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Attendees

1. President Leader, General Commander of the Armed Forces, Field Marshal Saddam Hussein
2. Deputy General Commander, Minister of Defense Staff Air Chief Marshal `Adnan Khayrallah
3. Lieutenant General `Abd-al-Jabbar al-Asadi, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations
4. Staff Major General Hazza' Fayzi Al-Hazza', Ministry of Defense General Secretary
5. Staff Brigadier General `Ala'-al-Din Kazim Al-Janabi, Navy Force Commander
6. Staff Brigadier General Shakir Wajr Shayya' Al-Amarah, Planning Director
7. Staff Colonel Miyassar Ibrahim Al-Jiburi, Military Logistics Director

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Speaker	Content
Military Logistics Director	The enemy launched two air raids today on Al-Shu'aybah targeting the refineries. In the second raid, the enemy aimed at bombing the empty oil tanks at the refinery that were previously bombed.
President Leader	This is Israel.
Military Logistics Director	This is the style of the Israeli enemy: they drop and jam signals saying this is a war between two sides. They say, for sure, that we are not expecting that and that is why they sent two aircraft.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	We told the Air Force Commander yesterday?
Military Logistics Director	Yes, Sir.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	They should go and check these two aircraft that attacked the reactor which were supposedly downed.
President Leader	They are analyzing both of them, yes.
Military Logistics Director	Sir, if these are F-16 aircraft, then the situation will be different.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	But F-16 aircraft belong to the Navy and I don't think they have such range.
Military Logistics Director	Sir, these are also the ground forces.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	As the F-14. The F-16 belongs to the Navy.

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Military Logistics Director	The F-14 and F-16, this is also a modified F-14.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Get me the Air Force Commander on the phone.
Military Logistics Director	Alright Sir, I will call him now... because we should deal with this type in a different way.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations (A phone call with the Air Force Commander)	<p>Were these two aircraft intercepted? Was there a dogfight?</p> <p>(Greetings)</p> <p>... You promised us yesterday that you would send a group of technicians to examine the downed aircraft of the enemy; so, did they go? Yes, not today but in regard to yesterday...The downed ones... The two aircraft of the enemy that attacked the nuclear reactor. Yes...The conversation is with the Minister of the Interior... Yes...Tell me, does the F-16 type aircraft belong to the Navy? Yes, it's a fighter... (The Military Logistics Director interrupts and says that the F-14 belongs to the Navy)...Is the F-14 for the Navy?...Anyway, don't forget to send the group to examine both aircraft that launched an offensive against the nuclear reactor, correct?...Alright, yes, even if it was a (container) it is possible. If it is not an F-16 then it could be mounted on the F-16. Thank you (the end of the phone call).</p> <p>It sounds like he did not send a group to examine the aircraft this time...He is going to receive this one from the Minister of the Interior, as the part that has the number 16 appears to be a bombs container. And he says that this container can be attached to any type of the Phantom aircraft.</p>
Military Logistics Director	We have called the Chief of Staff.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Yes, tell him these are the messages.

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Military Logistics Director	I passed the information to him and told him to inform the commander at the front so that you would know their status.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Yes, did he confirm the information?
Military Logistics Director	Didn't he say that we withdrew?...He said we are about to reorganize. So I told him that reorganizing takes place while staying in the targeted area.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Yes.
Military Logistics Director	The 155 (the Air Defense 155) will solve our problems.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Why?
Military Logistics Director Also the Air Force helicopters, the Air Defense 155 Surface-to-Air missiles.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	The Air Defense...Today we have sent what concerns the Division Command.
Military Logistics Director	Sir, this is the status for two days not for one day...Currently, we have 3 million rolls and we have contracted with the State Establishment for Textiles to supply us with 5 million rolls, knowing that the factory can produce 75,000 sand bags daily, and that we can increase it if the factory operates in full [<i>shifts</i>].
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Yes, but on the other hand, they can produce more than 100,000 sand bags daily.

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Military Logistics Director	This requires running the machines at their maximum power, not to mention that it depends on their productivity.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	It is okay if we take 75,000 sand bags daily, but do we know the capability to fill 75,000 bags daily?
Military Logistics Director	This is their productivity rate.
President Leader	The correspondent of the French newspaper, <i>Le Monde</i> , in Tehran, reported that there is a contradiction between the Iranian media and the reality that they [<i>the Iranians</i>] are living at the front and said that the goal of the officials in Iraq has been defined as follows: to choke Iran gradually. One of these steps aims at depriving Iran of its crucial need for oil, and the ground assault in Khuzestan aims at stopping the oil supply in the south and the rest of the country. Therefore, the first target was the petroleum refineries, as 'Abadan refinery is suspended [<i>paralyzed</i>] as well as the Tabriz, Kermanshah, Shiraz and Tehran refineries.
Ministry of Defense General Secretary	Also suspended?
President Leader	Also suspended. And the third one comes in last grade after 'Abadan refinery, meaning Tehran and Tabriz, and it operates partially and there is an interest in decreasing the total. However, Iran has lost half of its oil production capacity, which explains the extreme scarcity of gasoline and continual electric power outages in Iran. The <i>Le Monde</i> reporter proceeded to say that the other side of the Iraqi strategy is to separate the petroleum in the south from the rest of the country, and the battles taking place near Dehloran and Dezful basically target the strategic locations that enable surveillance of the road axis connecting Khuzestan with Tehran. When this road is no longer operable, then the Iranian units that currently defend the petroleum triangle of 'Abadan-Khorram Shahr-Ahwaz will be isolated from their rear areas and will be forced to surrender at the end. The <i>Le Monde</i> correspondent finishes his report by saying that the Iraqis who are controlling the battlefield will try to conciliate and attract the Arab residents of Khuzestan by promising them their own self-government law after the withdrawal.

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Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	How?....
President Leader	See how he is the son of a Jew. I wish we had such journalists.
Ministry of Defense General Secretary	Yes, this way so that he can be trusted.
President Leader	Just like an excellent staff officer.
Ministry of Defense General Secretary	As if he had the map.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Sir, I have seen some highly educated journalists in India.
President Leader	Yes, everything is possible.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Some of them gave us lectures, and when they gave the lectures everyone hearkened to them, not believing what that journalist was saying. Their appearance was not good, as you see one of them wearing a shirt with khaki trousers and sandals instead of regular shoes. However, when he lectures he speaks well.
President Leader	Yes.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	They have specialists, some of them in politics and some in economics.
President Leader	Liberal countries are always more educated because they are very open.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Indira Gandhi's [<i>the former Indian Prime Minister</i>] adviser is a journalist.

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President Leader	This is the way that a journalist should be, because he deals with life and life has many fields of specialties.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations with the Military Logistics Director	All political and economic articles are published in the Indian Party newspaper [<i>The Indian Times</i>], which is a much respected newspaper. This is highly regarded. Suppose that we gave them one million bags to work with. However, the real capacity of this factory is 75,000 bags. Now we ask is the real production in the work area equal to 75,000 bags?
Military Logistics Director	This is clear Sir. I don't think so.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Isn't that right? Then that means the production capability of the factory is delivered to them directly, we hand them one million bags in advance and then they start working. What does the Ministry of Irrigation have? The Ministry of Irrigation gave them bags for flood purposes in particular.
President Leader	For what?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Sir, to build walls that support the reactor, as their primary assessments for this is 10 million bags daily and we have 3 million bags in our ordnance depots. We will send them in advance 1 million sand bags, so that they can continue the work. We have contracted for the entire Jute [<i>a type of plant</i>] production and we will receive 75,000 bags daily that can reach 100,000 bags, which we will send as well. We believe they can produce 100,000 sand bags daily in the work site. So if they can fill 75,000 or 100,000 bags daily this is good, because this is a large number and we do not believe they can finish 10 million bags when they start the work.
President Leader	Yes, of course.

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Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	And we will see if the Ministry of Irrigation has some, as they do have a stock of sand bags for flood purposes. The work has been instructed in a different way now so that the number of bags will decrease, because they started building a sand dam without using the sand bags.
President Leader	Using bulldozers?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Yes, using bulldozers. And when using the sand bags for the layers at the top that cannot be reached by the machines (bulldozers), then the number decreases.
President Leader	Did they start?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Yes, they did submit the request during the last meeting today.
Planning Director	They submitted their requests and they started working on the two dams.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	They started already.
Planning Director	One dam after another in a zigzagged way, and they try their best to manage without...
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	They can't do that.
Planning Director	Because they will prepare the same dams.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	No, it will take time. Where shall we bring the sand from?

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Planning Director	They confirmed the availability.
Military Logistics Director	They will bring it but...
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	No, not from their area. They can bring it from...
Planning Director	Because the volume of the mobilized units is huge.
Military Logistics Director	Sir, but the experts stated in their report from the beginning that they estimated the quantity required for 30 meters height and 20 meters thick. They also estimated the quantities that they completed to be 1 ton or 1 cubic meter.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	It is not necessarily the case, because how deep can the missile go?
Military Logistics Director	Sir, these are the experts' calculations: if the missile bursts directly near them, then we can put this. But if it bursts in direct contact with them, which appears in technical cases as the soil vibrates because this is similar to the artillery, then they can dig a buffer trench to absorb the impact.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	There is no way to dig a trench because of the reactor's foundations that exist underground.
Planning Director	The agreement included the possibility to build dirt dams...two barriers in a zigzagged way, and they will start working.
President Leader	Those people delayed us.
Planning Director	Sir, it is an old idea and there were many efforts to implement it and it took place before.

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President Leader	Four years ago, I formed a commission and told them to transfer the previous one [<i>unspecified</i>] to Hamrin and to dig in the mountains a place for it.
Planning Director	Our problem would have been solved.
President Leader	They came up with too many troublesome difficulties.
Ministry of Defense General Secretary	They don't want to bother themselves working there.
President Leader	To stay at their work area and not go there—we should have punished them in case there was danger concerning it [<i>unspecified</i>].
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Definitely, Sir. At that time, I concluded that it was made by Dr. `Abd-al-Razzaq al-Hashimi.
President Leader	Exactly, Dr. `Abd-al-Razzaq al-Hashimi.
Planning Director	Today they are saying that this suggestion is possible, of course, but with technical consultations.
President Leader	Why did they make us miss this chance then? Forty days to no avail. With these 40 days we could have finished the work.
Military Logistics Director	Now they are saying that they will agree on any positive suggestion.
Planning Director	Even the suggestion of the Minister of Defense to fence the (BRC) [<i>the letters "BRC" are written in English in the original Arabic document</i>], the technicians in the air force said it is useless. And then the Minister of Defense told them to do it anyway. We see this as an estimate, but maybe the technicians will establish the (BRC) and did not manage to change the paint.

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President Leader	Also, they cannot change the color of the paint?
Planning Director	They are placing the mud now as a primary stage.
President Leader	Does this mean we should build something similar for camouflage? A similar model?
Planning Director	That is possible, Sir. However, they might have the location and coordinates.
President Leader	If all measures are taken based on this...
Planning Director	Then it will become clear to us. Its coordinates will be clear.
President Leader	Plus the American aircraft came near us to monitor us (electronic surveillance aircraft). So what shall we do, knowing they will pass [<i>the information</i>] to Israel?
Planning Director	The coordinates are clear.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	This is Saudi Arabia.
President Leader	They are afraid, okay. Why are you guys afraid? We are two fighting parties. Why are you scared of your location?
Ministry of Defense General Secretary	They are worried about their oil.
President Leader	Yes.
Military Logistics Director	It is not about the...Sir, they are...

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Ministry of Defense General Secretary	No, I swear to God it's about the oil.
Military Logistics Director	Actually, they ...
President Leader	No, it is not about the oil. They are saying that they don't have a problem if the oil got hit.
Ministry of Defense General Secretary	They are afraid of a fight that could take place and cause the downing of an aircraft and then...
Military Logistics Director	They definitely know that a part of our fleet was in Saudi Arabia.
President Leader	Now that we have brought them back, what else is there?
Planning Director	These are measures.
President Leader	Those people do not even want the aircraft. We just wanted to have a chance for these aircraft, [<i>to survive</i>].
Ministry of Defense General Secretary	That is what we said, but this is...
President Leader	To have one chance to get rid of this long arm that none of their air force or ours were able to settle the matters quickly.
(The Minister of Defense arrives and greets President Leader and the attendees)	
Planning Director (aside on the phone with staff Brigadier General Ghazi Mahmud Al-'Omar, the People's Army Chief of Staff)	(He needs to call the Chief of Staff of the Army and tell him that we don't have it, but it can be requested later on.)
President Leader	Who is he, Mr. Taha?

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Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	No Sir, that was Staff Brigadier General Ghazi Mahmud Al-'Omar, the People's Army Chief of Staff.
Minister of Defense	Any updates to the situation?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	The information we received is that our troops reached the Karun river and controlled the naval base (Al-Muhammara port), and they are trying to cross to the other bank. It seems like they couldn't make it, since they were attacked and had to change their arrangements.
Minister of Defense	I am afraid that they faced a land offensive or...?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Also land offensive.
Minister of Defense	Armor or infantry?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	That was also carried out by the armor.
Minister of Defense	Armor?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Sir, it seems like they stopped in an attempt to change their style in launching the offensive, and I think they moved backwards a little bit. It looks like Comrades Muhammad Yunis Al-Ahmad and Sa'dun Muslih 'Alwan were there and they suggested asking the Army Chief of Staff to come and check the situation out himself. The 3 rd Corps Commander was with them in the morning, gave them instructions, and went back to his location. The Army Chief of Staff brought with him Staff Brigadier General 'Abd-al-Juwad Dhannun Muhammad and Staff Colonel Muhammad Salih Yunis (Secretary of Diwan of the Ministry of Defense).

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Minister of Defense	Yes, why don't they do...?
President Leader	We gave instructions to the Army Chief of Staff, and we told him that we want to take over the land and not a city. Therefore, destroy the city on their heads to give no casualties.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Sir, this is a message from them.
Military Logistics Director	Sir, would you like to review an intercepted message?
President Leader	Is it new?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Yes, (arrived) now at 0430 hours.
Military Logistics Director	Sir, the message you already reviewed.
President Leader	I reviewed it?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Yes Sir, you did review it.
President Leader	Their situation is bad.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Their situation is too bad. They cannot even move an ambulance car due to the bombardment of the other side.
Minister of Defense	Can the artillery get located here?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	They are heavily shelled to the point where this intercepted message...

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	... Indicated that they complain to their sources that they cannot even move the ambulance vehicle to evacuate casualties due to the heavy artillery shelling.
President Leader	They left casualties at the front.
Minister of Defense	Even those?
President Leader	Yes, they couldn't even evacuate their wounded individuals.
Minister of Defense	It is necessary that we complete the bridging process on the Karun river.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	We should emphasize two issues; the bridging and blocking the road.
Minister of Defense	And sending a force to block the road.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Because there is now information that they just received back up.
Ministry of Defense General Secretary	For sure.
Military Logistics Director	That was the message we intercepted from them.
President Leader	Okay, what about our forces advanced on the eastern wing—can't they prevent this back up from reaching them via this road?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	That is what it is supposed to be, but it seems like they don't have enough control over it.
Planning Director	Here comes the importance of the battle group.

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Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	We established an interdiction operation against it [<i>either the road or the river</i>]. There is an arch here and a semi bridge here that was hit today. We also assigned the air force on this axis to strike any transport attempt on it and to shut it in more than one location in this region.
Planning Director (on the phone with the Air Force Commander)	Greetings, - Yes, he is there... yes...okay.
(Talking with the Minister of Defense)	Sir, the Air Force commander wants to talk to you.
Minister of Defense	They get themselves entangled in bad situations while there is a wide range of great choices that are not exploited.
Minister of Defense (on the phone with the Air Force Commander)	Yes, 12 officers! Have you brought all the base commanders? Wait a minute, brother.
Minister of Defense (on the phone with President Leader)	Sir, the Air Force commander said that 12 of his political guidance officers are present with a group of the airbases' commanders and other affiliated officers.
President Leader	Let them go to the Presidential palace and rely on God.
Minister of Defense	To the Presidential palace?
President Leader	I am going now to meet them there.
Minister of Defense (resumes his phone call with the Air Force Commander)	Abu-'Omar, let them go to the Presidential palace. Rely on God if you all are ready. Thank you. <i>[End of the phone call]</i>
President Leader	Let us gain some time.
Military Logistics Director	The method shall be applied this time (for the second time).

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Planning Director	How many times have we warned them that this is not the way to carry out an offensive against a city?
Minister of Defense	I would like to understand. It has been 12 days that we have been stressing on bridging and crossing the Karun river, but no one listens. And I have been saying since the battle started until now, push a combat group of Al-Ahwaz group towards the 9 th Armored Division. But again no one responded, so how do you want the civilian to respond? The bridging shall take place after Al-Muhammara is blocked for 5 kilometers, and then the crossing. Exactly from here on the Karun river, the crossing will take place from there, Staff Colonel Miyassar, in the area marked by an arrow, in its direction. And then we move toward them like the comb's teeth.
Planning Director	Of course, Sir, when mopping-up any city, the rule is, first, to disconnect any external contact. Second, to breakthrough its main access points and to encircle it, so that the center remains constantly under shelling. These are facts.
Minister of Defense	The enemy is under the impact of our artillery, launchers, and small arms through the other bank.
President Leader	But we should engage 'Abadan, so that no back-up will be sent from 'Abadan to Al-Muhammara, as we expect there are forces in 'Abadan.
Military Logistics Director	It is under continuous firing and it is not given the chance to rest.
Minister of Defense	Do we have armored BMP1 personnel carriers and light vehicles now?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	A whole brigade.
Minister of Defense	Isn't that right? Okay, where are the MI-6 aircraft? We can carry and transport 6 vehicles in every sortie using these aircraft from now until we build the bridgehead. If we move across more than one combat group on the axis of this road, it will put a lot of pressure on them in addition to blocking the road for them.

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	And then we transfer infantries and fighters from the People's Army and put pressure on them from the 'Abadan side until we choke them. Armor does not enter the city.
Military Logistics Director	Sir, armor does not enter the city, and these are the instructions given to the platoons until the first light. Then the infantries will be in charge.
President Leader	Everybody knows this principle, even the one who never read about the armor use theory.
Ministry of Defense General Secretary	That's right, Sir, the armor cannot enter a city.
President Leader	They are heading to the palace
Minister of Defense	Sir, he said they will leave from the Air Force Command Headquarters at the 1830 hour, and the transportation takes around 15 minutes. It is not the situation I mean...
President Leader	No.
Minister of Defense	The rocket launcher "Katyusha" continued firing at the enemy.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	The longer the situation exists, the higher their casualties are. Also, the longer the situation is the more that we will be running out of time.
President Leader	Yes, we are running out of time. The longer the situation is, the weaker their spirits are. They admitted to the fall of Al-Muhammara city, and this is important in affecting their morals.
Ministry of Defense General Secretary	Sir, these fire launchers affect their morals.

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President Leader	Inform the palace that the Air Force commander is coming along with officers and let them sit in the palace operations room.
Military Logistics Director	The flame throwers were delivered the same day.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	They can be used to burn anything.
President Leader	Have you sent them the flame throwers?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	It is a good weapon.
President Leader	If they have it, then the Katyusha is hitting them from here and the 130mm artillery, as well.
Ministry of Defense General Secretary	The flame throwers burn and move.
President Leader	Tomorrow they will totally destroy the enemy.
Minister of Defense	For sure.
President Leader	They will destroy them, but it is not good to use the armor in the city. This is not good and it is a loss for the armor, even if the armor was not hit it is like a big boat in a rivulet, you leave it there floating.
Military Logistics Director	According to what was narrated by the 3 rd Armored Division Chief of Staff, Colonel, Anmar Salah-al-Din Al-Sabbagh, they issued an order for the 33 rd Special Forces Brigade to move forward to the dam.
President Leader	To the dam?

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Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	This time, now comes the ...
Secretary of the Diwan (still on the phone)	A command center? Okay.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Did he go to the Al-Ahwaz or what?
Secretary of the Diwan (still on the phone)	Staff Colonel Nadir? We cannot leave the resistance in Al-Hamidiyyah that way.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	The enemy will re-attack them, hit their rear and create....
Secretary of the Diwan (still on the phone)	Yes... with whom? If the enemy's casualties are big, then prepare a force and advance on the same axis...what did you say? Which Huwayzah?
Chief of Staff of the Army	Which side had a lot of casualties?
Secretary of the Diwan	The enemy, Sir.
Chief of Staff of the Army	The enemy?
Secretary of the Diwan	Yes.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	If they evacuate it now, we can send those aircraft to attack it.
Minister of Defense	The chieftain tanks.

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Secretary of the Diwan (still on the phone)	I did not hear you! Yes...it is a column now and not the entire force...Yes...that is true.
Chief of Staff of the Army	That is right.
Secretary of the Diwan (still on the phone)	Rushed... well good... then good.
Chief of Staff of the Army	If a part of it is recovered then it is right.
Secretary of the Diwan (still on the phone)	Thank you...God be with you. [<i>End of call</i>]
Chief of Staff of the Army	Sir, he [<i>unspecified person</i>] pushed a column of his force to the Al-Huwayzah.
Military Logistics Director	It was supposed to move toward Al-Huwayzah.
Secretary of the Diwan	A camp of seven tanks and vehicles was found in Al-Huwayzah.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Yes, it was supposed to have a battle group with it.
Secretary of the Diwan	But Sir, the information they had indicates that the region is 96 North and 68 East and there is a main command center of all active force in the region... buildings and structures. That is what they have been told.
Minister of Defense	Good morning.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Good morning, welcome.

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Minister of Defense	Hope you slept well today?
Chief of Staff of the Army	I did, but I also came early.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	They need to give us the command center coordinates of the enemy.
Secretary of the Diwan	Sir, we did.
Military Logistics Director	What was it?
Secretary of the Diwan	96 North and 68 East.
Military Logistics Director	Oh, higher. There.
Secretary of the Diwan	Moreover, there is a helicopter's airport being used (active) in Al-Hamidiyyah. And he said, "We asked for an air attack on it." I told him, "Attack it with the artillery."
Minister of Defense	We have called for the Minister of Oil and the technical experts.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Yes, he mentioned that.
Secretary of the Diwan	But if the command center is really in that location!
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Let the air force deal with it.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Afterward, I was thinking about the several damages that occur to our (helicopters).

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Minister of Defense	Yes, because they did not apply the precepts, Abu-Muthanna (Chief of Staff of the Army).
Chief of Staff of the Army	They do not apply the precepts if they did not have experience!
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Sir? We will give the battalion movement order to the 9 th Armored Division.
Chief of Staff of the Army	By God, I want to send a request to the Soviets. Should we withdraw the 57mm battalion from the regional air defense and move it to the 9 th Armored Division? Because it should not remain that way as they can hit it.
Minister of Defense	With helicopters?
Chief of Staff of the Army	Yes.
Minister of Defense	But Abu-Muthanna, we tell them that today I was talking with the brothers. A tank is moving here and an enemy helicopter counters it with a rocket of 4,000 maximum range and 1,000 minimum cargo. So when the pilot sees a tank from the air he estimates its range to the earth with regard to the aim of the central arrow, placing the arrow here on the ground under the tank.
Chief of Staff of the Army	The artillery central arrow?
Minister of Defense	Of the artillery. It calculates the tank range and then the cannon shoots it. The bomb will fall here under the plane. Actually, what happens is that the bomb fragmentizes. The Armor Director says to the Soviet senior expert, "This is not economical!"

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	But spending is not economical when a tank of 80,000 Dinars gets burned so they do not have to launch two bombs...down!
Chief of Staff of the Army	Let them attack! Let them launch 100 bombs.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Let them implement any technique now.
Minister of Defense	Call the Staff Colonel Nadir Ghayyad, the 9 th Armored Division Chief of Staff, and say hello to him on our behalf.
Chief of Staff of the Army	What does this concern us, now?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Tell him...
Military Logistics Director	We informed them about what you just mentioned, Sir.
Minister of Defense	Yes.
Military Logistics Director	But now...
Minister of Defense	Yes, so the tanks...threaten it.
Military Logistics Director	Get us in touch with the 9 th Armored Division Chief of Staff.
Chief of Staff of the Army	This should be attacked with the high explosives.
Military Logistics Director	Yes, Sir, it is with the high explosives.

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Seq.	Rank	Full name	position	Signature
1.	Retired Staff Lieutenant General	Qadduri Jabir Mahmud Al- Duri	Committee Chief	[Signature]
2.	Retired Staff Major General	Hazim Salih Dawud Al- Janabi	Member	[Signature]
3.	Retired Brigadier General	Kamil Khamis Hammadi Al- Samurra'i	Member	[Signature]
4.	Retired Staff Major General	Salih Khidr Al-Haj Ahmad	Member	Was reinstated as per the letter of [illegible] no. 1691, dated to 27 February 1993.
5.	Staff Major General	Taha 'Abbas Ahmad Al- Ahbali	Member	Had been released per the letter of the Secretary no. 6400/K dated 16 November 1992, for accepting the position of Branch Command member.
6.	Captain	Khalid Jamal Tawfiq Al- Nasiri	Military Security Directorate Representative	Was reinstated per the letter of the Secretariat office, General Command of the Armed Forces no. 2011, dated to 10 July 1993.

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Military Logistics Director	Maybe the corps was the one that asked for it?
President Leader	Electricity station?
Military Logistics Director	Electricity station between Dezful and Masjed Soleiman.
Minister of Defense	Yes, it is necessary.
President Leader	Yes, it is necessary.
Minister of Defense	Once destroyed, all of the enemy's industries will be suspended.
Military Logistics Director	Sir, he wants the coordinates.
Planning Director	He wants the grid coordinates of this station.
General Military Intelligence Director	The idea of attacking all the electricity stations exists, Sir, but this one specifically I have no information about. It may have been come from the Military Logistics Directorate sources. Who asked for it?
President Leader	I just want a fire concentration on 'Abadan.
Planning Director	Okay, Sir.
President Leader	Even for the air force this is a close target. And they may handle it from the other side, so if anything happens to the aircraft, God forbid, the pilot lands on our lands.
Minister of Defense	How many pieces of the Katyusha launcher did we send?

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Chief of Staff of the Army	These are eight bases.
Minister of Defense	Eight bases.
Chief of Staff of the Army	These were canceled.
Minister of Defense	Yes, I knew about them.
Chief of Staff of the Army	They were not in use and were deserted, but I asked to clean them up and then to send them.
Planning Director	Their ammunition is unlimited, in addition to the possibility of using the salvo technique in firing.
Secretary of Diwan	They fire using the salvo technique.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Are eight bases enough?
Minister of Defense	What?
Planning Director	I do not know the number of bases, Sir.
Minister of Defense	Eight bases.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Eight bases.
Secretary of Diwan	In every base there are 32 missiles.
Planning Director	No, in every base there are...
Minister of Defense	I believe 16 missiles.

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Secretary of Diwan	Sir, (8+8) successively, the same thing in the bottom.
Planning Director	Sir $8 \times 8 = 64$, if we assume that they use...
Minister of Defense	No, no the base rail has two faces; an upper and lower one.
Planning Director	Yes, Sir, this is right.
Minister of Defense	Eight launchers in the top, and eight in the bottom.
Planning Director	So there are 16 rocket launchers.
Minister of Defense	Yes, 16 rockets that equal the shooting of one battery or two.
Secretary of Diwan	The rocket is 132mm caliber.
Minister of Defense	No!
Secretary of Diwan	Of course, Sir, the length of the rocket is more than the length of the table.
Minister of Defense	No, I have seen a rocket before and it is 2.5 meters long.
President Leader	This is wrong.
Minister of Defense	But I thought it was 122mm caliber.
Secretary of Diwan	132mm.
Planning Director	I told the staff officer to move the Katyusha closer to the river, so they can get the chance to engage both cities [<i>Al-Muhammara and 'Abadan</i>].

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Secretary of Diwan	They can shoot using the salvo technique and not the single shot. But Sir, the rockets dash immediately, one after the other. If they fire at eight bases, the total of each firing is 64 rockets for every salvo.
Planning Director	Besides the psychological effect, when this amount of fire falls at once.
Chief of Staff of the Army (on the phone with the Field Artillery Director Salem Bakr)	Greetings. Did you send Katyusha rocket launchers to Basra? What is the amount of ammunition they were supplied with?
President Leader	Did he go today or not?
Minister of Defense	He went.
President Leader	At this age that is good, may God compensate him.
Chief of Staff of the Army (continuing his phone conversation)	Send all of the Katyusha missile ammunition we have to that sector. It is highly demanded at this time. Use all of this ammunition and then destroy it. Yes...before 12:00, move it gradually there to - Basra. How many? How much are they, 6-7? Okay, the air force technical equipment? Yes, it is not bad...let them take it...
Secretary of Diwan (on the phone with Colonel Amjad Abd-al-Khaliq at the 10 th Armored Division Headquarters)	Greetings...Colonel Amjad, there is a radar station in your sector, under the control of your division's troops.

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	You have to maintain it until you receive a technical group from the Air Force, so they can dismount it and get rid of it...yes...in the 1 st Mechanized Infantry Division sector, and you can call them from your headquarters because I cannot call them from here...no problem...tell them to keep it until the technical group from the Air Force gets there...yes, they will dismount it and take it to the rear.
Minister of Defense	Sir? Do you have any issue with the 10 th Armored Division?
President Leader	The 10 th Armored Division?
Planning Director	Just in regard to the base and the airport.
Secretary of Diwan	Sir, I have one of their staff officers with me on the phone.
President Leader	What?
General Military Intelligence Director	We provided Staff Brigadier General Shakir in Dezful and Al-Ahwaz with the sensitive targets to handle them.
Planning Director	It is not about handling, Abu-Ahmad (General Military Intelligence Director, Staff Brigadier General `Abd-al-Juwad Dhannun Muhammad).
Secretary of Diwan (Still on the phone)	...Stay with me on the phone, Colonel Amjad!
Chief of Staff of the Army (Still on the phone)	...They did not bring another one yet, did they? Okay. Did they not provide you with ammunition, except for this? Yes, I saw it yesterday, but they are gun howitzers...In the region there are 3-4 guns. Okay, look for their ammunition now...

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	These are self-propelled guns. Is our ammunition convenient for us? Yes, so start on that... "End call"
General Military Intelligence Director	The next target for the R-17 missile is supposed to be the city of Tabriz. Kermanshah is also recommended after that, and then here.
President Leader	This is good.
Minister of Defense	This is good. Yes, I believe this is what they were looking for.
President Leader	This is what they think is the power station.
Secretary of Diwan	An Arab man named [redacted name] called your honor from Washington, USA. He is a Saudi national and wanted to speak with Your Excellency, but we told him that you were busy.
President Leader	Okay, good.
Secretary of Diwan	He just asked to pass his regards to your honor and he wished you the best in your efforts. He added that your honor gave pride to the Arabs in the United States of America.
President Leader	If that is the case, let them then be proud of this.
Secretary of Diwan	And he said, "With this he made us proud and made us believe that we are true Arabs. Let him test me as his soldier," he added.

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President Leader	And we can do that, Arabs and it is true we can do it... yes.
Secretary of Diwan	He asked me if can deliver his message, and I answered, "Done."
President Leader	The same...the same...
Planning Director	The same information.
President Leader	Yes, this is important.
General Military Intelligence Director	Yes, Sir.
President Leader	This is very important.
General Military Intelligence Director	Now, Sir.
President Leader	Because this is...this is a catastrophe, this means they will remain silent.
Planning Director	Yes, Sir.
President Leader	Their radio will remain silenced. Their troops will collapse when they hear there is nothing.
Planning Director	We shall call the director of the National Establishment of Electricity.
Minister of Defense	God willing, if there is a strong hit on Qatar we will have an opportunity there.

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President Leader	We can take our opportunity from Qatar?
Minister of Defense	Yes.
President Leader	They will not give that.
Minister of Defense	In this case their positions will be bad.
President Leader	Yes, this is an opportunity.
Minister of Defense	Yes.
President Leader	This is easy, if God grant us success these people are easy.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Sir? What about unloading in Saudi Arabia?
President Leader	I spoke with him.
Chief of Staff of the Army	What did he say?
President Leader	He cannot decide; he is a delegate. I asked him to answer me by telegram as soon as he arrives.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Because this is loaded and [<i>the ship is</i>] stopped in the sea.
Minister of Defense	Do we need that?
Secretary of Diwan (on the phone)	Call the director of the National Establishment of Electricity on the phone, and also the 3 rd Armored Division Headquarters.

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Minister of Defense	Who is Lieutenant Colonel Tariq Hardan?
Secretary of Diwan	Sir, Kuwait or what?
Planning Director	No.
Chief of Staff of the Army	If this mission is given to the State Company for Automobile...heavy wheels.
President Leader	Does this really mean that Israel can intrude upon a Soviet ship? I cannot believe this story!
Minister of Defense	Shall we get the Jordanian opinion, Sir?
President Leader	How is that?
Minister of Defense	With the possibility of the unlikelihood of Israeli intervention in the freights coming into the 'Aqaba Port.
President Leader	This is impossible, Abu-`Ali [<i>Minister of Defense</i>]. This means this is a Soviet ship carrying the Soviet flag, and Israel can block its way?
Chief of Staff of the Army	That day we cannot say that. When we have to we would tell them, "Proceed towards the 'Aqaba Port and let Israel do whatever it wants." He says, "We are afraid of Israel's intervention, etc..." We just try to make them understand that Jordan has agreed to send it to the 'Aqaba Port if we have no other choice—because there we have no other solution or other mean. Israel comes and detains a Soviet ship. They do not intrude upon it and Soviets hate to be intruded by anyone.

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President Leader	They want to unload this freight, but the situation has worsened now. Iran thinks that the Soviet stance is against them because they do not admit that this charge was from the period before the war. This is the political point of view.
Chief of Staff of the Army	How much do we need? Now we have losses; however, this freight fulfills our need.
Planning Director	Are there 162 tanks?
Chief of Staff of the Army	139 tanks.
President Leader	Shall we start training individuals on tank captures? We must take foresight into account.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Yes, but their ammunition issue...
President Leader	Its ammunition might come from the camps we have already seized, from these places.
Chief of Staff of the Army	We also try this way.
Minister of Defense	I have sent groups of ammunitions examiners.
President Leader	Let's then start training on the self-propelled guns and these tanks.
Chief of Staff of the Army	He told me about a complete battery present.
President Leader	Who is it?

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Chief of Staff of the Army	The field artillery director.
President Leader	Training on it, yes.
Chief of Staff of the Army	On its ammunition. I asked him about it; he said he will go and search the region.
President Leader	Yes, let him search.
Minister of Defense	Now about our tank ammunition expenditures. I would like to show you the ammunition expenditures: one section 1%, another 3%, and another 4%. As for the 130mm ammunition expenditures, which the Chief of Staff of the Army, Staff General `Abd-al-Jabbar Shanshal, fears, it is 15% so far, although 20 days had gone by, and the firing still continues.
President Leader	Is he not right? He is right, so that we can be strong.
Minister of Defense	Yes, by God.
President Leader	Good, he also accumulated huge quantities of ammunition. Good, yes.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Is it not good what we did? We did not leave a hall or building that we did not use for storing.
President Leader	Reports stated that ammunition is in the open now. Where should I store it? It is a large quantity.
Chief of Staff of the Army	One day I asked them which one is better: 10% to be damaged, or one day without ammunition when fighting.

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President Leader	Yes.
Chief of Staff of the Army	This is one of the two situations, so which one do you want?
President Leader	Did you say that we wanted tanks from the Polish?
Minister of Defense	Yes, the Chief of Staff of the Army.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Yes, we've now sent them lists with Mr. Tariq Aziz who will request their presence. Regarding the Polish, we at the Defense Ministry level, we've already talked with them. However, the person present in Iraq was not notified by his government.
President Leader	Should we tell the Soviets that we did not understand that the Israelis intercepted the Russian ship? I mean, can this really happen to a Russian ship?
Minister of Defense	So far they are asking why all this fighting, and why Iraq did not call for us and tell us to come here?
President Leader	We told them to come here a hundred times.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Now Mr. Tariq Aziz will send for them.
President Leader	What do they want? Should we kiss their ears?
Minister of Defense	Until now, we did not ask for anything, but it seems that they want us to tell them that officially.

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President Leader	I told the charge d'affaires, "Although we expected this from you directly based on our relations, we did get the message that came through Poland (we understood the <i>[illegible]</i>). Thank the Soviet commanders for us and tell them that we are grateful. Therefore, they are happy about this."
Minister of Defense	Yes, after that they expect us to tell them that we need so and so.
President Leader	Do the Greeks possess the 155mm cannon?
Ministry of Defense	I believe they have everything; both the Greeks and the Turks have such things.
President Leader	I have asked them for ammunition for the 155mm and 175mm cannons as a foresight measure.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Yes...yes.
President Leader	Because they said, "Whatever you need, we are ready to provide the equipment, even through a third country." I told them, "Whether from you or from another country, we need ammunition for the 155mm and the 175mm cannons that we gained from the war."
Chief of Staff of the Army	What did they say?
President Leader	It is not an immediate answer (it is not as simple as a phone call) <i>[this is a colloquial Iraqi proverb]</i> .
Chief of Staff of the Army	That means if they say yes...

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President Leader	Yes... (Laughing), You have been so tired (addressing the Chief of Staff of the Army).
Minister of Defense	Yes, Abu-Muthanna has been so tired (He meant The Chief of Staff of the Army).
President Leader	However, as long as you believe that your combat troops are in a good position, you will be relaxed—unless there is a counter penetration of a combat or a battle group, like the one that happened (the attack on the main headquarters of the 10 th Armored Division).
Chief of Staff of the Army	Today, I have been busy since I got here, from the morning until now. In the meanwhile, the Staff Lieutenant General Najib Abtar, the Deputy Director of the Administration and Supplies, had come here and briefed you on the administrative issues.
President Leader	The Staff Lieutenant General Najib Abtar is an excellent man.
Minister of Defense	Yes, he is an excellent man, Sir. Do you agree with me that he restored his dignity after he had become an assistant to the deputy of the Chief of Staff of the Army for Administration?
Chief of Staff of the Army	Yes, yes.
President Leader	Do you mean Staff Lieutenant General Najib Abtar? Yes, yes.
Minister of Defense	His morale is high.
President Leader	Yes, his morale is high.
Military Logistics Director	Sir, we have contacted them. They have attacked 'Abadan city with Luna missiles.

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	As he says, we have been bombarding it day and night for the last two days and we have destroyed it. And now, the field artillery commander has informed us that it is being penetrated.
Minister of Defense	Tell him to bombard it with the Katyusha.
Chief of Staff of the Army	They might need it for the frontline.
Military Logistics Director	It is said that 'Abadan city has a concentration of troops. It has a force of two battle groups according to their evaluation.
Secretary of the Diwan	Indeed, there are two regiments there.
Military Logistics Director	Yes. I have informed him, Sir.
Minister of Defense	With Katyusha. The Katyusha affects them to a great extent.
Military Logistics Director	We have informed them, Sir and they are carrying out the order now.
President Leader	Do you have cannons that shell air bursts to fall on them while they are in the streets?
Minister of Defense	We have the 25 pound cannons, but they are stored.
President Leader	Why don't you send these cannons to them?
Military Logistics Director	Sir, the bomb of these cannons is small.
President Leader	With air burst. However, we can use it to bomb them, as well as every weapon we have.

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Chief of Staff of the Army	Yes, this can be....
President Leader	We want to destroy them. I mean we want their casualties to be high, as when the air burst falls on those who are in the streets—it will hurt them.
The phone call below occurred during the above-mentioned conversation	
Secretary of Diwan (on the phone with Staff Lieutenant Colonel ‘Abd-al-Rahman Khalaf from the 9 th Armored Division Headquarters)	<p>“Greetings”</p> <p>Yes...what is there?... Yes...Where is he now? Yes... Tell me about the coordinates... Yes, give me the coordinates to accomplish the order...Will you call me? Yes...Coordinates...Yes...Thank you.</p> <p>(The phone call ended)</p>
Minister of Defense	Sir, you have not seen the Katyusha firing. When it falls, it is very effective on them.
President Leader	Very effective, it seems that way. We want them to take a photo of it.
Minister of Defense	It looks like the German planes when they dive down and make horrible sounds.
President Leader	These Katyusha missiles were used in the Second World War. They appeared in the Soviet movies. They are horrible.
Minister of Defense	Sir, when these missiles are launched quickly, they make special sounds in the air with fire, smoke, and dust.
Chief of Staff of the Army (on the phone)	<p>“Greetings”</p> <p>Yes... Here? ... No, No.</p>

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President Leader	It would be good to have the People's Army fight in this battle.
Chief of Staff of the Army (still talking on the phone)	Yes...You mean it is over now... the ambassador, if he said the ambassador, he meant the group... so do we inform you about it?...What do you want now? On Thursday? Now it will undertake the matter...Do you not know that you brought me a problem and I have told that to Mr. Ahmad Husayn Al- Samurra'i... Okay, thank you.
President Leader	If people did not love themselves, they would not be peaceful.
Minister of Defense	Sir, on the dam (to be used on Al-Duz dam).
President Leader	What?
Minister of Defense	It is required that we destroy the dam, and it can be destroyed with the R-17 missile.
President Leader	The dam?
Minister of Defense	We can destroy it with either the Luna or R-17 missiles.
President Leader	If we destroy the Al-Duz dam, would not it be better for us?
Minister of Defense	If we destroy it, we will be drowned.
President Leader	So, if they know that this dam can drown us, why don't they drown us then? What is stopping them?

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Minister of Defense	They do not destroy the dam because of electricity. In the event that the dam is destroyed, electricity will be switched off in Tehran.
President Leader	So, that is why?
Minister of Defense	The electricity will be switched off in Tehran, Sir.
President Leader	We want to cut off the electricity in Tehran and to keep it only in the south.
Minister of Defense	This can be done. We can destroy the electric power and the electric turbines in order not to let it flow. A message from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs?
Military Logistics Director	Yes, Sir.
Minister of Defense	The message says that all the electric power sources in Tehran are coming from the Al-Duz dam.
Secretary of the Diwan	It is 40 kilometers from Dezful, Sir.
President Leader	The main electrical power plant that supplies the broadcast station with power is in this part of Iran now. Additionally, it supplies Tehran with electricity and Tehran will be in darkness if this electrical power plant has been bombed and destroyed.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	We will search for it in order to locate it, Sir.

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Director of Planning	Now the chairman of the Public Establishment of Electricity, Sir...
President Leader	We have assigned this to the General Military Intelligence Director who went to coordinate with the Air Force Command.
Chief of Staff of the Army (on the phone with Major General Salim Bakr, director of the field artillery)	...Major General Salim...We want to shell air bursts and I know that we do not have artilleries that shell air bursts, except for the 25 pound cannons. Is it not so?...D-30? There is no D-30...Prepare the 25 pound cannons for us, as we have a lot of their ammunition and there is air burst ammunitions. Can you arrange a six-gun battery for me in the artillery school? (25 pound guns) from here, from the training center/a fully prepared six-gun battery with an artillery board... We do not want technical tools... Yes...The training battalion...What do we have? You have to prepare the battery for me...I want to use it on the area of...
Military Logistics Director (a phone call with the 2 nd Infantry Division Commander)	<p>“Greetings”</p> <p>Yes...This is an order from the corps’ headquarters? This strait between those two obstacles is located in the north. If you concentrate on this...they are controlling it...Yes, a regiment here and another there, and their defensive sites are on the hills...</p> <p>Yes... Sir, that means that you rushed two kilometers away from the direction you have been given? Yes, Sir, to the east, and in regard to the north? No, Sir, we will not tell you that this is your diligence... Yes, Sir...Yes, it depends on the ground terrain, Sir. Thank you...Yes...Yes.</p>
President Leader	Notice that one side is defeated and the other one (the victorious) is motivated and determined...it handles the targets it is after willingly...

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	Notice that The Chief of Staff of the Army has started to search his depots for any stored cannons so that he can aim as many sources of fire as he can toward the enemy.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	I thought that the conversation was about the 2 nd Infantry Division Commander.
President Leader	Why? Doesn't the 2 nd Infantry Division know (recklessness)?...Where is this rushing naval brigade going?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	I have said that to the Minister of Defense... it means that we did not only occupy the targets that you wanted to occupy, but also 800 km ² . Its distance is verified in kilometers.
President Leader	Who is he?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	He is the 2 nd Infantry Division Commander.
President Leader	Who is the 2 nd Infantry Division Commander?
The Attendances	He is the Staff Brigadier General Hazim Sulayman Al-Barhawi.
President Leader	Staff Brigadier General Hazim...Yes...
Chief of Staff of the Army (Still talking on the phone)	This time is not bad... You mean within a few days...No...I ask them every day to go and perform their firings and then come back...
Military Logistics Director	I am talking to him on the phone now, Sir.

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Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	I have told the Staff Colonel Miyassar Jiburi, the Military Logistics Director, that I want to call him to...
President Leader	Yes, in order not to rush quickly... Yes.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	But for your information, he wants to cross his line.
President Leader	Not true... Not true. We do not want the troops to rush like that.
Military Logistics Director (Still talking on the phone)	... Tomorrow... Sir... This is in front of me and we have pointed that out on the map. You have pulled the rear high point a little bit to the front, Sir. And as you know, this is not the direction selected. I tell you to continue to 42 now and you tell me you do not want to leave land... Fine, how can you leave this area? Yes, Sir... Yes, a killing land... Yes, Sir.
President Leader	Our troops are rushing effectively in these lands. They are vital and powerful youth.
Secretary of the Diwan	Sir, in these days our TV is showing good movies about the effectiveness of our troops.
President Leader	Yes, excellent movies; however, we hope that Al-Mahammara's epic will be presented accurately.
Minister of Defense	Yes, by God.
Director of Planning	Regarding this subject, I think we should emphasize it to them now.

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President Leader	Yes.
Secretary of the Diwan	The photographers must definitely be now in the 3 rd Armored Division headquarters.
President Leader	This Katyusha missile launcher is very effective.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	The information received from the pilots indicates that when we left Kaylan, retreated to the back, and controlled the crossroad, the Iraqi flag was still flying there.
Secretary of the Diwan	The Iraqi flag is flying. Yesterday an Iraqi pilot flew above Kaylan and saw the Iraqi flag there.
President Leader	Yes, who can take it down? It has become a master.
Chief of Staff of the Army (Still talking on the phone)	Four cannons are not bad... No numbers...Yes. (the phone call ended)
Military Logistics Director (Still talking on the phone)	There is no international line now...Yes...We are studying it, Sir, and we trust your evaluation of the land, and that is certain...Yes, what do you think of controlling it? Yes, how far is it, Sir? How many troops do you need? Yes...
Chief of Staff of the Army	Regarding the 130mm cannon ammunition...
President Leader	We have been very cautious at the beginning with you (about ammunition).
Chief of Staff of the Army	Yes.
President Leader	We realized that you are afraid of getting less. Therefore, we have started to seek it from everywhere.

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Chief of Staff of the Army	We have also bought it and presented our second request for it. We will buy it now so that they can fire the ammunition without limitation.
President Leader	We will not have surplus ammunition.
Chief of Staff of the Army	Our saving measurement...
President Leader	If the 130mm cannon has a range!
Chief of Staff of the Army	It has a good range.
President Leader	If it has a range equivalent to the 155mm and 175mm cannon to engage with the cannon, so that we can go far and it keeps shelling. However, if we acquire ammunitions for the enemy's cannons that we captured, we will start using them in firing, in addition to the excellent observation we already have...then, we will destroy their cannons.
Military Logistics Director (Still talking on the phone)	... Yes, Sir... Evacuate this, the one that was destroyed by you? Now the exhibit exists and a direct order in this regard has been issued by the deputy. Why by order from the corps commander? Sir, the evacuation can be done within your sector and consider the corps command order as another guideline... Yes... Yes, Sir... it will come to you, Sir... I will tell that to the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations and give you the answer, God willing... Thanks. "the phone call ended"
President Leader	The time now is 1430 in the afternoon.
Chief of Staff of the Army	There is a decision to use 10-15 lines for heavy ammunitions, and there is an attempt to make it 40 lines.

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Minister of Defense (Phone call)	<p>“Greetings”</p> <p>I have a good habit which is that when I get tired, I lie down for about 20 minutes in bed, and have my feet in a higher position...Yes...</p>
President Leader	Did you have some rest?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Me?
President Leader	Did you sleep well?
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	Yes.
President Leader	Today, Comrade ‘Adnan and I had a deep sleep.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	I slept for one hour and a half.
Minister of Defense (still talking on the phone)	<p>We have the following issue...also, to call the Public Security Director and send him my regards so that...the other issue, our Sukhoi aircraft has left Al-Wahdah Air Base in Al-Shu’aybah region to handle its selected targets. After that, when they returned to land in the base in Al-Shu’aybah, two Iranian aircraft chased them. The control individual in the base informed him [<i>unspecified person</i>] that two hostile aircraft were behind them, so they changed their direction to land in another base. Our aircraft turned around. At the same time our planes entered, there was a restriction on using weapons to protect our planes from being downed. The hostile aircraft seized the opportunity of the weapons restriction while they were behind our aircraft,</p>

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	bombed these places, and went back to Iran. This is the confusion that happened.
President Leader	What did they bomb?
Secretary of the Diwan	They bombed the Al-Shu'aybah refinery.
Military Logistics Director	They bombed the Al-Shu'aybah refinery.
President Leader	And they did not even down one hostile aircraft?
Secretary of the Diwan	The weapons were restricted, Sir.
Chief of Staff of the Army	They have restricted the weapons.
Military Logistics Director	At 1235 hours, two other aircraft also...bombed and hovered over the oil tanks that have been bombed before.
Secretary of the Diwan	I think we should keep some aircraft hovering along the borders, on the approach axis of the enemy for 4 hours along the Iraqi-Iranian borders.
Minister of Defense (still talking on the phone)	...I am sure it is there, and even still, I will make sure of this. "The phone call ended"
Secretary of the Diwan	And at a minimum, the aircraft must keep flying on the approach axis for monitoring.
Military Logistics Director	Sir, there is a guidance that trains must not run during daytime.

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Minister of Defense	We have not issued such guidance.
Military Logistics Director	The director of railways is inquiring about that, and according to this, he issued this guidance for the movement to be at night only...he said that they have a heavy load on trains. So, will he allow the train movement to be during daytime?
Minister of Defense	We have no objection on our part.
Director of Planning	We have to change our tactic, Sir. It is no longer... suitable for the Air Force.
President Leader	Inadequate.
Director of Planning	Inadequate, Sir. There are two matters. There is reconnaissance...when they bomb they are being followed and downed. And there are some tactics that we can follow, Sir. For example, the latest tactic that has been implemented. What did they do, Sir? As soon as they realized that our aircraft took off and our weapons became restricted, the enemy's aircraft entered immediately.
President Leader	Did you notice that? It means that they are being cautious and their thinking is excellent, yes. The Iranian Air Force is excellent.
Director of Planning	Yes, honestly and with God's support, the enemy has collapsed...the Minister of Defense remembers how their Air Force was when we started taking into account, especially with regard to their aircraft types, numbers and locations. Everything seemed horrible, Sir.

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President Leader	No, the human use is efficient, too.
Director of planning	Certainly, Sir.
President Leader	The Air Force.
Director of Planning	Yes, they work with excellent thinking.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	They work with good thinking, as the enemy knows that when our aircraft fly, our weapons become restricted. Therefore, the enemy enters directly after that and he does not necessarily strike our aircraft, but aims at striking another target.
President Leader	Striking another target.
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations	They follow the passage and then move to another target.
Director of Planning	The enemy has developed his tactic. Now he does not only enter after our aircraft, but he also developed his tactic to send his aircraft directly after specific targets, just when ours take off. I mean he developed his tactic in two directions.
President Leader	They have done it well, they have good thinking.
Minister of Defense	Get me the Air Force Commander on the phone.
Director of Planning	Yes, Sir.
Secretary of the Diwan (on the phone)	..Yes...45 East, okay...What is in this one? How many? Read me its coordinates...Yes, I know... Read to me the coordinates of this one...thank you. "The phone call ended"

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Secretary of the Diwan (To the attendances)	Yes, Iran has a large number of pilots, more than 600 pilots.
Military Logistics Director (on the phone)	...The Chief of Staff of the Army wants to talk to you on the phone.
Secretary of the Diwan	Besides, what we saw during the war is three aircraft...three aircraft that used to fly...twice and in the third time we downed them.
Minister of Defense	No...No, that is okay.
Secretary of the Diwan	The enemy has a larger number of pilots.
Chief of Staff of the Army (with the anti-aircraft director, Staff Brigadier General Hamid Al-Ward)	“Greetings” What is the situation of the anti-aircraft defenses on Khalid Ibn Al-Walid bridge in Al-Basra?
President Leader	When the courses of these Iranian pilots stop, they will all get older at the same time and be out of service (cannot fly) even if their numbers were large. While the younger ones will be few and they will need 5 years to be in this condition, for their ranks to be lieutenant colonels or colonels. After that, they cannot fly.
Minister of Defense	Sir, after the rank of lieutenant colonel, his diagram starts to decline except for some rare cases, such as `Adil Sulayman (Air Commodore), who was able to pass a flight test in Italy (for testing).
Chief of Staff of the Army (still talking on the phone)	We want to give it a try on it...(The bridge).

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Military Logistics Director	We want this bridge to be intact at any price.
Chief of Staff of the Army (still talking on the phone)	... What does the People's Army have of anti-aircraft weapons there? In Al-Basra, there was a platoon that we placed with the missiles... there was a platoon... Yes... Good... inside the ports... temporarily... now...
personal secretary for the Minister of Defense (Staff Major `Abd-al-Qadir Muhammad Jassem)	There are some non-urgent correspondences, Sir. Shall I bring them to you? Or only (urgent ones)?
Minister of Defense	Bring me the urgent ones only, now.
President Leader	Have any messages come? The messages might come only to the Staff Air Chief Marshall `Adnan.
Minister of Defense	Do I transfer them to you, Sir?
President Leader	I have not received any messages from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Minister of Defense	The messages we receive arrive sooner than the ones that the President Leader receives.
President Leader's Senior Escort	Sir, I will bring them to you, but you do not read them.
President Leader	Why do I not need to read them?
President Leader's Senior Escort	I believe that there are some messages on your table now, Sir.
President Leader	I read those a long time ago.

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President Leader's Senior Escort	This one, Sir. And this one, too. One and maybe two.
President Leader	I have read this one, too.
Chief of Staff of the Army (still talking on the phone)	...Until we arrange the weapons of the People's Army...Do we have any in another place?
Military Logistics Director (a phone call with the director of railways)	<p style="text-align: center;">“Greetings”</p> <p>Sir, there is no restriction on the trains’ movement during daytime...we have no objection on their movement, yes we have a direction for that...On what? We have not issued any direction for stopping the movement during daytime and they can move regularly...if one of our trains is bombed during daytime we will bomb one of theirs during daytime, too.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">"The phone call ended"</p>
Chief of Staff of the Army (still talking on the phone)	<p>... Yes, that belongs to the 5th Mechanized Infantry Division? Yes...start...and a platoon from anywhere...is that enough? Start from now, I want it to be done within one hour...thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">"The phone call ended"</p>
President Leader	This...See, how much of it do you need?
President Leader's Senior Escort	Sir, they called us from the intelligence apparatus’s headquarters and said that according to the information, the Iranian aircraft are carrying the Iraqi flag in several places to mislead our troops. The proof for that is that one of the Iranian aircraft was hit while carrying the Iraqi flag in Dezful.
Minister of Defense	Tell them...first, a MiG aircraft does not look like a Phantom one...how was the flag recognized? Is it safe from these weapons? So that...

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President Leader	Yes, but it is possible that Abu-Khalil (Al-Jundi) does not know that.
Minister of Defense	No Iranian or Iraqi pilot is safe from our troops.
Minister of Defense (a phone call with the Air Force commander)	<p>“Greetings”</p> <p>There are some incidents happening and causing us losses...when our aircraft take off on duty and on their way back, the air defense restricts the weapons. In the meanwhile, the Iranians seize the opportunity to enter in their aircraft and bomb the targets...Yes...However; the Iranian planes used their machine guns and burnt our Al-Shu'aybah refinery for oils. It is now on fire and there are attempts to contain the fire...as you remember, I said to you ten days ago, “Why don't our planes chase theirs when their aircraft enter our airspace, and while they are in the region why don't our aircraft chase them? Why do the Iranian aircraft do that while ours do not?”</p>
President Leader	Because they traced them.
Chief of Staff of the Army (a phone call with the anti-aircraft director, Staff Brigadier General Hamid Al-Ward)	<p>“Greetings”</p> <p>Staff Brigadier General Hamid?...Yes...Well done...start...</p>
Minister of Defense (still talking on the phone)	Yes...OKAY, the pilot made a turn and headed for 'Ali air base in Al-Nasiriyyah. So when the hostile aircraft went to Basra, why did the air defenses remain restricted? ...Yes...when two appeared on the target [<i>tracing board</i>] before the aircraft reached the base, the control officer told him that the Iranian aircraft had followed him and therefore, he changed his direction and carried out [<i>his mission</i>].

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	However, the Iranian aircraft continued and bombed targets within our air defense system. So, why was there a weapons' restriction during that time? Do not we have IFF (Identification of Friend or Foe aircraft system)?...So, why do we restrict the air defense?...Yes... if we have the (IFF) device, why is the air defense restricted? Yes...as long as we cannot master the final touches of an operation, when your associate reaches such a condition, then we can restrict our air defenses...Yes...
President Leader	There is a solution...the aircraft assigned with a mission can take off from one air base and land in another one. Moreover, the base from which it will take off can give the freedom to the air defenses, and the aircraft can land in another air base restricted with hovering.
Minister of Defense (still on phone)	The pilot that takes off from the air base in Al-Shu'aybah, can he land in 'Ali Air Base in Al-Nasiriyyah? Is that not right? And the one who takes off from 'Ali Air Base, can he land in Al-Shu'aybah? Okay, to avoid this type of confusion from happening, he can take off from one base and land in another. Is it not so, to keep the defenses free, right? This is one point...now all duties and bombing are done by the ground attack aircraft...No. No I mean the aircraft included in our defenses and the enemy's. All the attacks are against the ground attack aircraft, while the interceptors have not been exposed to anything. As for the aerial reconnaissance, we have not benefited much from it. We shall identify areas for them and say that the aircraft will come, and that our radars are detecting them and the alarm sirens warn them...right, it seems...

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