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Male 1 In the last meeting we heard Dr. Hasam's opinion but they didn't listen to his opinion. Therefore, he drafted it in a letter. He wrote his opinion in a letter and we said the Cabinet must, as well, hear his opinion as is.

Male 2 [Inaudible]

Male 1 Yes

Male 2 In reference to the numbers I received from the Ministry of Finance.

Male 1 Reality is, the amounts the Ministry of Finance reported were old debts from common mistakes made during the renewal of wire transfers from the central bank. Dr. 'Asaam noticed a group from the central bank withdrawing it. Yesterday they renewed it because it [Inaudible] The instructions issued are still ongoing but the situation [Inaudible], if we didn't cover the transfers would still be in open accounts. It's necessary to follow up, plus these are old measures not new ones.

Male 1 Dr. 'Asaam

Male 2 Thank you sir

Male 2 Sir, in regards to covering the expenses we call it the unreported expenses. Which means the department first spends the designated expenses and then it will be transferred to the Ministry of Finance. The Ministry of Finance immediately demands the amount from the national departments until the amount reaches a specified number. For example, we ask them to pay us 20 billion [Inaudible]. They transfer a treasury wire for 20 billion, meaning, it's not a new debt instead it's only to cover old debt. Sir, since I arrived today the situation within the Cabinet meeting has not made one change possible and they said the solution is keeping it as is [Inaudible] It's like the letter, Sir, Mr. Commanding President, the implementation is frozen. If you allow this work it'll affect us in the Economic Committee and our daily transactions.

Male 1 Okay

Male 3 Sir... if I may tell you a story similar to the one the minister told. It's a wonderful story Sir Mr. Commanding President, you give us more than we deserve, therefore it is expected that he pressure us more than necessary.
Sir, you are the father and the wave.

Male 1 This is necessary; there is no other way. We don't want to pressure any of you at all and it hurts us to do so but we have no other way of pushing you. Sometimes

the importance of the subject leads to a situation similar to what happened. This is the difference.

Male 4 Of course sir

Male 1 Comrade Tariq, please tell the brothers about your trip.

Male 2 Sir, the communications that we had with the members of the Security Council during my last visit [Inaudible] additional attendees were present. If this statement is true and the evidence obtained in August and later, which contains contradicting evidence of whom were our friends or our enemies and those who are in between [Inaudible]. The widespread opinion even among our friends and especially the French; that the files, which were reopened, will take a very long time to close again. Hence the effect of implementing resolution 22, for this reason Ekeus won't be able to submit his report during the next few months after the meeting with Lieutenant General 'Amar Al-Sa'di and the brother Hassam Muhammad Amin. During the four months between August and until now, we explained to them how much we produced. Therefore it depends on our capability that what is left does not need long time and range from two to four months. Despite that, we learned previously that when Ekeus submits his report [Inaudible] we don't foresee Ekeus contradicting the submitted report of 12/15 for two reasons. The first reason is that Ekeus doesn't want to give us credit that quickly and the other reason has to do with the kind of work it is.

For example: it is proven that we produced biological weapons, we have 200 bombs and we must prove that they were destroyed. We supplied documentation to the individual who came to Baghdad at the beginning of the month discussing and describing the destruction of 157 of them. This documentation was sent to the lab to be examined by, what they call "forensic analysis". This analysis will prove the date the document was written. Now he explains the document has been submitted but he isn't able to confirm to the council that 157 were destroyed. If we're confident that we submitted the document but the final point in the subject will [Inaudible] possibly after a week or two or a month. Therefore, we are confident we can accomplish the remainder. The B.X., for example, is a subject relating to chemicals. We are about to prove to him that this was a failed plan and it didn't enter into the arming of Iraq. The failure is documented and the last parts need scientific analysis with accurate analysis by our well-known enemies. With the exception of the French this is a special case that we are addressing, they started listening to us. They started listening and being concerned with this information and I can tell they've reached some comfort if the analysis is true. After the depression the Foreign Minister met with them during the general committee session and everyone encouraged us to continue with this agenda. One of the issues or matters that harmed us on our way to there... the news about the available ammunition in Jordan which was supposedly coming to Iraq. Of course this is absurd... absurd ... from one side we're confirming the destruction of weapons and on another side we're importing ammunition relating to the missile industry not allowed by the United Nations... even though they were constructed with

permissible materials.

Male 1 Even with less range?

Male 2 Yes sir...there are two kinds sir... there is a ban on importing all military goods... that's ongoing... and there is the ban on assembling missiles, meaning if we have the supplies to build less than 120 missiles, this doesn't count.

Male 1 So these missiles are acceptable...

Male 2 Yes, its import is prohibited as far as we know at least until the embargo is lifted... and then it will be under a special rule. Of course the illegal side of it is clear [Inaudible]... and we offered them some explanations. We discovered afterwards that these equipments are truly shipped to Iraq and the employee in charge didn't inform his supervisors Lieutenant General (LT GEN) 'Amar Muhammad Rashid on what these materials are. They were told these items are silly and irrelevant.

Male 1 So, what's the truth?

Male 2 Sir, this is the truth.

Male 1 Then this is the truth.

Male 3 Sir, an investigation was to take place today to give me a frame of reference, but the primary information about the subject reveals:
It is believed that one of the specialists or someone else, with their knowledge of our relentlessness is causing a problem with the special committee. We wrote a contract regarding the materials that could harm us, which mentions a Compact. This is a sensitive topic and they inflated the price. As you can see from the final report the contract has been increased in value. Common electronic items, which are not prohibited, have been ordered such as the compact machine.

Even LT GEN 'Amar Al-S'adi, I asked him today when he returned... I asked him, do you remember such a topic, and he said he didn't know about it. It is possible that the betrayer Hussein is the one who told them and it was old news, from May. The products are coming into Amman, the allowed products as well as the prohibited ones if the statement is true. Of course this individual was investigated and he said the matter is clear. He said he agreed with an unknown person whose name he also doesn't remember. We agreed to buy a compact and here is the contract. Look. But instead of \$1 he put \$5.50 for the prohibited items.

Agreed with what's his name, I don't remember his name if you hear, sir, I told him I'm in agreement with what's his name and I told him we brought you a compact device and the subject is clear in this contract here they sold it. But instead of a dollar he put five dollars, like, there is somebody who doesn't know the difference between a dollar or a dollar and a half on the things that are actually prohibited. All

of us knew about it and what did they say because actually there are agreements being rejected, that's the real issue because actually one of the boxes that appear to have come to Baghdad with prohibited items and from when the betrayer Hussein was defeated it became our announcement... was our problem, like, everything is this and everything we'd announce about us so they started to worry. They don't have anything on this subject, so we told them to come. What do you have if you have data or you knew someone who had data or someone has the stomach to return this last opportunity? These words are not possible and I would try to repeat more than 10 times in the open meetings. This is the fifth or sixth time they've believed these words with a high level of trust and they went and didn't tell Chief Hussam about the information and they told LT GEN 'Amar. They don't say there aren't any sanctions coming, they only say electronics are coming by mistake whatever... so Hussam said if the stuff wasn't missing, LT GEN 'Amar Kamairi would be notified... in the open meeting that took place on the 8th or 7th. We said if anyone has anything to tell us... Those could leak from the American intelligence. The American intelligence could find out and that's the purpose the American intelligence serves. So we said the ball can stay on our side in the meeting. This person said I might upset Hussam Ali... but I have one thing I want to say. I told him what happened. He said electronics came in a box but he didn't say telescope. I told him, that the Special Committee reported that this is great as long as there is an inspection team. So, Hussam told this person that the special committee reported that these basic electronics came in by mistake. So it shows that a defect occurred here and the result did not reach the special committee. Obviously they found out about this information and other issues and kept it for the right time, so that they could demonstrate them right before Tariq leaves.

Male 2 Of course Sir, this incident backfired on our negotiations... but...

Male 1 This incident reminded me of the bear that climbed the Dome of the Rock to hit the fly off his face so they killed it...

Male 2 [Inaudible]

Male 1 You mean he doesn't have negative change meaning that it's positive.

Male 2 Yes positive, and when I asked them what's your position on resolution 120? They said, our position on resolution 120 is that we will submit a suggestion when Ekeus submits his report. So we told them that we have only one issue we were bothered by...this act that happened and the story of these gyroscopes that got us concerned and we are going to check it out. I even encouraged Moscow to look into what happened because these are actions to be ashamed of, smuggling and what ever else. But, it was clear and he dealt with LT GEN 'Amar and Brigadier General Hussam and he listened to them very attentively and for their statements very attentively. He took notes and followed them, just like they did in the past. China ... the rest is on the same position but all of us wanted to express details to him. He says leave me for now. He does not want and the French detailed the same special

position that your Excellency knows about.

Male 1 One... one

Male 2 The meeting with the Egyptians was very good and the meetings with the Czech delegation and with the Polish delegation were good. Dr. 'Amar Al-S'adi participated in the meetings as well and he generalized by saying that the Security Council is not good. South Korea... a new composition sir for the Security Council in the following year...it's clearly better than the existing composition, meaning, Egypt will enter instead of Oman. Egypt, as you know sir, their politics are a lot better and their ambassador Nabil Al-'Arabi. He's, like, he really was always in the heart of the crisis. The number of years he's spent going and coming visiting me at my home...in my opinion he is basically my brother.

Male 1 Family or friend?

Male 2 Between them it's like family and friendship. His views are good as a person. What's up with the Ba'th? Are they good? Dr. Kamar told me that they were meeting and talking and debating in a serious manner regarding aide... Nabil Al-'Azi. Poland instead of the Czech Republic. Poland is better than the Czech Republic... South Korea, the ambassador came and he told me I know you and I'm here to visit you. While I was wandering around Baghdad, somebody told me they are perusing bi-lateral relations and he told me that they have an interest in Iraq and an interest in lifting the embargo. He told them that they want to help themselves in the field of petroleum. For a company associated with the Oil Ministry and we are ready to sign a \$50 million deal if they sign the contract.

Male 3 Sir it's \$100 million

Male 2 It's become \$100 million? So this means my information is old... It's a country that is concerned with Iraq's situation and the lifting the sanctions off of Iraq for the benefit, but we also hope for that situation. Chili... the ambassador is an excellent person. He is cultured and part of a party that is progressive towards returning to an empire and he has progressive ideas. It's not like you allow me to tell you this is Kerry. That Argentinean said he worked with Albright and she was Czech as well, we have a previous relationship... and also...

Male 1 Their president is Kerry...

Male 2 Yes sir... the same school in Africa... Guinea Bissau instead of Rwanda... Guinea Bissau and said that we need our relationship with Iraq and we remember that you helped us during our hard time. Afterwards I asked... They said that it's evident from France, so I asked the French Prime Minister who met with him after our meeting last year to talk about isolation. Then I asked him how are the relations between you and Guinea Bissau? He said very well. So I told him I want you to pay attention to us so they could be on our side and he promised to do that. So I'm

expecting that the atmosphere in the council next year will change a bit to our benefit if we do more in regards to Ekeus. The French were vigilant in reference to the subject of Ekeus and decision 976... They were very vigilant and he said you are not going to Paris, and there he went to figure out the situation with the government. So, in Paris, when he arrived two days before his appointment, he made new revelations about the ambassador through what he was told by his friends in the French Foreign Ministry. In France, there is an atmosphere of preservation...meaning on our side... He said that the chief of the Middle East department wasn't there during his visit, Sir. So he returned to Baghdad because there wasn't any hope in implementing resolution 22. It's possible for us to change resolution 976 and tie my visit to Paris on the condition that we accept resolution 976. In my opinion, if communications with the president don't happen, we won't be successful in the relations with the foreign minister and that would be bad because he has all the previous knowledge on the subject. Through him... tell him if it's possible for me to secretly see the president. So he told me that would be hard so I told him go tell him if he can't see me lets speak on the phone. The next day he told me your coming and tell whoever is with you to bring a cell phone... Sir, that's what they stipulated but I must keep you in the picture. I used the phone and spoke with the president so he started on high. He told me that he wants to help us. So, I spoke with him about what's needed. I told him what it is that we need now. I told him, we now have been waiting for 11 months and we've been in need to meet and until we meet we need to give you information. Ekeus will submit his report if you all don't create pressure to counter that of the Americans which targets Iraq. I explained to him other points. Without hesitation he said I'm going to give information to the Foreign Ministry to give you all a complete access for the exchange of information and analysis. We are going to cooperate with you all. We're going to call our ambassador in New York so he can return and get ready for you all about this subject in particular. Yesterday, in the evening after a meeting in the Foreign Ministry, the Prime Minister said do you want a one on one meeting? I told him that the meeting with the Foreign Minister was great or not bad. I told him when you were the Foreign Minister you used to do all these things for us. We used to call Ekeus to ask him when he'll be done with this and that. The Iraqis are cooperating and your ambassador in New York, Sharin, said that at that time... Foreign relations were hot and cold but now they have dissolved because of what Chirac informed me of today. Analyze these procedures and inform the minister and the ambassador and relieve your worries regarding this subject because it will be concluded. So, the man was certain of what he promised during the phone conversation. So, I believe after my visit to Paris that the French position went back to the way it was in the past... he has a desire to cooperate and work together to get the completed files closed. It was affective to the point that they agreed to welcome a technical team under the command of LT GEN 'Amir Muhammad Rashid or LT GEN Al-S'adi to go during November to update them on the latest news so they could be on top of things. From this perspective, I believe that he obtained some priority. Wherever we go, the talks will include resolution 976. We also discussed whatever we could discuss regarding this matter.

Male1 Mr. Minister of Information...

Male 5 Today sir the London based Al-Hayat Newspaper mentioned Dr. [Inaudible]