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**Summary:**

Saddam and Ba'th Party officials discuss the outcome of the Iran-Iraq War and the damage inflicted on Iran.

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This audio file contains an undated meeting of Saddam Hussein with high-ranking Iraqi officials regarding the Iraqi-Iranian War.

An identified member of the Iraqi Command Council is saying that the members of the command council have a request for Saddam Hussein to have a piece of the spoils of the last battle in Al-Qadisiyyah then Saddam Hussein reacted with sarcasm and said while laughing: give them more cannons. Then Saddam Hussein asks about the rest of the members and one of the members (TC: Maybe Barzan Al-Tilcriti) replied that Comrades Taha and Salim are traveling (abroad) and Comrade Samir is in Kuwait. The member adds that comrade Taha departed this morning and he is sending his greetings to Saddam Hussein then Saddam replied that the members who traveled didn't receive their trophies because they missed the celebrations. Then Saddam asks the members: Did you see the Iraqis in the night? Even though we didn't tell them to celebrate and the Iraqis are celebrating nearly every month, and before the announcement (TC: cease-fire announcement) all the radio stations approximately broadcasted essential points of the situation except two specific radio stations. At the same time of the announcement for them to wait for the result of the war but as if they knew they are already victorious in the military level they began their own celebrations as a coronation. One of the members says that our president Saddam ordered them to celebrate the Saddam replies: Thank God for that. The weapons and military equipments that are the spoils of the three months from Ramadan Al-Mubarak Battle, the Battles of Tawaklcalna 'Ala Allah and the Battles of Muhammad Rasul Allah, in other words, the battles of the three months. Saddam resumed and said I have assigned the Chief of the Presidential Diwan to coordinate with the Ministry of Defense to measure the weight of all these weapons and equipments, and its equivalent weight of soil. Then we make a mountain, a mountain of soil, and in 5000 years, we will say do you see these ancients, it is equivalent to the amount of weapons that we have gained in these battles within the three months. Then, over it, we will place the weapons of our martyrs as a special monument for this. An unidentified person was trying to suggest saying: we can put Saddam Hussein's statue. Saddam replies: Saddam Hussein is not important as much as the huge allegory (honor) that will be left for Iraq in this matter. Saddam Hussein said: it came up to my mind to collect all the weapons, another unidentified person interrupt: that we collect all the weapons to measure its weight, then Saddam Hussein interrupt him: the battles, its details and dates and make artistic symbols to support this soil, Even the rocks that support it... etc. are included in the weight. (Inaudible) Saddam Hussein replies: I am telling you this, and whatever you decide, these are technical matters. (Inaudible) Saddam Hussein says: the Comrade, the Minister of Defense, when I went to the royal cemetery with King Hussein, the comrade told me that the mold of the statue of Faysal the First is still in Italy, I do not know who has told him. Then a member says to Saddam please wait one second and then this person orders another one to shut down the air conditions. Then Saddam continue talking about the statue and says: This is a king of Iraq, what is the thing that he symbolizes, he is an Arabic man and the most offensive person was `Abd-al-Ilah, the prime minister. Then a member speaks and suggests that the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs negotiates with Italy to get back the statue to Iraq.

Then the talk takes a turn into a writer named Ahmad Fawzi that Saddam orders one of the members to tell this writer to continue his work of writing about some people like

Karim Qasim and `Abd-al-Salam `Arif. Then Saddam talks about another writer named Abu-`Ali and says: this writer wrote about the Iraqi Modern History and he wrote beautiful words about the Royal family in Iraq with a narrative writing style. After that Saddam Hussein starts to congratulate the members of his council for the victory they have achieved during the war. Then he says: Comrade Muhammad don't make any boat leave till the official cease fire starts, they are taking this as an excuse that the cease fire didn't start today and we are not searching for excuses or a mistake for them as for example if they intercepted any boat of ours they will give us a chance to use every official cease fire but we don't need this and we don't care about it. One of the members' talks about some Iranian and Saddam Hussein interrupts him and says: Finally Salah traced (followed) them till the threshold border which they call it the Iranian threshold and I asked is this threshold located at the borders? They said: yes and I asked so why do you call it the Iranian threshold not the Iraqi threshold and why the Iranian position is on the borders and our position is behind the borders? This threshold is built by the two of them even before the war, then the Iranians came and sat down on the threshold with the length of 6 km, and then he started hitting them and their cars at least 6 of them and they have been chased for 2 days. One of the members added that 175 vehicles have been hit and it is a full load of a boat. Another member arrived in to this meeting and Saddam Hussein says: Welcome Husayn, sit down, it is sure that you celebrated Husayn, take care and don't ask for any allocations from Chief of Presidential Diwan (They all laugh). Then Saddam starts to tell a story that happened recently: `Abd called Chief of Presidential Diwan Al-Hamid on the phone at night and tell him that all the governorates in every time of the five prayers of the day must shoot 101 shots for three days, Al-Hamid called him and told him so, then he asked him do you mean five times excluding the three times of call of prayer then Al-Hamid said: what are you asking about there are 5 calls of prayers per day how did you exclude 2 of them? Then Al-Hamid told him finally when

you hear the calls of prayers just start shooting that's all. After that one of the members of the council starts to explain that in Karbala' there are the Shiite sect who only has three prayer calls per day not five then Saddam says: I really didn't know this information, and Hamid also don't know this (then he start laughing); Saddam continue: then he said that as long as Hamid is not here I need to speak to the Presidential Diwan Chief but he couldn't then he called his step(old) wife and didn't find him, then he called his new wife and also couldn't find him, so he called his mother and found him there and he asked him why are you staying away from your new and old wife, please tell me where have you been yesterday (then the whole council start laughing) then Hamid replied even in this victory days if I wanted to have my privacy I can't have it?

After that one of the council members said that the Iraqi people are so pleased with the victory. Then Saddam replies: And what gave them more pleasure is that the high command told them we are happy so you also are happy.

Saddam Said: The work will be more accurate in the upcoming days with good will and the Military manufacturing (industrialization) is continual with the same endeavor and the industry in general is continuous and there is some series in the military manufacturing will be continued if needed in its time and I hope we don't have to open this door and use it more than the normal yearly usage, and also some vital series which are a part of the evolution process that keeps peace preserved for Iraq and it needs a special concentration. Saddam Continues: The Armed Forces is asking the comrades if there is a possibility to have a parade using all the military forces and I didn't give them an exact time because we have some issues that will take time today and after today and we have to find out how to solve these issues, we have celebrated as Iraqis and we have to celebrate as Arabs by inviting all the Arabs and Arab delegations in Baghdad, I don't

know if this is in your minds or not with questions like when and how? This is a bunch of thoughts that may be we have to use it to clear our minds and thoughts with it, and have a parade to invite the martyr families and this parade will not include only the army and when the martyr families attend this parade it will be an emotional condition. So put all these matters in your minds.

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Then one of the members of the council says unidentified words using the word parade so Saddam replies: Of course we are presenting a military parade with another public celebration ceremony with another way which means that the army will do its parade with the presence of the public and it is better that all the army participates in this parade, the army which fought in this war, and this parade will be after the war is officially over, I am saying that you consider this issue and yesterday we have celebrated the victory but in a public way not an official way. After the cease-fire the army has a mission and one of the important issues is to create a competition between the units, formations, divisions, corps and every one of those must have the will to appear in an excellent way in the parade and we will give them grades for this to create the competition concept, this will be valuable because the people who will be released from the army and return to the civil life will return in the after war discipline condition while they are still in the army, they will be discipline, organized and their training is high class training at any moment so that when they are called in to the reserve troops they will be always ready.

Then Saddam Hussein said to one of the members: yes, what do you want? The member replied: Sir, can I say a word? Saddam replied: "Go ahead" then the member said: Sir, we shouldn't make the world understand from our celebration that this is the end of the war because this will weaken our position in the negotiations and we must celebrate with a measured magnitude so that the world and our opponent doesn't know that the war is over because if the world and our opponent knew that the war is over from our side because if this happened our opponent will have no reason to negotiate with us, we have to celebrate carefully and when the negotiations is over we can say that the war is completely over, and if we didn't do so this will mean that we are determined not to do anything or any threat so our enemy will not give up, so we must leave at least 10% possibility that the war is not over yet. Saddam replies: This idea is not bad but on the contrary it is essential and right. The member tries to continue his speech but Saddam interrupts him and say: You have to remember our speech yesterday that we are celebrating the Military victory on our enemies. Again the member try to say something Saddam interrupts him and say: And celebrating the crushing of the enemy's theory. The member replies: Yes this is right. Saddam continues: The war is officially still on, so how can we miss the chance of making our nation look appropriate in front of the world and at the same time be careful from our enemies. The member replies: The local celebrations are all right everything can be all right but a parade using the whole army will leave our posts open so we must not let the enemy see that the war is over from our side because we have to have something that we can put pressure with on the enemy and we have to make him believe that the cease of fire could be terminated at any time. Saddam replies: from the realistic point of view this could happen. The member say: if we used the army in the parade this will mean that we consider the war over and it will leave this impression in our army also which is something we don't want it to happen.

After that another one of the council members asked permission to talk so Saddam told him to do so and he said: Mr. President today this morning I had a meeting with the deputy foreign minister of Japan and he had a message for your Excellency from the Prime Minister and at the same time he is going to Tehran, before he came to Baghdad he was in Tehran and he had a long talks with Rafsanjani about this subject. Rafsanjani told

him that this time we are determined to end this case forever and to apply the resolution of the Security Council and we are sincere and want to open a new page because our country is collapsing from every side; of course we say that doubts that have been formed from the long war between the two countries will exist but it must not be doubts with this huge size because what we discover from his words that they are determined to end this war, for this I personally think that the negotiations shouldn't be so long because if this is the Iranian intentions that the negotiations should be short so it is not unlikely that by the end of September we will sign with them the agreement. So if this happened we will be in a peace condition and we can start doing everything. (One of the members says unidentified words) then the member who was talking at the first place answers: yes, I know but I can assure you that this is my impression from the meeting with Rafsanjani who assured to me that they want to start a new page for Iran and its relations and they are sincere for this agreement and the decision to be applied as it is and with no return. After this Saddam Hussein says: Yes, Mr. Muhammad then Muhammad said: Sir, I want to register my impression about the negotiations in comrade Tariq's room we stayed to negotiate with them by phone from Baghdad to the representative and prince Su'ud and `Ismat and supposedly price Su'ud with the General Secretary, I came out with an impression from this negotiations that Wilayati the General Secretary was negotiating for the Iranians without referring to them and it is one of the provisions that we negotiate with people and then tell your Excellency and you answer us so we give them the answer, but what happens here is that prince Su'ud takes the provision and answer it himself where is the Iranian side from this? Saddam replies: The Iranian side is absent, now I have the impression that the Iranians agree on negotiations even before the fire cease, the Iranians agree on anything, but what makes them don't agree is the bigger countries which uses Wilayati for them and for the Iranian, I mean De Cuellar, yesterday you were negotiating with the powerful countries, Iran, secretary general from the position of the secretary general who represent them all. Then the member continues: If you please sir let me continue so that I won't forget; so, the Iranians is falling down and De Cuellar have a huge influence on them, so in the next stage the Iraqi inflexibility can't be explained in the media as an obstruction for the peace efforts. Saddam replies: No, another stage, after cease fire is another stage. The member says: before ceasing fire there was an idea worldwide that Iraq is disturbing and interrupting the peace process but now with your Excellency taking the initiative of ceasing fire it is well known that Iraq ceased fire, after this stage your Excellency the worldwide media cannot put pressure on us like it did before because it is different, and for this your Excellency let us get the most of what we can get from Iran. Saddam replies: This is a basic principle.

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After that Saddam Hussein resumed and said: The public opinion and the international opinion and even so our people are not putting pressure on us to sign the agreement disregarding anything but as a human condition it is what puts pressure on us. I say we are a political decision maker which means that as long as the war is nearly over we must have no regrets. What comes after this is another situation and as for the prisoners of war as I told you before we have approximately.....and he asks one of the members named 'Ali and he answers: the prisoners of war are between 60 and 70 thousands. Saddam replies: An official statement was issued but another number was declared not like you said. Then another member interferes and says: Sir, I will give you the numbers, we have 52 thousands prisoners of war in Iran and they are registered at the Red Cross and another 30 thousands according to the report of War Victims Committee are not registered. Saddam replies: There was a statement that said they are 60 thousands Iraqi minimum

and 25 thousands Iranian. Then the member replies: This is predictions sir. Saddam replies this is one of the official statements from one of the leaders of the Iranian regime from 4-5 days, and he confessed officially with this number. The member replies: 60 thousands prisoners of war. Saddam says: yes, 60 thousands and he can't say this officially unless it is really 60 thousands, which means that they are ready to negotiate with them and we have from the Iranians I think 35 thousands. A member replies: More Sir. Saddam replies: 38 thousands, those 38 thousands the basic significance of them is 26 or 27 thousands from the latest battles. The member replies: They are soldiers that Rafsanjani needs. Saddam replies: Rafsanjani wants them they can be useful for him, they are part of the soldiers that he wants. So it's over now, the pressure of the public opinion is not existing anymore, and they don't have anything essential to give us. The Iranian has declared that the agreement of 1975 still exists, and we are negotiating according to the agreement of 1937 and if they don't want it we can go back to the

agreement of 1913, and this is what stands between us that no one cancelled it. One of the members say: The agreement of 1975 includes the borders agreement (Boundary agreement)? Saddam replies: the border lines are fixed since 1913 till 1975 except what is related to Shat Al-'Arab this is the only conflict that exist. So what is the thing that makes a pressure on us? And as for them what is the thing that is putting pressure on them, they have a new ruler and he want a chance to provide food and cloth for people especially that he is not a conceded ruler yet, anyone that will come after Khomeini will be one of the many onion heads which mean he will not be conceded with and they will not follow his lead, and they consider the chances of all the upcoming leaders is even and the qualifications also are close to each other, so if he didn't end the war he will not be able to take his chance. Who will negotiate with us? If it will be the candidate to the presidency this will speed up the negotiations. My impression is that I lean to the comrade Taha Ma'ruf analyze that they will speed up the negotiations and it shows from the hasty way and cease fire, as you remember guys I told you that I will write my announcement right now because they seem to be in a hurry from their speedy way they will force me to write it early, and I wrote it and gave it to the comrades. So they are in a rush and they will use the same way but of course from another position and they will use the pressure of Arab on us, and I mean that the Arab will do their pressure on us by using their brotherhood with us. One of the members say: And we also must use the pressure of Arab and the countries that we have influence on to have a sedative (settled) peace agreements that give us secured relations with Arab from a way and Iran from the other way. Saddam replies: I will say something comrade Tariq that you have to know: The Saudi Arabia was not anxious to build up a collective peace agreement and this is what I came up with from my meeting with Su'ud Al-Faysal, whenever I reach point (Article) number 8 he tell me Mr. President point number 8 is not the important point. Then one of the members says an unidentified words and Saddam replies: The conclusion here is that from one side this comes as a definite result for the victory of Iraq this is one side, the politics overlooking the positive side some brothers who see the peaceful condition between Arabs as a new concept for the modern Arabs. The other side is the subject of nonintervention in the internal affairs according to section 8 of the agreement which assures that nobody interferes in anyone's affairs, which means that Qatar stays as Qatar and Saudi Arabia can't control Qatar or the Emirates. An unidentified member says: I didn't speak about interference in the affairs of each other but I was talking about reinforcing security and stability in the area. Saddam replies: yes, but it seems that section 4 of the agreement is the same as section 8 and now it is clear that there are some articles of the agreements are cancelled and why they want to cancel point number 8? While it seems that they want this point especially that the tension will end with Iraq but it is still with

Iran so why Su'ud Al-Faysal don't want to give this point his attention. One of the members says: As for Saudi Arabia Sir, do you remember how they was anxious for Masqat meeting which your Excellency was the initiator for this meeting and they were with the agreement now the Shah is gone and Khomeini is ruling and if they want to commemorate him we have no reservations. Saddam replies: We have no relation with this commemoration we don't care, what are we exactly? I mean we don't want to bother them. The member replies: No we will not bother them. Saddam replies: We want to create a draft and expressions that delivers our peace intentions and that we don't want to attack you and interfere in your internal affairs, we will stay peaceful and will not interfere in their businesses unless we are attacked or someone interferes in our affairs this is a fixed principle, but what I have seen this time that everything is changed from the point number eight. Then the member replies: I have talked about that on the phone about the sections that includes any assignment and they said that point number eight is not related to you and I replied that it is related to us and to others as well and we will negotiate on what is related to us and the others will negotiate in a group and I stayed focusing on this point for a while, Sir: Section eight on the minimum estimation prince Su'ud thoughts is that Saudi Arabia plays with section eight a conclusive role which means a leading role in the meeting or the convention because they see what De Cuellar suggested and De Cuellar is having another kind of a meeting in his mind like our suggestion that we proposed in 22 July and they want to play a vital role in this meeting. Another one of the member request to talk and Saddam gives him the permission so he says: Sir, regarding clause 6 how to handle it? We have to find solutions for it, because, I am afraid that the Iranians play their game with the Secretary General using clause 6, the case of conviction and the case of the aggression. Saddam replies: We refuse any games here because if they formed a technical committee and showed it to the Security Council and the Security Council came up with results then they will have to handle these results and we have no responsibility to it and we will say that it is a forgery and we have no relation to it because we don't need this anymore. Then the member replies: everything must be clear to comrade Tariq with all the sections. Saddam replies: He has a full picture and he will start from clause B from section one which handles the retreat from the international borders and he will ask where do you want us to retreat? And he will ask also these conditions are according to which agreement? They will say according to the agreement of 1975 so he will answer that it is cancelled and they will tell him that it is not your right to decide this and he will answer I will give you all your statements about this agreement from Khomeini in Paris till Khomeini during the war and I will also show you your behavior towards the sections that are considered correlated and the most important thing is that you interfered in our internal affairs, so you cancelled this agreement by being hasty; You cancelled the agreement before by using a legislative precept so, we also from the same precept and counting on your behavior cancelled the agreement. Also if you said that we don't have the right to cancel it from one side we will say ok, you also don't have the right to cancel the agreement of 1937 from one side, you Iran have cancelled the agreement of 1937 from one side and according to this action and the interference in our internal affairs and when we stood on the borders to fight we reached the agreement of 1975, so the agreement that still not cancelled and internationally assured is the agreement of 1913 let us go to 1913 or we can work out a new agreement to negotiate on it, this is what must happen a new agreement regardless everything. Saddam Hussein continues directing his speech to the council: Is this all right or you need anything else; this is what we have talked about before from this same place and it is the same when comrade Tariq comes and we are close to each other that's the most important thing. Then comrade Tariq asked for the permission to talk and Saddam

gives him the permission and he says: there is something that causes fear in this subject. Saddam replies: Their evil has started, if you all want for psychological reasons not to have a parade we will not have it and in 6 December is the yearly celebration of the army we can do a parade at anytime but if we reached an agreement before 6 December this will be more important, our army training hours will continue and if anyone of the observers (Enemies) should stand in our way we can use 1/4 of our army and use our weapons so that it will be the guilt of one of them, if they tried to sabotage and violate the peace operations or the cease fire agreement then we will show them the damn itself. One of members says: Sir, I have two points to benefit from this situation, first point is the naval contract if we can work on it towards Italy may be comrade `Adnan...Then

Saddam interrupts him and said: After cease- fire. The member replies: After the ceasing of fire the Iranians themselves went to the Italians and negotiated with them to reach the best results. Saddam replies: We will not put this into consideration because we may cancel this contract because the Italians didn't commit to this contract, it is becoming an old contract and too many new things showed up these days. The member replies: Just to be conclusive in this issue from the political side. Saddam replies: Yes, the best timing is after the ceasing of fire officially. The member: Yes sure, but just for the comrades to be ready for this issues because they need to be alerted for issues like this to be ready for it, the second issue Sir if the Chief of the Diwan can contact the Minister of Urban Planning to fast forward the file of the war casualties and come up with his conclusions because it is written in section seven of the resolution to demonstrate our claims and requests, the Minister of Urban Planning already received the file and we need him to reach his conclusions because the cease fire will take place in the 20<sup>th</sup> and during this period there will be no huge casualties in this 12 days and the latest period to reach conclusions and numbers with full charts to be ready. Saddam replies: They will spend 5 billion for the country and we will give 20 billion Dollars for our country by ourselves. A member says: Can we put a pressure on them by this? Saddam replies: One Fils minus or plus we won't accept. Then he laughs and says: But they will say that you destroyed Iran and you have fewer damages. A member says: They have to sustain their own responsibilities. A member asks permission to talk and Saddam gave him permission saying: Yes Husayn. The member replies: Sir, there are too many debts on Iraq so I wonder if we can try to cancel the profits on the loans that we owe to some countries and I think that some of these industrial countries understands this and have the desire to help us so we can cancel these profits and pay our debts because these profits are so much for Iraq. Saddam replies: As a matter of fact this issue is being worked on by special economists and it is an international campaign. A member says: Sir, it would be more convenient to forward our demands now before the situations of Iraq becomes better and then it will not be convenient to demand or request anything. Saddam replies: Look, we approach Saudi Arabia, Emirates, Qatar and Kuwait this time will be good because they will scrimmage us but Saudi Arabia didn't fall short to us but we will ratio our income from them because it's been a while since they paid us. Then a member says an unidentified words and another member says: The Minister of Finance had a suggestion that he attend the meeting. Saddam replies: Yes, as a technical basis he should. The member replies: He can talk about any shortage of budget and give them the right impression of what he needs. A member says: Sir, after your permission can we give the order with good blessings (Inaudible). Saddam replies: Abu-`Ali, at this time I will leave it and it is a thing that shouldn't be repeated, the security aspect is dependable, and you never know Abu-`Ali. One of the members replied: It became expected. Saddam replies: Everything is expected. Then a member of the council says: Sir, the Chief of the Security Council who is of Chinese national went to Saudi Arabia to send a message to both sides(TC: Iran

and Iraq) urging for self-restraint. Saddam replies: Today from the morning I called all corps commanders and forces commanders and I sent them all my greetings and blessings for the fighters, first our aircrafts will not fly or obstruct immediately any target unless it is ordered to do so, and as for the aviation army and reconnaissance aircrafts will not take off unless it has an order from the Chief of Intelligence, Deputy Defense Minister or Saddam Hussein and the navy the same thing; The army corps leaders I told them not one pullet to be fired at the enemy and if the enemy fired one respond him with a hundred and who approaches your posts and came to close contact hit him hard other than that have self control and don't fire any pullet, we have acted with responsibility and took the issue seriously. Then a member says: From another side your letters to all the Arab presidents except Lebanon. Saddam replies: Did we forget it? The member replies: Because in each occasion Lebanon calls by phone or by a message for the Charge d'Affaires. Saddam replies: Call on the Charge d'Affaires and tell him that we consider your circumstances, and don't be embarrassed if we sent someone to you. A member replies: no, they will not be embarrassed. A member says: It's only because the security difficulties. Another one says: How can he land here? He must go Cyprus and from there he will take a helicopter. A member replies: The messenger must go to Cyprus and we don't have an embassy there. Saddam replies: But he also doesn't attend any Summit Conference when it starts because of his circumstances. A member says: Your Excellency we can send a telegram to the Charge d'Affaires. Saddam replies: We can do this, and tell him that we consider your circumstances and the Arab brothers explained to us and we have seen your circumstances and your entire situation, and tell him also that the circumstances in Lebanon forced us to talk to you using a message and not a messenger. These are the things that we can serve to our Arab brothers even though it is different now and still the issue of the direct negotiation is important and we have to apply it and stick to it. One of the member's replies: The three points is still standing Sir and the direct negotiations as a style and as content we must focus on it, we have the permanent and comprehensive peace and what it means of peace agreement. Saddam replies: And warranties and guarantee that must exist in this peace agreement that we agree on; they may cancel it

and try to change the course of these warranties to a way of force in applying it according to the point of view of the Security Council. One of the members says: Sir, we have decided that (Inaudible).

Saddam says: Prince Jabir called me in the morning and congratulated and gave his blessings, and I called King Fahad yesterday and I wasn't able to reach him. So, we will wait and as for the issue of the prisoners of war and the way of handling it, Comrade Tariq has come to my mind and I commented on the deal that we create an international aid for the prisoners of war subject and the examinations of their camps with diagnosing their diseases and isolating them with treating them on the volunteering countries account. One of the members asks: Which prisoners of war? Saddam replies: Ours. The member said: Do you mean that we treat the Iranians here? Saddam replies: No, the French, Americans, Soviets come to us in medical missions and examine the Iranians prisoners of war that we have and diagnose everyone who have a disease and isolate them everyone with his kind of disease and we take upon ourselves that we treat 100 from the Iranian prisoner of war that we have and medicate them in the Soviet Union, and as for our prisoners of war the same thing will happen because getting all these numbers of prisoners here and examining them and deciding the kinds of their diseases and medicating them will be a human and administrative burden; it is a big difference between that they examine them from an international party inside the cages and that we get them here and be confused where to examine them and even their treatment will cost a lot of money, so we launch an international campaign to examine and treat who needs

to be treated after the prisoner of war exchange for our prisoners and their prisoners as well. A member says: Before the exchange? Saddam replies: Before the exchange the examination takes place in the cages or camps and after the exchange the volunteered countries will take the patients to treat them and get them back healthy this is the origin of the idea. One of the members say: After the exchange. Saddam replies: why, ceasing fire will be in the 20<sup>th</sup> and after the 20<sup>th</sup> you will start negotiation on retreating to the international borders then you will negotiate for the prisoners of war and to negotiate for the prisoners it will take three months as the Secretary General estimated so this is the only thing that will take time; when you have 20 medical teams with a huge potentials of 20 huge country isn't it more potentials than the potentials of Iraq and Iran to examine patients (prisoners of war)? And the people who can't be examined by these countries, his country can examine him, but the most important thing is to remove the huge burden over our shoulders because we have at least 20 thousands prisoners of war need to be examined and don't say that 20 thousands is a small number. A member replies: Sir, we can launch a campaign and call these countries. Saddam replies: This is the origin of the idea that they take some of these prisoners and some of them have fever and the others the cages affected them, then we call these countries and the United Nations or the Red Cross foundation and ask them to come and take some of the prisoners of war to cure them, this is the origin of the idea just to unload some of the effort on our shoulders and the other reason is that the prisoners come to us examined and treated so that we don't have to put them in a place and quarantine and every mother or wife come to see her man and it will take us a lot of time also. This means that it is a heavy load from the human side and it is simpler to take the patients from there immediately and treat them and get them back especially the ones who have infectious diseases because we don't know what the Iranians did to our prisoners as they don't have any morals we don't know the kind of diseases that they have put in our prisoners so they must be examined from all the kind of diseases because the Iranians can spread a disease in our country by using the prisoners of war. (Inaudible) regarding this prisoner of war, execute (kill) him by stoning you and 'Ala' Al-Janabi.

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