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PROJECT 91002

14 JAN 91

SUMMARY

1. (S/NF/LIMDIS) TASK: Describe key events/incidents significant to the Iraqi situation for the near term period (7-31 Jan 91).
2. (U) PRIOR REPORTING: This is a general follow-up to tasking for project 90104 as reported on 30 Oct 1990 and on 6 Nov 1990. Project 91002 was initiated on 7 Jan 1991.
3. (U) RESPONSES:
  - a. (U) SOURCE 025:
    - (1) (U) DATE OF INFORMATION: 7 Jan 91
    - (2) (S/NF/LIMDIS) DATA SUMMARY:
      - (a) Peace Talks:
        - Peace talks will fail and will resume in the Middle East in the March time frame.
      - (b) War situation:
        - War will break out in February and last 2-3 months:
          - o US casualties will occur (700-2000), mostly in Kuwait.
          - o Hussein will eventually withdraw from Kuwait.
          - o War will be fast and furious.
        - By April, Iraq will have a new leader.
        - Some US troops will be in Kuwait through August.
  - b. (U) SOURCE 049:
    - (1) (U) DATE OF INFORMATION: 12-13 January 1991.
    - (2) (S/NF/LIMDIS) DATA SUMMARY:
      - (a) War situation:
        - War outbreak is imminent.

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(b) Hussein:

- There seems to be an older relative of Hussein who may (or should) emerge that is in a position to influence and possibly negate Hussein's stance.

- This person (possibly an uncle) was very adept at maneuvering members of Hussein's family, and had great influence on Hussein when he was a teenager.

c. (U) SOURCE 079:

(1) (U) DATE OF INFORMATION: 14 January 1991.

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- President Bush will announce evening of 14 January 1991 that there will not be a war with Iraq.

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- Some small skirmishes (on water) may occur in southern areas.

- Situation will remain tense.

- Yemen will be a source of trouble for the US

(b) Terrorist Attacks:

- None are perceived (in the US) in the near future.

4. (S/ND/LIMDIS) COMMENTS:

a. Of above, source 079 is most experienced.

b. This project will be kept current with frequent updates.

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