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- Male 14 Sir, the Mirage- 4000 can be used for two duties, it is an excellent interception aircraft and it is also an excellent fit for Decentration purposes in deep ranges [TC: a term used to describe a kind of Bombing] and it is also a ground-attack aircraft with long range capability also it could be used for air defense purposes. As far as its maneuverability also an excellent aircraft, Because its engines gives this aircraft a percentage of 1:1 between its flying power and its weight, Sir, this means sir, 1 Kgm of its flying power is equal to 1 Kgm from its weight different from other aircrafts in which its flying power its relatively less than the weight of the aircraft, which means that ½ Kgm from its flying power is equal to 1Kgm from the weight of the aircraft and this will reduce the Speed of the aircraft and its maneuverability, there is also another point which is the size of this aircraft, which is considered to be an obstacle in the modern Electronic warfare but as far as its maneuverability and its specialized equipments for air defense, its considered to be an excellent aircraft.
- Sir, its also has an additional wings that will generate a very strong push in the case of low speeds [Inaudible], the long distance of its wings is not comparative with its high specifications [Inaudible] Sir, We asked them about it but they said, it is not ready for sell yet. Sir, this aircraft has a great maneuverability in comparison with the 2000{TC:Mirage-2000} and the F-16 fighter, F-16 and F-4 fighter jets have a great degree of maneuverability.
- Also it contains additional equipment and strong surveillance radar which is able to cover an enormous distances, Sir, in the future the means of air defense will not be the same but it will be done through long distances, the superiority will be for long range missile, the further radar capability and the strongest jamming capability.
- Sir, the maximum load of bombs it could carry is about 27 bombs and each bomb is about 500 lbs, Sir, as far as its range, it has the ability to reach Tehran and come back, also it has the range to cover the Hirmiz strait if it flew from Baghdad, it flies in a very high altitudes but it will descend for about 200Km approximately before it bombs the target.
- Male 15 Also it covers the port of Bender Abbas also...[TC: he means the port of Bender Abbass for oil exports, south of the Persian Gulf]
- [Inaudible]{The sound of TV}
- Male 14 But we do not calculate the high distances like the majority of the Arab countries [Inaudible] all their defense measures are basically located outside the Island {TS: he means the oil rich Island of Kharj]

Male 1 [Inaudible]

Male 14 Sir, the minister of defense asked the Air force commander yesterday to come and to explain the features of this Aircraft [Inaudible], we were told [by the French] that this aircraft has a special method to repair and they did not give us their approval to fix ourselves if some thing happened to it [Inaudible]

Male 1 [Inaudible]

Male 2 [Inaudible]

Male 1 [Inaudible]

Male 14 [Inaudible] measurements [Inaudible].

Male 1 [Inaudible]

Male 14 In my latest trip to Paris, they {TC: he means the French military} put a certain provision in the sales contract in which they prevent us from taking part in the repair process and when I asked them for the reason they replied by saying this is part of our armament procedure.

Male 15 [Inaudible] American aircrafts...[Inaudible]

Male 14 [Inaudible] yes...[Inaudible]

Male 1 [Inaudible] if three of them [Inaudible]

Male 1 Its about 20Km [Inaudible], 6Km here

[Inaudible poetry] 0-19.53

Male 16 Sir, Our colleagues are presenting certain measures to deal with the epidemic of desertion from the military service and the ways to face it, they need your approval on the certain measures:

- 1) The re-deployment of the second and the fifth unit of the military discipline forces from the region of the third corps in Basrah and Amarah to Baghdad to take part in solving this problem.
- 2) Form a special commission from the specialized instruments and directorates to look for and to punish all the Deserters according to war time measures and pass these measures to the following instruments:
 - 1) The Directorate of mobilization and statistics.
 - 2) The Directorate of the political guidance.
 - 3) The Directorate of the lawful affairs.

- 4) The General Directorate of recruitment.
 - 5) The agricultural associations.
 - 6) The laborer unions.
 - 7) The general directorate of the police.
 - 8) The Internal security directorate.
 - 9) The popular Iraqi Army.
- 3) Form an association in all the Iraqi provinces consisting of Iraqi popular army members, Iraqi police personnel and elements from the internal security directorate to pursue all the deserters to capture them and punish them accordingly.
- 4) Prevent every Iraqi from traveling until we make sure that he finished his military service and he is not required for any military duties.
 - 5) Wage an education campaign to educate the public about this issue using the Ba'ath party organizations and through the media instruments.
 - 6) Reapply the items in the doctrine of the revolutionary command council #40 for 1/17/1978 in which prevents every Iraqi Youth Under 19 years from working for a foreign company until he completes his military service.

Male 1 This is the law, and also it depends on the nature of the foreign company.

- Male 16
- 7) Contacting the military office {means the Ba'ath party office within the Iraqi Military}, the Ba'ath Party organizations, the popular organizations and the general command of the popular army to cooperate in all aspects with regards to this issue.
 - 8) The notification to all organizations and all directorates to keep track of the addresses of all of its personnel.
 - 9) The notification to all ministries and all directorates to establish special files for all of its employees to show their positions from the military service issue and the possibility that these files could be checked at any minute.

Male 1 [Inaudible]

- Male 16
- 10) Hold the local mayors of every neighborhood in Iraq the wholly responsible if they fail to tell the authorities of deserters in their areas or districts according to the Iraqi laws.

Male 1 [Inaudible]

Male 1 We want our people to do their part in catching these traitors, tell them {he means the Iraqi people} to kill the deserters right there in the street, it is OK., we do not want such a person, if you see such a person kill him right there on the spot in front of the people because this kind of person does not deserve mercy.

Male 17 Sir, we need to wage a popular campaign to achieve these goals despite the fact that these goals are clear and obvious, but this is really a state of retardation and fleeing but we have this doctrine even before the start of this war {TC: He means the special doctrine that deals with deserters} but I do not know, we put it on the shelf because certain circumstances, the aspects of the fleeing is very clear, because when a soldier deserts and returns we could tell but the problem is with the soldiers who does not come back especially with the older ages of the military personnel because we do not have an efficient statistics system to peruse these guys, however, we are having people coming forward to give information on the where about of their related deserters because of the social shame accompanied this critical issue and also if I may Sir, we need to wage a campaign in the media exposing this issue and by using this propaganda we could surely lessen this epidemic from the lessons we have learned with regards to this issue, is the affect of the consciousness factor in this issue, we found that the more consciousness the soldier is the less he thinks of desertion.

Male 1 {Drinking tea} [Inaudible] we heard from the Iranian POWs that their military leaders are thinking that Iraq is using soldiers from other countries because of this desertion problem, so I believe that the soldiers who are deserting basically have no consciousness because he is unable to recognize that when he does such a thing, he is bringing shame to his tribe, village and his family.

Male 17 The last item in regards with the desertion issue concludes the need to try{TC: prosecute them} all the fugitives and punish them according to the laws.

Male 18 Sir, the second issue is, deals with the desire of the second corps to establish a military highway between the area of {MensouriyetAljebal} and the town {Mendili} {both towns resides in the province of Diyala} because currently if we want to move troops to the town of {Mendili} and than to the borders we need to move them towards {Ba'acouba} to the town {Beledroz} and then to the town of {Mendili} but as you see sir {pointing on a map} if we could build a highway between the area of {Mensouriyet Al-Jebal} to the border town of {Mendili} and as you see sir this road will save us a lot of time and fuel.

Male 2 From the town of {Beledroz} 30 Km or 35 km, it is 35 km, sir, its about half hour ride by vehicle
So it is not a long time by vehicle, it is nothing.

Male 1 Yes, it is nothing.

Male 2 It is not like if the military column will leave from the town of {Ba'acouba} {Inaudibel} but if the military column leaves from the town of

{Almensouriya}
{he means the town of Mensouriyet Aljebel which is in the province of Diyala} on the same paved road on the way to the area of {Mendili} he means the
Area of {Mendili which resides in the province of Diyala}, it is very important
That the military column returns on the same road because there is a time difference
If the military column uses the {Ba'acuba} road to {Mendili}

Male 3 {Interrupting} from the area of {Beledroz} which is a very critical point as you know sir, and also puts some intricacies on us, so if we could connect the road from {Beledroz}...

Male 4 Why?

Male 3 Because it is a big town.

Male 4 It is only one main road with several house {he means the town of Beledroz}

Male 3 {Interrupting} that means they will not achieve the military purpose in this case but a civilian one...

Male 5 The time is very suitable now to take certain measures to create a military operations room within the military theater for the future because of the certain changes that will take place very soon especially in the area of {Himreen} dam and its affects on the other areas
So we have to think how can we quicken the moves of our military units accordingly, this is one side, the other side, is we do not have to create a natural barrier because its already there which is water {means the water of Diyala River}
So from {Almensouriya}...

Male 6 {Interrupting} Why we are in hurry, Sir...

Male 5 For the purpose of our movements because {he means the Iranians} they are seeing our military columns moving towards {Ba'acouba} and towards {Mendili} and towards {Saif Sa'ad area a border area} and they are seeing long columns so it could come to somebody's mind to do something with this regard...

Male 7 {Interrupting} We thought about that practically...

Male 5 There is a certain fact in this subject that we gave a special attention to, in this kind of affair, the {Diyala} river from the dam {he means Himreen Dam} up to the area of {Mensouriyet Al-Jebal} there are no bridges except one that

we could use to move our troops on, so any attempt by the enemy to cut the road on us will be to definitely deal with this bridge...

- Male 8 {Inaudible} {the sound of laying military maps to point out certain positions}
- Male 9 {pointing to a military map} sir , this is here our units and these are our defenses in this whole area, the river has no bridges accept in the area of {Mensouriyet Al-Jebal} and without it there is no other bridge and also this bridge is not qualified technically for the passing of the military vehicles so from this area of {Diyala river }up to the area of {Almiqdadiya} I think we are able to establish a floating bridges on this area but the problem we will face I believe is that this river will flood during almost the whole year so we have to prepare something that really will overcome this problem.
- Male 1 So we need to think and work in a flexible manner with the development of the military Engineering technology and use this technology for Civilian purpose as well, because we can not deprive the people who reside in the east of the Tigris river from road services, the modern services suitable with our abilities especially with the increasing density of the population in the east of the Tigris River and we need to address the issue of building modern bridges and deny our enemies from using in case we had to take defensive positions so we need to develop our capabilities to prepare the war theater that could meet our plans.
- Male 10 It could last years...
- Male 1 So, because the time is passing we need to use this to improve our ability in the military engineering field to help the civilian purposes now we are almost five months and in three days it will be six months from the start of the war.
- Male 11 So we can use the area of {Maherabad} {Inside the Iranian territories facing the Iraqi city of Ba'acouba} } to defend our lands
- Male 1 We have to use all the time we have not only for military purposes but also we could use these efforts to establish civilian projects, industrial projects, there are farmers in this area who need our help in engineering irrigation plans for the whole area, we need to use all the time available for us because this war could last for a long time, why we should waste this time, may be the war will end in 6 months but why we should loose this six months, we need to combine the efforts of our military personnel and civilian personnel.
- Male 12 Also sir I want to emphasize the idea of the maneuvers on the military theater of the military operations because the ability to maneuver both in a defensive or in offensive manner in the military theater will help us to set up echelons, understanding the terrain in the area which will help us designing our

military plans accordingly.

So the maneuvers will shape the military theater, for example, in this area between the bridge of {NefutKhana TC: a bridge inside the Iranian territories} and the area of {Mendili}, provide us the ability to know how much force we need to be able to overcome the enemy there, So the idea here is to be able to prepare the military theater from the aspects of the natural barriers and its depths, the positioning of the military units and the weapons that could be used in the coming battle, I also discussed this issue with the rest of the officers and we are ready to present to your Excellency and to the rest of the comrades our suggestions and our plans for your Excellency's approval.

By effectively employing maneuver and fire support assets, manipulating the enemy, and expertly using the weather and the terrain, we will be able to defeat a superior enemy force.

I also discussed with the assistant of the military affairs and group of officers the idea of combining the military efforts with the civilian efforts in the battle field because I believe that the civilian efforts are more diverse and more efficient than the military efforts in the field of designing military theaters according to your guidance, also I want to address the issue of the population; the military theater design must be based on the nature of the population who live there in the front lines, and also depends on the shape of the villages there because by knowing who lives there we will be able to design the military theater accordingly and also I like to say by the grace of god we did not have a problem with the population so far but we saw what happened to Iran when million and a half of their citizens were displaced and the problems they created to their government and this is related to the Military theater nature so hopefully during the incoming weeks after we reach the right idea and after its approval we will call upon the certain people to implement our thoughts and our plans with this regard.

Male 1 We need to have all the corps commanders and all the division commanders discussing the military theater shaping process together because they worked there and they have a clear idea of the military theater there, as far as the southern region we need the commander of the third corps attending with the rest of the division commanders and this measure also should be implemented with the middle region and also in the north region. So during this meeting I want the Mayor Baghdad to attend this meeting so he can see our weapons himself and also the representatives of the civilian companies {TC: He means the military companies with civilian employees part of the military industrialization institution }to work with the military to reshape the military theater.

Male 13 Music playing and some people are whispering.

Male 1 [Talking in the phone with somebody {Inaudible} with loud music playing in the background.]

Male 1 {Reading certain notes given to him by the military personnel}

Male 1 What about these aircrafts? [Inaudible] Their behavior [Inaudible]

[TN: 1:38:37 – 2:13:00 is duplicate of minutes 9:36 to 1:12:59]