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SUBJ: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE U.S. ACTION AGAINST IRAQ

1. PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE U.S. MILITARY ACTION AGAINST THE IRAQI INTELLIGENCE SVC HEADQUARTERS WHICH WAS BROADCAST ON JUNE 26, 1993, AT 7:30 P.M. EDT, IS PROVIDED IN PARA 2. ADDITIONALLY, PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE IN THE FORM OF A STATEMENT AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IS PROVIDED IN PARA 3.

2. THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. MY FELLOW AMERICANS. THIS EVENING I WANT TO SPEAK WITH YOU ABOUT AN ATTACK BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ AGAINST THE U.S AND THE ACTIONS WE HAVE JUST TAKEN TO RESPOND. PARA. THIS PAST APRIL THE KUWAITI GOVERNMENT UNCOVERED WHAT THEY SUSPECTED WAS A CAR BOMBING PLOT TO ASSASSINATE FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH WHILE HE WAS VISITING KUWAIT CITY. THE KUWAITI AUTHORITIES ARRESTED 16 SUSPECTS, INCLUDING TWO IRAQI NATIONALS. FOLLOWING THOSE ARRESTS, I ORDERED OUR OWN INTELLIGENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH AND INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, OFFICIALS FROM THOSE AGENCIES REVIEWED A RANGE OF INTELLIGENCE INFO, TRAVELED TO KUWAIT AND ELSEWHERE, EXTENSIVELY INTERVIEWED THE SUSPECTS, AND THOROUGHLY EXAMINED THE FORENSIC EVIDENCE. PARA. THIS THURSDAY, ATTORNEY GENERAL RENO AND DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE WOOLSEY GAVE ME THEIR FINDINGS. BASED ON THEIR INVESTIGATION, THERE IS COMPELLING EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS A PLOT TO ASSASSINATE FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH, AND THAT THIS PLOT, WHICH INCLUDED THE USE OF A POWERFUL BOMB MADE IN IRAQ, WAS DIRECTED AND PURSUED BY THE IRAQI INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. PARA. WE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED BY SUCH DEEDS, COMING AS THEY DO FROM A REGIME LIKE SADDAM HUSSEIN WHICH IS RULED BY ATROCITY, SLAUGHTERED HIS OWN PEOPLE, INVADDED TWO NEIGHBORS, ATTACKED OTHERS, AND ENGAGED IN CHEMICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE. SADDAM HAS REPEATEDLY VIOLATED THE WILL AND CONSCIENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. BUT THIS ATTEMPT

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AT REVENGE BY A TYRANT AGAINST THE LEADER OF THE WORLD COALITION THAT DEFEATED HIM IN WAR IS PARTICULARLY LOATHSOME/COWARDLY. WE THANK GOD IT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. THE AUTHORITIES WHO FOILED IT HAVE THE APPRECIATION OF ALL AMERICANS. PARA. IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS WAS NO IMPULSIVE OR RANDOM ACT. IT WAS AN ELABORATE PLAN DEVISED BY THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT AND DIRECTED AGAINST A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE OF ACTIONS HE TOOK AS PRESIDENT. AS SUCH, THE IRAQI ATTACK AGAINST PRESIDENT

NT BUSH WAS AN ATTACK AGAINST OUR COUNTRY AND AGAINST ALL AMERICANS. PARA. WE COULD NOT AND HAVE NOT LET SUCH ACTION AGAINST OUR NATION GO UNANSWERED. FROM THE FIRST DAYS OF OUR REVOLUTION, AMERICA'S SECURITY HAS DEPENDED ON THE CLARITY OF THIS MESSAGE, "DON'T TREAD ON US." AFFIRMED AND COMMENSURATE RESPONSE WAS ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT OUR SOVEREIGNTY, TO SEND A MSG TO THOSE WHO ENGAGE IN STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM, TO DETER FURTHER VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR PEOPLE, AND TO AFFIRM THE EXPECTATION OF CIVILIZED BEHAVIOR AMONG NATIONS. PARA. THEREFORE, ON FRIDAY I ORDERED OUR FORCES TO LAUNCH A CRUISE MISSILE ATTACK ON THE IRAQI INTELLIGENCE SERVICE'S PRINCIPAL COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITY IN BAGHDAD. THOSE MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED THIS AFTERNOON AT 4:22 EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME. THEY LANDED APPROX AN HOUR AGO. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS ACTION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND WITH OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS IN THE REGION, AND I HAVE CALLED FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL TO EXPOSE IRAQ'S CRIME. PARA. THESE ACTIONS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT, WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATION PLOT. SADDAM HUSSEIN HAS DEMONSTRATED REPEATEDLY THAT HE WILL RESORT TO TERRORISM OR AGGRESSION IF LEFT UNCHECKED. OUR INTENT WAS TO TARGET IRAQ'S CAPACITY TO SUPPORT VIOLENCE AGAINST THE U.S. AND OTHER NATIONS AND TO DETER SADDAM HUSSEIN FROM SUPPORTING SUCH OUTLAW BEHAVIOR IN THE FUTURE. PARA. THEREFORE, WE DIRECTED OUR ACTION AGAINST A FACILITY ASSOCIATED WITH IRAQ-SUPPORTED TERRORISM WHILE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO MINIMIZE THE LOSS OF INNOCENT LIVES' PARA. THERE SHOULD BE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THE MSG WE INTEND THESE ACTIONS TO CONVEY TO SADDAM HUSSEIN, TO THE REST OF THE IRAQI LEADERSHIP, AND TO ANY NATION, GROUP, OR PERSON WHO WOULD HARM OUR LEADERS OR OUR CITIZENS. WE WILL COMBAT TERRORISM. WE WILL DETER AGGRESSION. WE WILL PROTECT OUR PEOPLE. PARA. THE WORLD HAS REPEATEDLY MADE CLEAR WHAT IRAQ MUST DO TO RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS, AND IRAQ HAS REPEATEDLY REFUSED. IF SADDAM AND HIS REGIME CONTEMPLATE FURTHER ILLEGAL, PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS, THEY CAN BE CERTAIN OF OUR RESPONSE. PARA. LET ME SAY TO THE MEN AND WOMEN IN OUR ARMED FORCES AND OUR INTELLIGENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WHO CARRIED OUT THE INVESTIGATION AND OUR MILITARY RESPONSE. YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE AND THE GRATITUDE OF ALL AMERICANS. YOU HAVE PERFORMED A DIFFICULT MISSION WITH

COURAGE AND PROFESSIONALISM.PARA.FINALLY,I WANT TO SAY THIS TO ALL TH AMERICAN PEOPLE.WHILE THE COLD WAR HAS ENDED,THE WORLD IS NOT FREE OF DANGER.I AM DETERMINED TO TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO KEEP OUR NATION SECURE.WE WILL KEEP OUR FORCES READY TO FIGHT.WE WILL WORK TO HEAD OF EMERGING THREATS.AND WE WILL TAKE ACTION WHEN ACTION IS REQUIRED.THAT IS PRECISELY WHAT WE HAVE DONE TODAY.PARA.THANK YOU,AND GOD BLESS AMERICA. (END).

3.STATEMENT: TOMAHAWK CRUISE MISSILES FROM U.S. NAVY SHIPS STRUCK THE IRAQI INTELLIGENCE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS IN BAGHDAD AT ABOUT 6:00 P.M. EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME,SATURDAY, JUNE 26. (2:00 A.M., JUNE 27 IN BAGHDAD.)

4. THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS MAY BE USED IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES:

Q1: WHAT TIME DID THE STRIKE BEGIN?

A1:THE MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED AT 4:22 P.M. EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME. THE MISSILES STRUCK THEIR INTENDED TARGET AT APPROX 6:00 P.M. EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME, 26 JUNE OR 2:00 A.M., 27 JUNE, BAGHDAD TIME.

Q2: WHAT UNITS WERE INVOLVED IN THE STRIKE? U.S.? COALITION?

A2: THIS WAS A U.S. UNILATERAL OPERATION WHICH INVOLVED UNITS OF THE UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND.

Q3: WHAT TYPE OF ORDNANCE WAS USED?TOMAHAWK?SMART BOMBS? VIDEO GUIDED MISSILES? WHAT PLATFORMS WERE USED? (SUBS, SHIPS, AIR).

A3:THE STRIKE WAS CONDUCTED UTILIZING TOMAHAWK LAND ATTACK MISSILES. TWO NAVAL COMBATANTS WERE THE LAUNCH PLATFORMS, THE USS CHANCELLORSVILLE(CG62),AN AEGIS CRUISER AND THE USS PETERSON(DD 969), DESTROYER.

Q4: WHO COMMANDED THE OPERATION?

A4: GEN HOAR IS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF U.S.CENTRAL COMMAND. THE NAVAL UNITS INVOLVED ARE ASSIGNED TO COMMANDER, UNITED STATES NAVY CENTRAL COMMAND (COMUSNAVCENT), VICE ADMIRAL DOUGLAS KATZ.

Q5: WHAT WERE THE TARGETS?

A5: THE TARGET WAS THE IRAQI INTELLIGENCE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS.

Q6: WHAT WAS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SELECTED TARGETS?

A6:THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH HAS BEEN LINKED TO THE IRAQI INTELLIGENCE SERVICE.

Q7:WHAT BATTLE DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS HAVE BN MADE REGARDING THE TARGETS?

A7: TBD

Q8: WHICH COUNTRIES ALLOWED OVERFLIGHTS OF THE TOMAHAWKS FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN?

A8: AS A MATTER OF POLICY, WE DO NOT DISCUSS STRIKE ROUTES OF THE TOMAHAWK MISSILES.

Q9:HAVE WE TARGETED SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES (SAM) BATTERIES? IF SO,IS THERE ANY INDICATION OF SUCCESS?

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A9: THE PLANNED TARGET WAS THE IRAQI INTELLIGENCE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS AND THAT WAS THE TARGET STRUCK.

Q10: HAVE TARGETS NORTH OF THE 36TH PARALLEL AND SOUTH OF THE 32ND PARALLEL BEEN ATTACKED?

A10: NO.

Q11: DID WE CONSIDER IRAQI COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTERS (SADDAM HUSSEIN) AS TARGETS?

A11: WE DON'T TALK ABOUT OUR TARGETING PROCEDURES.

Q12: ARE WE/WILL WE ATTACK TARGETS IN CIVILIAN POPULATION CENTERS?

A12: IT IS NOT OUR POLICY TO TARGET CIVILIANS.

Q13: ARE YOU PREPARED TO CONTINUE THE STRIKES INDEFINITELY?

A13: THIS STRIKE WAS FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE. THE UNITED STATES HOPES THAT IRAQ'S CONDUCT WILL SATISFACTORILY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF UN RESOLUTION 67 AND THAT IRAQ WILL FULFILL ITS OBLIGATIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

Q14: WAS THERE ANY DAMAGE TO OUR SHIPS OR CREWS?

A14: TBD

Q15: WERE THERE ANY REPORTS OF IRAQI CASUALTIES?

A15: WE HAVE NO WAY OF CONFIRMING THE REPORTS FROM IRAQ. HOWEVER, THE STRIKE WAS DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES.

Q16: WHAT SPECIFIC ACTIONS OR EVENTS LED TO THE DECISION TO ATTACK AT THIS TIME?

A16: VERIFICATION OF COMPELLING EVIDENCE OF IRAQ'S ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH DURING HIS VISIT TO KUWAIT DURING 14, 16 APR. THE STRIKE WAS UNDERTAKEN FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND DIRECTED AGAINST THE AGENCY WE BELIEVE TO BE IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING AND CONDUCTING THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH.

Q17: WHAT IS THE MILITARY OBJECTIVE OF THIS OPERATION?

A17: TO DISRUPT THE IRAQI INTELLIGENCE SERVICE'S CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT TERRORIST OPERATIONS.

Q18: WHAT ROLE DID PRESIDENT CLINTON PLAY IN THE DECISION? DID HIS PEOPLE FULLY UNDERSTAND THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE USE OF MILITARY POWER IN THIS CASE?

A18: THE PRESIDENT, AFTER BEING BRIEFED ON THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION OF THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT BUSH, DIRECTED THE MILITARY ACTION.

Q19: WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON THE GROUND OR AIR FORCES ASSIGNED ELSEWHERE? WILL ANY UNITS BE DEPLOYED TO THE REGION AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THIS STRIKE?

A19: WE DO NOT DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THE MOVEMENTS OF U.S. FORCES. WE

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DO MAINTAIN SIGNIFICANT FORCES IN THE REGION.

Q20: WAS THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL CONSULTED PRIOR TO THE STRIKE? WHO ELSE WAS CONSULTED?

A20: APPROPRIATE NOTIFICATIONS WERE MADE PRIOR TO THE STRIKE. REFER FURTHER QUESTIONS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

Q21: WAS WARNING GIVEN TO SADDAM HUSSEIN PRIOR TO THIS ATTACK? IF SO, WAS THERE A REACTION?

A21: NO WARNING WAS GIVEN.

Q22: HAS THERE BEEN A REACTION BY THE IRAQI MILITARY?

A22: TBD.

Q23: IS IRAQ CAPABLE OF A MILITARY ATTACK AGAINST THE U.S. OR A U.S. ALLY IN THE GULF REGION? WHAT WOULD BE THE PROBABLE RESPONSE TO SUCH AN ATTACK?

A23: WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE AN IRAQI MILITARY REACTION. HOWEVER, OUR FORCES IN THE AREA POSSESS SIGNIFICANT CAPABILITY TO COUNTER ANY IRAQI REACTION.

Q24: IN ADDITION TO THE CRUISE MISSILES, DID AIRCRAFT DELIVER ORDNANCE? WERE ELECTRONIC WARFARE AIRCRAFT USED? WHAT TYPE AND HOW?

A24: THE STRIKE WAS CONDUCTED BY TLAM MISSILES ONLY.

Q25: HOW MANY TLAMS WERE LAUNCHED?

A25: TWENTY THREE MISSILES WERE LAUNCHED, 14 FROM THE USS PETERSON AND NINE FROM THE USS CHANCELLORSVILLE.

Q26: CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE JUSTIFICATION UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR A UNILATERAL STRIKE OF THIS KIND?

A26: WE VIEW THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION AS AN ATTACK AGAINST THE U.S. AND EXERCISED OUR RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE UNDER ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

Q27: CAN YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT THE TOMAHAWK MISSILE?

A27: IT IS AN ALL-WEATHER CRUISE MISSILE WITH A NAUTICAL RANGE OF MORE THAN 600 MILES.

Q28: HOW MUCH DOES A TOMAHAWK MISSILE COST?

A28: APPROXIMATELY \$1.1 MILLION PER MISSILE.

Q29: WHEN WAS THE LAST U.S. CRUISE MISSILE ATTACK ON IRAQ?

A29: THE ZAAFARANIYH NUCLEAR FABRICATION FACILITY, LOCATED 13 KM SOUTH, EAST OF BAGHDAD, WAS STRUCK BY TOMAHAWK CRUISE MISSILES ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 1993.

Q30: WHERE ARE THE PETERSON AND CHANCELLORSVILLE HOMEPORTED?

A30: PETERSON IS HOMEPORTED IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, AND THE CHANCELLORSVILLE IS HOMEPORTED IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

Q31: DID ALL MISSILES LAUNCH? OR DID THEY ATTEMPT TO FIRE MORE THAN 23 MISSILES.

A31: TWENTY-FOUR MISSILES WERE PLANNED FOR, BUT ONE WAS NOT ALIGNED

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PROPERLY AND DID NOT FIRE, THEREFORE, ONLY 23 LAUNCHED.

Q32: WHAT WERE THE POSITIONS OF THE SHIPS?

A32:USS PETERSON WAS IN THE RED SEA AND USS CHANCELLORSVILLE WAS IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

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