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██████████ This 71-minute long audio tape contains an undated meeting presided over by President Saddam Hussein and his Ba'th Party members. It was regarding the attack on Iraq and the political reaction of some Arab countries and the United States of America. -One of the participants said that if the United States of America and its allies objected to the Soviet Union initiation, Iraq is going to cooperate with the Kuwaiti political and religious organizations in order to erect a national rule. - It was mentioned that Egyptian religious leaders were supporting the Kuwaiti government. -One of the participants suggested establishing an Iraqi radio station to broadcast the corruption that took place in Gulf. -They talked about the American political position regarding the attack on Kuwait. -Some of the participants suggested having Palestinians to assassinate the Kuwaiti Leader after entering Kuwait. -They talked about Al-Qazzafi informative interview on Monte Carlo radio channel. Minutes 03:15-33:53 and 67:13-71:05 are blank.

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MV1:		[Tape begins in the middle of a sentence.] Mr. President, before we arrived here, Al-Qadhafi had an interview with Mont Carlo Radio station. He was very calm, however, his discussion was ridiculous, and he did not provide any valuable information.
MV2:		It depends on the questions he was asked.
MV1:		His conversation was...
MV3:		He is deceivable and a troublemaker.
SADDAM:		We always recognized him as a good friend.
MV4:		However when he speaks, everyone listens. I mean younger, younger...He will just die.
SADDAM:		What did I tell you? I told you that the first person, who will visit, will be Al-Qadhafi.
MV4:	...	In regards to the opposition sir...
SADDAM:		I would like to make a clear statement, and in proper Arabic language. In the event America and its allies object to the Soviet Union initiation, Iraq will cooperate with the Kuwaiti political and religious organizations in order to erect a national democratic rule.
MV5:	[Minutes 03:15-33:53 blank]	Sir, with this step, the world is going to look at us in a completely different way. [Minutes 03:15-33:53 blank]
SADDAM:		...Kuwait will last...However, this is an international revolution, which if occurred, no one would survive on earth, including Qarun and Tauj. God to Whom be ascribed all

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		perfection and majesty, might wish to cancel that day, do you think Qarun will still exist? Qarun will still exist, if...For instance, if we were in Kuwait and they destroyed the Americans...
MV6:		We would vanish as well.
SADDAM:		This is an international revolution, with prophets, not with human beings, could that ever happen? Even the prophets were...he died long time ago...I mean, I noticed in all of you, how you worry about people; we will deal with it through careful instructions and awareness...
MV1:		It will be best, if we have instructions.
ABU USAMA:		Sir, I would like to clarify an issue, even though, it will probably need a long explanation, I would just like to know if our way in celebration, is the right way, or the tribes' way?
SADDAM:		It is like the tribes' way.
ABU USAMA:		We are the Ba'th party members, when are we going to change the society's habits. Because it is an old custom, we should not have to accept it...The other foreign countries sir... Is there another way to celebrate without gunfire, like the old tribes' times, we fire guns in weddings, in death, if someone left, if someone returned, and in every occasion...This issue sir, people look at it as if... To be honest with you, they look at it as if we are uncivilized society. There are ten thousand other ways to celebrate, besides gunfire. Is that the right way to support old habits?

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SADDAM:	...	Are you finished Doctor? Yes, that is the right way. You sound as if you are fighting. [LAUGHS] This is not a decision; it is only an idea to discuss. Let me explain something to you, those civilized countries, Doctor, they substitute a pistol, with other non-pistol materials. Therein no true celebration occurs, without gunfire to express... They are like us, their army just ended a war and you do not want them to express their joy by firing! Let us consider that firing as if it was the first day of the attack, will that accumulate to the same amount of shooting as the first day of the attack on Baghdad, On Al-Nasiriyah, and on Al-Mosul?
ABU-AHMAD		Well sir, if an attack occurred, they would have killed him [LAUGHS] that is a good thing.
ABU USAMA:		Okay, very well, now that this subject is settled, what about...
SADDAM:		We may substitute it with the desirable method, which appears to the public.
ABU USAMA:		I believe Mr. President that we must request voting from the party members.
SADDAM:		Celebrate by non-harmful methods, which may hurt the public.
ABU-AHMAD		However, in regards to the army, explosives and resistance did not have to be reported, they are a population of only 57 million.
ABU USAMA:		Besides that Mr. President, you must issue instructions and orders to our party members and to our organizations, that for the upcoming days, starting today, we need to launch a celebration and a victory

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		<p>campaign, in a positive method, in order to execute the enemy traces, which affected our people.</p> <p>I mean launching campaigns to remove the traces as fast as possible, for example, just like the Qamuss effort in World War II, to erase the war effect on the Armenian women's' behaviors.</p>
SADDAM:		<p>We must first erase the negativity, sins and then the other issues.</p>
ABU USAMA:		<p>This way, our people will observe positive and constructive formations.</p>
SADDAM:		<p>When the people notice our party members following this method, they will then follow. Just find a comfortable and rapid method. The party method is usually very effective.</p>
ABU-AHMAD		<p>I swear to Allah, that the enemy had a major impact on the party's spirit. I mentioned that to you before, I did not submit it in a letter; I considered it an irrelevant issue. I just wanted to identify what project, which he wrote regarding the morale of the party members. He mentioned only the morale of the party members, in the south, not including the north, Baghdad, The Palace Center, Al-Hillah, the effect on bridges, Al-Amarah, Al- Nasiriyah, and Al-Basra.</p>
SADDAM:		<p>Not to mention the hateful and childish attack on Al-Nasiriyah, this would never have crossed our mind.</p>
ABU-USAMA:		<p>By the name of Allah sir, you should engrave at every city entrance, and on every rock, how many attacks were launched on it by the enemy...</p>
SADDAM:		<p>Wow Abu- Usama! I am impressed with your way of thinking. You are</p>

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		right. Why do you think we trusted the prophets? It is because they recorded every incident.
ABU-USAMA:		Every city keeps its record, in order to record the martyrs, numbers of the children and the numbers of the women. Every city will obtain photos of the destroyed buildings, in the event we build a museum, in the future.
SADDAM:		As well as improving negativity among them. Let the Arabs, when they come to visit the first time, to observe what the betrayer Americans have done.
ABU-USAMA:		We should generate a long movie on what occurred, and show it to the visitors in the future.
SADDAM:		We generate videotapes on what occurred in Al-'Amria, Al-Fallujah and in Al-Nasiriyah...
MV9:		We need to generate more than just a movie...
ABU-USAMA:		Yes, yes you are right. It should contain comments for the future...
SADDAM:		It should be a very rare movie in its nature, which no one has ever seen before, in order to be remembered... I mean in regards to its party organizations and for the Arabs to witness it themselves...
MV10:		Sir, God willing, the road opens, I have 35 videotapes, which I would like to record our events on them, in 'Arafat, France and in Algiers, in order to prevent any exposure of our army sites.
SADDAM:	...	Ask the Army personnel and the ambassadors, to record all the events, which will show the world...to show how an Algerian speaks for us and answers. You record 35 videotapes, from all over

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		the world, and through different nationalities, to prove it. We need to evaluate their quality first, otherwise, it might be better for us...I mean not better, but more beneficial for us, to use our newspapers and radio stations for that purpose, instead of spending millions of Dinars.
ABU-USAMA:		We also need sir, to stress our gratitude to those who supported Iraq, including the non-Arabs, such as the Peace group...
MV10:		By the name of Allah, those peace group people are not good!
SADDAM:		We do not need to mention details about it. We should just say, "This is special thanks, with respect, appreciation and love, to those who stood by us and supported us in a way that proved their sincerity, nationalism or their true humanitarian support." Just like that, we do not mention names or...
MV10:		Sir, we met and talked to those people in Al-Rashid City, they said to us, "We are neutral group and we only support peace."
SADDAM:		They support the lawful side and the unlawful side.
MV10:		If we acknowledge this group, the public will criticize us, because they are neutral.
ABU-AHMAD		We should mention special thanks to the patriotism of the Muslims and the Christians, especially to Al-Jamahir group who are the main base for Islam.
SADDAM:		Where is the Islamic base? I do not know it, I swear to Allah!
ABU-AHMAD		All the people in the city included special gratitude to the 99%

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		religious Egyptian groups, who are some of them, are prominent respectable Egyptians, and they are never influenced by even 5% of the Islamic movements.
SADDAM:		The officials will try to buy them for information; however, they will never be able to buy them.
ABU-AHMAD		They tried to buy whomever they could from their leaders, such as Al-Ma'diyah and especially the poor individuals however, they could not buy the Al-Jamahir leader. 'Abass is a very good man...
SADDAM:		See if 'Abass could arrange it.
ABU-AHMAD		When the uprising occurred, he sent his representative, who attended our meeting and provided assistance, since 'Abbas was busy.
SADDAM:		Even his representative is good...
ABU-AHMAD		Yes, I agree. I mean Al-Jamahir... however, the Al-Ma'diyah movement...
ABU-USAMA:		Ben Bella told me, "The representative of 'Abass is untrustworthy and do not be misled by him." That is what he stated to me.
ABU-AHMAD		What do you think of his talk with us?
SADDAM:		Abu-Ahmad Listen! I do not care much for Al-Sheik, based on my first impression of him, which is the most important, in regards to how he speaks and handles situations. I noticed that he is a good politician and religious leader; however, he does not speak the truth.
ABU-AHMAD		After 'Abass arrived from Saudi Arabia and met with you, he returned and prevented every uprising, including Al-Muqadra, Al-Murtadin, Al-Tahrir, and other party members...
SADDAM:		I believe he realized that politically

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		he was secluded, and wanted to return to politics.
MV10:		I believe Mr. President that he is following his father's, Ahmad Sa'id Al-Deen, footsteps, He was...
SADDAM:		He is a fake and I even consider Al-Khomeini better than him. I mean he is a fake from the Al-Faliq family. This is his pattern.
MV10:		Saudi Arabia does not like Algiers or the Algerians; there is a possibility that they might change their opinion in the future...
SADDAM:		Algiers is under nationalism and Islamic pressure, which did not exist before.
MV11:		It is great country, especially the Algerians sir!
MV12:	[UNINTELLIGIBLE]	[UNINTELLIGIBLE] I heard a statement from Ahmad, and from that other person, Ghanimi, they all are young men. They have a new political office here, and the one in charge of the students, is a young intelligent man.
ABU-USAMA:		There is one important issue, sir, which I believe we must achieve. We must establish from now on, a radio station, which will be heard easily accessibly and widely all over the world, as Saudi Arabia and Egypt, and you instruct them to broadcast Baghdad. We need to establish a research center, as well, connected to this radio station, its main task is to search for numbers, facts and documents in regards to the Gulf corruptions. Moreover, it will broadcast to the region regularly, in connection to their budget, their money, their scandals and their Western investments, not in general, we should broadcast information and numbers... then we

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		end the truce period. Lately, when the Gulf was granted truce, his corruption and his money were in peace, and everything else.
SADDAM:		On a political and diplomatic level, it is considered inappropriate; however, we may wait for a while, a year or six months. I suggest that we think this over.
ABU-USAMA:		That is fine.
SADDAM:		No, I am asking your opinion on the matter.
MV10:		You mean I will say no to you! That will indicate you are wrong and that is a lie.
SADDAM:		What was the outcome of the truce?
MV10:		It caused public interference.
SADDAM:		You mean it caused interference, and the majority of public security was lost, which means that some people established relations with Saudi Arabia! However, we are not opposed to that.
ABU-USAMA:		We will expose them to the Arab Nation and to the whole world, in order for the world to hear...
MV11:		Even the Shiite countries, we created banners asking them to listen to our station.
SADDAM:		Okay, then we must concentrate on our Arab nation. Am I right? In addition, to our party and all the good people, I mean not just our party. Whoever is following the same path; we must support him and help him.
ABU-USAMA:		We must do it right and establish a radio station, from...
SADDAM:		I cannot help you with the radio station issue. The Commander Latif will assist you in this matter. I do not know, for example, why our radio station is not like Kuwait's or like Egypt's...

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MV12:		Not just now, it was like that from before.
SADDAM:		Some of the people understand that we do not have an ocean to provide signals for the radio, through the waves, and we do not have the ability, like America, in obtaining radio stations on a large range, based on their widespread areas.
ABU-USAMA:		Does Oman sir, have an ocean? Why does Oman have a radio station, which enables everyone to listen to it from anywhere you go? I am not talking sir, about right now! I lived in Iraq through every era, from the royalty rule until now, and I have never witnessed an Iraqi radio station, which enables you to listen to Baghdad. I do not know what the secret is.
SADDAM:		You should discuss this with your friend Latif.
ABU-USAMA:		I do not blame the Commander Latif, he did the best he could, and however, this issue must be solved from its roots.
SADDAM:		I need to bring a point to Commander Latif's attention, in regards to his specialists; they are either incompetent or understaffed. I mean the engineers and the specialists, who provide consultation, when we purchase it, use it and install it. I am afraid they might be either lazy or incompetent, because it is unbelievable that we were never able to have a radio station. All the Arabs in Italy, France, England, Jordan, Syria, and in Egypt, they state that they listen to the other Arab radio stations, as well.

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MV13:		Saddam Hussein's era, was the best where, Iraq purchased the most advanced equipment... Started since 79...
SADDAM:		That was in the past, yes, when we were generous.
MV13:		We were generous and some divisions are still benefiting from it, however...
MV14:		Sir I would like to discuss an issue, although it is irrelevant to our subject right now, we consider it very important. During these last ten years, our main concentration was on Iran. We have the biggest communication center for a country, which broadcasts for Iran, for all the opposition Iranian stations and the Palestinians, after we ended the war and until now. However, we have not ever included issues regarding the Pilgrimage, which caused me severe depression and I sought a doctor's help. Regarding our radio station, I have reports from the embassies and from our party organizations, that our station is heard briefly and not on a regular basis, in France, in Belgium, in Algiers, in London, in Egypt, where they requested to disconnect it, and in Saudi Arabia.
SADDAM:		I also heard from all those places, that our station is either not operating or is hard to hear.
ABU-USAMA:		You could hear it sometimes; however, the connection is very weak, unless you keep on trying

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		different directions... While the other stations are heard very clearly...
MV14:	[UNINTELLIGIBLE]	Whoever installed in the eighties has, had no problems with it, as far as parts or repairs. They stated that Iran is not [UNINTELLIGIBLE] When I went to Italy, and turned on the radio, I heard stations for Al-Qahira, Sut-Al-Arab, and Al-Sharq Al-Awsatt, very clearly, as far as the Baghdad station, it sounds very weak! That is the condition of...
SADDAM:		This is not a major problem; we could fix it with effort, even if we could find an area in Qatar, although I worry about such a location.
MV14:		For example sir, our radio station is considered one of the biggest stations in the world, which extends up to two thousand kilometers. When I receive reports stating that they are unable to hear it in Syria, it does not make any sense from the practical side, functional side or from the technical side. How could not be heard? Even in Oman it is not heard.
SADDAM:		What is your point? I feel that I must provide you with an answer. What would you like me to say? We mentioned that our power is not small or weak, which means the technicians who are in charge of this issue, are not motivated enough to become creative or knowledgeable in this field. It appears to be an ongoing observation.
MV14:		We need sir, to solve this issue for us; It is not good to have our radio station line disconnected in Riyadh

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		at all.
SADDAM:		We will sit down with Commander Latif and discuss it with him. We will request to speak with his employers to convene with us about the problem, just as we sit down with our army troops, with our farmers and with...until we are completely convinced, then we offer our support and assistance, or at least solve their problems.
MV15:		We need the people to hear us.
SADDAM:		People are hearing us; they want to hear us from before, and since a year ago.
ABU-AHMAD		We need to generate a radio station in Egypt, in Al-Jazira, in the Gulf and in Syria; They must hear us, even if it causes hundreds of static.
MV14:		They used to tell us that they do not hear our radio station based on their hatred towards us.
MV16:		Sir we thank Allah for our good life. What are your expectations toward the Americans' situation, in the upcoming days? Do you believe they might try to...?
SADDAM:		I do not believe that the Americans will accept this project easily as it is, they might try to agitate the situation, through other tricks, and this is the first aspect. The other aspect is I am not comfortable with the Kuwaiti's restraint in the first four days, in Qazim City. It is a very devastating situation, since Kuwait is located by the ocean, if we withdraw in the first four days, the opening area will be inside our region. Kuwait or the American

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		army could enter through it; therefore, we are not sure of what they might use as an excuse, in the event we withdraw.
MV14:		In those four days, we shall concentrate on the open field towards them...
SADDAM:		This is a controlled revolution; they send you a letter today to implement it in the morning.
MV16:		Mr. President, regarding the Iraqis over there, how many Iraqis do we have in Kuwait?
MV17:		We only have Al-Asqar.
MV16:		No, I do not mean that, I mean from the citizens.
MV17:		What are the citizens doing over there?
MV17:		They live there!
SADDAM:		There are few Iraqi citizens over there; the offices and business are open and it is easy for them to conduct their affairs.
MV18:		Sir, I have about 15 workers in Kuwait, not citizens, I am capable of bringing 15 individuals.
SADDAM:		We do not have too many Iraqi citizens in Kuwait.
MV16:		Sir, in regards to your pictures for the banners, would like us to remove it before they would...
SADDAM:		Yes, I swear to Allah, from the first day, I thought it was inappropriate to...
MV16:		Yes, sir that is right, however, as soon as we hear anything regarding when they start...
MV17:		They will start in the beginning of the month.
MV16:		What do you mean?
MV17:		They are going to start at the beginning of the month...
SADDAM:		Even the buildings do not...

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MV16:		We will protect the buildings and would not even let them touch it. That is what I would like to express...
ABU-AHMAD		It is going to be a very difficult sight to watch, when our army and the troops are withdrawing...
MV16:		It is going to take place at night.
SADDAM:		It is better to withdraw the troops yourself, instead of the enemy doing it for you!
ABU-AHMAD		I mean not at the beginning, I am just concerned they might record it as two weeks from the last day of the last week.
SADDAM:		Please record it! What do you mean by the withdrawal takes three to four days?
MV17:		I mean four days from the fourth day.
SADDAM:		They will withdraw from Kuwait City, on the fourth day.
ABU-USAMA		Why should they wait to the last day? They should remove it at night... Sir, could we assassinate the Prince of Kuwait upon his entrance to Kuwait?
ALL THE COMRADES:]	[LAUGH]
ABU-USAMA		I understand that it is a daring task; however, it is for a good cause. The Palestinians have not done anything courageous regarding our situation. How could they call themselves Palestinians? They have not performed anything.
SADDAM:		If they could just help the Iraqi Intelligence, it would be great.
ABU AHMAD		No, they did help us, and the Intelligence carried out operations based on this situation, including Lebanon. We have received

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		documents from their Intelligence, stating that our organization carried out such and such operations in your honor.
ABU-USAMA		The commander Taha's idea is not 100% considerable.
SADDAM:		Why should we not consider it?
ABU-USAMA		Well, sir they must be depressed for the attack, we should try to imagine how its legendary loss, its tumult, its fun, and the celebrations in Kuwait...
MV18:		The 25 th is a national holiday in America, and the Americans want to be in Kuwait on the 25 th ...
MV19:		How could they arrive on the 25 th ?
MV18:		Yes, they are trying...
MV20:		They stated in America, that within two days...

[END OF TAPE]