues, personal grievances, etc.

~~(S)~~ Hussein enjoyed exchanging ideas with those around him for purposes of developing solutions. He encouraged those around him to discuss issues and exchange ideas amongst each other as well as with him. However, Hussein did not enjoy debating others, even though he considered himself an excellent debater, and superior to those around him. Whenever there were debates, Hussein stated he normally wouldn't take part, and would remain silent.

~~(S)~~ Hussein discussed individuals either related or close to him within the former Iraqi Government. Hussein stated Tariq Aziz (Black List #25) was very intelligent, and had the most knowledge regarding the West of all the Ba'ath Party officials. Aziz was an excellent speaker, as he was a former English teacher and former editor of the Ba'ath Party newspaper.

~~(S)~~ Hussein stated Ali Hasan Al-Majid (Black List #5) thought like an Arab. SSA Piro stated Al-Majid thought like a Bedouin, and Hussein stated that is what he meant to say. Al-Majid had limited experience outside of his tribe and his decisions were based on that limited experience. However, Al-Majid followed orders and carried out his duties as instructed.

~~(S)~~ Hussein described former Vice President, Taha Yasin Ramadan's (Black List #20) personality as open. Ramadan was the

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type of individual who continually talked about himself, which Hussein allowed him to do.

~~(S)~~ Hussein then discussed his two half brothers, Barzan Ibrahim Hasan (Black List #38) and Watban Ibrahim Hasan (Black List #37). Hussein stated Barzan was very intelligent, but had a closed personality. SSA Piro told Hussein that Barzan was not very friendly, and would not be the type of person with whom SSA Piro could develop a friendship. Hussein laughed, and stated that SSA Piro knew Barzan's personality. Hussein then stated Watban was the opposite of Barzan, friendly but simple. According to Hussein, Watban could not carry out his Ministerial duties and was not capable of handling political positions or issues.

~~(S)~~ SSA Piro inquired about Abid Hamid Mahmoud (Black List #4), Hussein's Presidential Secretary. Hussein stated Abid was a good and loyal employee who carried out his duties and orders well. Hussein then asked SSA Piro his opinion of Abid. SSA Piro described to Hussein the meaning of a "used car salesman." Hussein again laughed and stated SSA Piro was correct in his description of Abid.

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