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SUBJ: IRAQI WARNING RE IRANIAN OFFENSIVE

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1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN PREPARING IRAQI PUBLIC OPINION FOR MAJOR IMMINENT HOSTILITIES, A STATEMENT BY A MILITARY SPOKESMAN EVENING FEB 21 WARNED THAT A LARGE SCALE IRANIAN OFFENSIVE IS IMMINENT AIMED AT OCCUPYING IRAQI POPULATION CENTERS. THE STATEMENT GOES ON TO DECLARE THAT IRAQ WILL NOT CONFINE ITSELF TO A STATIC DEFENSE BUT WOULD BE COMPELLED TO STRIKE DEEP INSIDE IRANIAN TERRITORY. THE STATEMENT THEN GIVES A CHILLING WARNING THAT GW AGENTS MIGHT BE EMPLOYED STATING THAT "THE INVADERS SHOULD KNOW THAT FOR EVERY HARMFUL INSECT THERE IS AN INSECTICIDE CAPABLE OF ANNIHILATING IT WHATEVER THEIR NUMBER AND IRAQ POSSESSES THIS ANNIHILATION INSECTICIDE".

3. ADDITIONALLY, IRAQI RADIO MORNING OF FEB 22 BROADCAST A MESSAGE BY SADOAM TO THE ARMY AND POPULAR ARMY IN WHICH HE REMINDED THEM THAT THEY FACE AN IMMINENT IRANIAN ATTACK DESIGNED AMONG OTHER THINGS TO SEIZE IRAQI LAND, VIOLATE IRAQI WOMEN AND COLONIZE THE COUNTRY. HE EXHORTED THE TROOPS TO DEFEND THE HOMELAND AT ALL COSTS. IN A LATER BROADCAST, THE CORPS COMMANDER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BASRA AREA SAYS THAT AS IN "EAST OF BASRA I" (REFERRING TO THE SUMMER 1972 BATTLE NEAR THE CITY) HIS TROOPS DURING "EAST OF BASRA II" WILL CRUSH THE ENEMY.

4. COMMENT:

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