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### SUMMARY

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

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- Great indecision or bewilderment mood exists (on both sides)

### (b) Hussein:

- There seems to be an older relative of Hussein who may (or should) emerge that is in a position to influence and possibly negate Hussein's stance.
- This person (possibly an uncle) was very adept at maneuvering members of Hussein's family, and had great influence on Hussein when he was a teenager.

### c. (U) SOURCE 079:

- (1) (U) DATE OF INFORMATION: 14 January 1991.
- (2) (S/NF/LIMDIS) DATA SUMMARY:
  - (a) War Situation:
    - President Bush will announce evening of 14 January 1991 that there will not be a war with Iraq.
    - Hussein agreed to some type of negotiation.
    - Iraqi troops will remain in Kuwait for the near future, but they will eventually be removed within the next 2-3 months.
    - Some small skirmishes (on water) may occur in southern areas.
    - Situation will remain tense.
    - Yemen will be a source of trouble for the US
  - (b) Terrorist Attacks:
    - None are perceived (in the US) in the near future.

### 4. (S/ND/LIMDIS) COMMENTS:

- a. Of above, source 079 is most experienced.
- This project will be kept current with frequent updates.