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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE MILITARY ASSISTANT

Sir,

You requested full copy
of AL-NASIRIYAH ARTICLE, AND
INFO ON AN AWARD TO THE AUTHOR
BY SADDAM. INFO PROVIDED IN
MAY 2003 REMAINS MOST CURRENT.

- NOTE ON AWARD TO AUTHOR TAB (red)
- ~~NEW~~ TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE
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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
SPECIAL PLANS - NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS

March 14, 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR Deputy Secretary of Defense Wolfowitz

SUBJECT: Contact for Al Nasiriyah Article

- You asked whether the INC knows the location of the author of the Al Nasiriyah article that seemed to suggest prior knowledge of the September 11 attacks.
- According to the INC, the author is deep in hiding in Iraq. They should know within several days whether the ICP could have access to the author without endangering his life.
- I have attached an analysis of the article.

Bill Luti

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
The Military Assistant

11 March 2003 - 1445 Hours

MEMORANDUM FOR: DR. WILLIAM LUTI, DUSD/NESA

SUBJECT: *AJ Nasiriyah* Article

Sir:

Please see the attached 31Jan03 DepSecDef memo to you re the author of subject article.

We have no record of a reply and ask that you provide an update to General Caldwell on the status of the Deputy's request for information.

Thank you.

Very respectfully

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Military Assistant to the
Deputy Secretary of Defense

Attachment
As stated

Suspense: Tuesday, 18 March 2003

Copy to: Mr. Feith, USD / P
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SA / DSD

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MEMO TO: Bill Luti

DATE: January 31, 2003 *As plug*
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FROM: Paul Wolfowitz

SUBJECT: *Al Nasiriyah* Article

Bill,

You may remember that there was a very striking article that appeared in the Iraqi provincial newspaper, *Al Nasiriyah*, that seemed to suggest prior knowledge of the September 11th attacks.

When we met with Chalabi, he claimed to know the author of the column or at least to know of him and to know that the author had been directed by Iraqi officials to write the column, and that he had immediately feared for his life after September 11th, realizing that they might try to eliminate him as a witness.

Can you have someone find out whether the INC knows where this guy is? ()
Is he a candidate for the intelligence collection program?

I'm assuming if it were real we would have heard of him by now, but perhaps not. He certainly seems like a potentially important figure if what Chalabi told us is true.

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Did we hear
from Dr Luti?
Yes - not yet X

Pls. resend
11 MAR 2003
cc Feith (b)(6)

14 March 2003

FOR: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Deputy Under Secretary of Defense Special Plans/Near East and South Asia
(William J. Lutz (b)(6))

SUBJECT: Inquiry into the Al-Nasiriyah Article Authored by Abd Muhalhal

- Provided is the original Arabic Al-Nasiriyah dated 21 July 2001, translation from FBIS and a translation from DEPSECDEF's office (Jim Thomas).
 - Provided is another Al-Nasiriyah piece dated 1 September 2001, honoring Abd Muhalhal in a Military Writer's fair. (Arabic Article Provided).
 - Seeing only the original article dated 21 July 2001, I would've said Abd Muhalhal was not a real person. However, now that his name appears on 1 September 2001 edition of Al-Nasiriyah, an article honoring his military writings, it lends credence that he is a real person.
 - *Date on Masthead:* Both the Islamic and Gregorian dates correspond, 21 July (Tammuz) 2001 corresponds to 1 Jumada Awal 1422.
- The Law Firm Kriendler and Kriendler has made a case against Baghdad for the events of 9/11.
- The U.S. Treasury Department has had dealings with Kriendler and Kriendler. Recommend we invite lead counsel of this case (b)(6) to the Pentagon. (b)(6) entire case revolves around linking Baghdad to 9/11.
- Analyzing the English article and also the complaint filed in New York District Court by Kreindler and Kreindler, I have come to the following conclusions:
 - Abd Muhalhal maybe connected to Iraqi Intelligence or wrote the piece at their behest.
 - All Iraqi media and under the direct oversight of Uday Hussein.

- The story of the Al-Nasiriyah article came to light in September 2002, when a New York Law firm filed a case against Iraq for aiding in the September 11th bombing.
- The newspaper Al-Nasiriyah is a weekly paper published in the provincial capital of Al-Nasiriyah in Iraq.
- Abd Muhalhaf published this article six weeks before the September 11th attack, it contains the following predictions about Bin Laden:
 - "He (UBL) thinks with the seriousness of a Bedouin of the desert about the way he will try to bomb the Pentagon after he destroys the White House."
 - "Bin Laden is insisting very convincingly, that he will strike America on the arm that is already hurting." Kriendler Law Firm feels this is a reference to the WTC that was attacked in 1993 by Ramzi Youssef.
 - "He (UBL) will curse the memory of Frank Sinatra every time he hears his songs." Kriendler Law Firm argues this may be references to New York, New York.
 - "The wings of the dove and the bullet are all one and the same in the heart of the believer." Kriendler Law Firm feels this is a reference to commercial aircraft.
- Other information in the Kriendler complaint includes the statement by an Iraqi defector Abu Zeinab al-Quanairy, an Iraqi defector who an officer in Iraqi Military Intelligence, upon witnessing the events of 9-11 remarked, "that's ours."

Attachments:
As stated

Prepared by: (b)(6)



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Title: US Reportedly Considers Bin Ladin "Obsession"

Source: Dhi Qar Governorate, Iraq al-Nasiriyah 8 Jul 2001

'Usama bin Ladin says that he took the desert's silence and anger at the same time. He learned how to hurt America, and did it. He created a headache to the Pentagon in more than one place throughout the world. In order to follow just one of Bin Ladin's steps, it [US] utilized all its components, computers, and satellites, just as the Governor Cowboy of Texas did. Bin Ladin's picture has been posted throughout all internet sites, and an award of five million dollars has been offered for anyone who can give information leading to the arrest of this thin, light-bearded man, from whose eyes radiates an amazing determination that he will one day reach the tunnels of the White House and bring about the explosion of everything in it. You all know that every age has a revolution-phenomenon: in Mexico, there was Zapata; in Bolivia, Che Guevara; during the 70s, we came to know Marcos and the Red Brigades in Italy and the Baader Meinhof in Germany; and there was the Palestinian woman, Layla Khalid, and others. They came in with a bang and went out with a whimper. During the 90s, Bin Ladin emerged on the world-stage, having been consumed by the plundering of his country's riches. For him, it was the beginning of the revolution, for which he put to use his investments and money. Sudan was his first stop, and then he settled in Afghanistan, where a revolutionary drive increased within this stubborn revolutionary to plan meticulously and precisely to repel the American transgressor, and to turn the myth of America into a soap bubble. Because he knows what hurts America, he plays (a game) with it, just as the oppressed plays with his oppressor. By using the language of dynamite in al-Khubar and destroying the US embassies in Nairobi and Dar as-Salam, he did more than that.

Like a sparrow fluttering in the middle of a tornado, it [US] admits saying that Bin Ladin is behind the blowing up of its destroyer in Aden. The chain of American fear winds its way, and impatience reaches a point where the Governor of Texas announces an increase in the award's amount. Likewise, the man's [Bin Ladin] stubbornness and challenge such that he makes one of his grandchildren travel on the official Saudi Arabia airlines, to come to Jeddah and celebrate with him his marriage to the daughter of one of his comrades. Thus, Bin Ladin has turned into an enigma and a proof for us of the inability of American federalism and the CIA to uncover the man's nest. The whirlpool of the developed systems continues to spin in a void of illusion, conjecture, and possibilities that he might one day emerge from his nest so they can aim their missiles at him, and thus he will join Guevara, Hasan Abu Salamah, Kamal Nasser, Kanafani, and others. With a transparent smile, the man responds to Al-Jazirah correspondent that he will continue to be a source of fear for America and Jews, and that on that very night he is going to rehearse "a mobilization" called "How you Blow up the White House." Because they know that he can do that, they have begun to have nightmares and their leaders now must wear body armor. When America started pressuring the Taliban to hand over Bin Ladin, the man continued to smile and ponder with the serious nature of a desert Bedouin how he will blow up the Pentagon after he destroys the White House.

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The Bin Ladin phenomenon is a healthy one for the Arab spirit. It is a realization that the ideal Arab soul has reached after it became disenchanted with the promises of its rulers, as its body was polluted with their corruption and treachery. Thus the man had to carry the Book of God and a Kalashnikov, and write on parchment: "If you can't drive off the Marines from the Ka'aba, I will do it." It seems that they will leave [the Ka'bah] because the revolutionary Bin Ladin is completely adamant that he will strike America on the hand that it already sore, and that the man will not be swayed by Whitman's "Leaves of Grass," nor by the "Adventures of Indiana Jones," and that he will curse the legacy of Sinatra whenever he hears his songs.

This new awareness of the notion of Bin Ladin constitutes a resting place for every Arab revolutionary. He is a fixation of wonder here in Iraq because he participates in our resistance with solidarity. As he fixes his gaze on Al-Aqsa, we salute him and his tears as they [the tears] watch the Western planes take revenge for his heroic operations by bombing the cities of Iraq. So to Bin Ladin, I say that the revolution, the dove's wings, and the bullet are all the same [twins], and the heart of the believer does not separate them.

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
The Senior Military Assistant

14 July 2004 - 1745 Hours

MEMORANDUM FOR: (b)(6) ODUSD/NESA

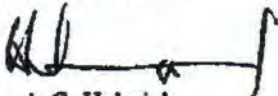
SUBJECT: Al-Nasiriya Article

The Deputy's comments to you on the attached read:

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Can you double-check what you say here about the Arabic date?
This paper was reportedly published before 9/11, so the Latin date
looks right. Also, the text refers to Cole, et al, in the past tense.
Surely it would have referenced 9/11 specifically if it were after
that date. PW"

Very respectfully,


Frank G. Helmick
Brigadier General, USA
Senior Military Assistant to the
Deputy Secretary of Defense

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- E-mail translation
- Shingut article
about how author was afraid
to say for Shingut

Attachments:

OUUSD 17Oct02 1437 memo to DSD

Suspense: COB, Thursday, 15 July 2004

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ACTION MEMO

I-02/
October 17, 2002 2:37 PM

FOR: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs
(Peter W. Rodman, (b)(6))

SUBJECT: AL-NASIRIYA ARTICLE

- For convenience the changes below are highlighted and commented on in the margins of the English translation.
- The English translation of the Al-Nasiriya article is a very good one, however there are some minor corrections to note (refer to original English translation):
 - First paragraph fourth line, should read, "The Headache has not subsided from the memory of the Pentagon, in many places around this world.
 - First paragraph eighth line, should read, "and an amount of \$5million only has been awarded."
 - First paragraph thirteenth (last) line, does not end as translated but has this ending, "you (reader) know that every age has its revolutionary peculiarity."
 - Second paragraph seventh line should read, "During the nineties Bin Laden came out in the public arena (versus as translated in the open).
 - Page two, continuation third paragraph, second line refers to USS Cole as a destroyer, there is an exact Arabic word for this and the article refers to the warship as a frigate.
 - Page two, continuation third paragraph, tenth line, American federalism although is technically the correct translation, is not correct in the context of the sentence. Should read, American federal authorities or FBI.
 - Page three, last sentence of translation should read, "the wings of the dove and the bullet are twins in the heart of the believer.
- Another item of concern is the date on the masthead, it reads July 21st, 2001 although talking about September 11th and the Taliban Operation. The Arabic date of 1422 denotes 2002, I believe it is a typo.

Prepared by: (b)(6)

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(b)(6) OSD

From: (b)(6) OSD-POLICY
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2004 7:45 AM
To: (b)(6) CIV, OSD
Cc: (b)(6) CTR, OSD-POLICY
Subject: RE: We have a snowflake for you from DepSecDef re re 17Oct02 1437 memo re Al-
Dea (b)(6)

(b)(6) al Northern Gulf has the action on this memo. He can be reached at (b)(6) Thanks (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6), OSD
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2004 11:08 PM
To: (b)(6) OSD-POLICY
Subject: We have a snowflake for you from DepSecDef re re 17Oct02 1437 memo re Al-Nasriya

The Deputy has a question on this 2002 memo -- the Snowflake is ready for p/up in DepSecDef Office

(b)(6)
- FYI - I also left voice mail message on ext (b)(6) [number on the 2002 memo]

w/ (b)(6)

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INFO MEMO

FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: William J. Luti, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (NESA) *WJL 7/15/04*

SUBJECT: Al-Nasiriya Article

- Per your snowflake, you asked (b)(6) to corroborate the dates and address the translations of the reference to the USS Cole.
- He re-checked the article against two Islamic calendar tables (ISNA and Washington Islamic Academy) and the Gregorian and Islamic dates correspond.
 - This article was written on 21 July 2001, which corresponds to 01 Jumada Awal 1422. A little over two months before 9/11.
- The Arabic refers to the USS Cole in the past tense as you indicated, the Cole incident occurred on 12 October 2000, a little under two years before the publication of this article.
- We had sent a memo 4 Feb 2004, which corrected (b)(6) initial assessment of the date, which was derived from a faulty table.

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From Al-Nasiriya

July 21, 2001

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Author: Naeem Abd Muhalhal

→ File AG

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Bin Ladin has become a puzzle and a proof also, of the inability of the American federal authorities and the C.I.A. to uncover the man and uncover his nest. The most advanced organizations of the world cannot find the man and continues to go in cycles in illusion and presuppositions. They still hope that he could come out from his nest one day, they hope that he would come out from his hiding hole and one day they will point at him their missiles and he will join Guevara, Hassan Abu Salama, Kamal Nasser, Kanafani and others. The man responds with a thin smile and replies to the correspondent from Al Jazeera that he will continue to be the obsession and worry of America and the Jews, and that even that night he will practice and work on an exercise called "How Do You Bomb the White House." And because they know that he can get there, they have started to go through their nightmares on their beds and the leaders have had to wear their bulletproof vests.

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July 21, 2001

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SUPPOSED TO BE 2002
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ACTION MEMO

I-02/
October 17, 2002 2:37 PM

FOR: DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs
(Peter W. Rodman, (b)(6))

SUBJECT: AL-NASIRIYA ARTICLE

- For convenience the changes below are highlighted and commented on in the margins of the English translation.
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- Another item of concern is the date on the masthead, it reads July 21st, 2001 although talking about September 11th and the Taliban Operation. The Arabic date of 1422 denotes 2002, I believe it is a typo.

Prepared by: (b)(6)

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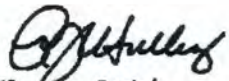
**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
NEAR EASTERN AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS**

October 9, 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPSECDEF

SUBJECT: Translation of Iraqi Newspapers

- Attached are translations of the September 11th-related articles per your request from the four Iraq newspapers per your request.
- Also attached is a translation of the cover of the newspaper that has multiple captions (only one was related to the September 11th attacks).
- All translations were done by (b)(6) (b)(6) USN, on my staff.

for 
W. J. Luti
Deputy Assistant
Secretary of Defense
ISA/NBSA

cc: ASD Clarke

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AL-RAFIDAYN (THE REJECTIONISTS, AN IRAQI NATIONALIST
NEWSPAPER RUN BY SADDAM'S SON UDDAY). PUBLISHED 10 SEPT
2002, ON ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH ATTACKS ON AMERICA.

DETAILED TRANSLATION: ONE YEAR AFTER THE SEPTEMBER LIE,
WHO BENEFITTED AND WHO LOST.

ALL OTHER SIDE CAPTIONS RELATE TO INVESTMENTS, A NEW TAX,
GOVERNMENT GRANTS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS. HIGH SCHOOL
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WHAT WAS ALREADY TRANSLATED ABOVE.

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Baghdad al-Rafidayn 10 September
Caption reads: "One Year After September
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**AL-RAFIDAYN (IRAQI NATIONALIST OR BAATHI NEWSPAPER
CONTEOLLED BY UDAY)**

FRONT COVER 11 SEP 2002

**HEADLINE: AFTER THE PASSING OF ONE YEAR SINCE THE EVENTS OF
NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, WORLD WAR THREE HAS BEGUN**

**WHAT IF 50 STATES IN AMERICA WERE ATTACKED BY HUNDREDS OF
PLANES**

**LOWER HEADLINE: NEW YORK IS NO LONGER THE GOLDEN APPLE
AND AMERICAN FEAR HAS BEFALLEN WASHINGTON**

The attacks of 11 September on the World Trade Center in New York and Ministry of Defense (The Pentagon) in Washington has penetrated the human imagination. The event has rocked the globe in its audacity and repercussions on aspects of history. It is not to be taken lightly that people have re-examined events before and after September 11th. After the collapse of the New York towers, New York City is no longer named giant (metropolis). An Americans no longer view it as the Big Apple, Za Beegh Aapel as you know it is referred to in English. And with the collapse of the twin towers, stories, media and commentators are assessing this as the beginning of World War III as it is being described by the famous American author Thomas Friedman. We cannot stop at just one story which explains the reasons behind the attack (Sept 11th). To gain a real appreciation for the magnitude of the attack let us examine a few number which speak for themselves:

- The length of the towers that were struck by the hijackers was 400 meters high
- The debris created by the attack is 490,000 tons. Based upon reports from former New York Mayor Giuliani it will take over a year to remove (The Debris)
- The third attack destroyed at least 40 percent of the Pentagon and it was expected that American President George Bush would be present two-hours before the attack occurred!
- Initial reports of the human losses were estimated at 10,000 with 400 firefighters dying in the first tower rescuing those trapped inside. Reports however have lowered this figure of victims despite the fact that 60,000 people typically work in the WTC area from 74 nations at any given (business) hour.
- The economic damage due to the collapse of the twin towers is estimated at 105 billion dollars and the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs after the shock that affected the airline industry in the US and Europe.
- The tourism industry which includes restaurants and hotels were also affected. A study reveals that 90,000 workers were laid off in Washington DC alone and other companies have eliminated 100,000 jobs.
- A study by Challenger, Gray and Christmas Investments have revealed that American companies have eliminated 1.1 million jobs until the end of 2002.

- As far as official statistics, the airline industry have reduced their flights by 20 percent and Boeing Group, the largest American civil and military aircraft manufacturer has cancelled 30,000 jobs.
- What is amusing is the losses incurred by Arab nations who have announced economic effects from the events at the Big Apple. Egypt has lost 50 percent of its tourist business that average 4 billion dollars annually. It is expected that Yemen's losses to be at 1 billion dollars to its economic sector.
- Insurance companies have announced and at its forefront Lloyd's of London losses of 20 billion dollars.
- With the United States infected with economic depression, the American administration has resorted to drastic measures to rescue companies allocating 15 billion dollars in emergency relief. The American Federal Reserve has also lowered interest rates three times in days to 2 percent and this is the lowest it has been since 1961.
- The World Bank has announced that the globe has entered a period of long-term recession and instability. It announced its losses as a result of World War III of 2001 to be 700 billion dollars. Henry Kissinger says in his books (Does America Need A Foreign Policy): "The American economy is the engine of the world's economic growth and there will be a heavy impact on U.S. economy as a result of effects around the globe." Astronomical numbers that is enough to stimulate thoughts of war.

These economic pressures and threats to financial prosperity that could stop has ignited cries for war, this is thanks to a few leaders who have stirred fear, division and have frustrated personal ambitions. These leaders have found a voice in George Bush who is trying to control the world with his slogan declaring a war on terrorism as a revenge to what happened on September 11th, 2001. What is fearful (To Americans) in this affair is that last year's attack came from outside her borders into the heartland of the America and struck at her economic and military symbols in its largest cities. It is the reason the issue of American security has been pursued with vigor looking for quick solutions and emotional reactions that Bush and his administration who have proposed reviving the anti-ballistic missile system. Billions have been allocated for this project that was pursued since the Reagan administration. The American leader has also decided to increase the defense budget to 360 billion dollars. This dwarfs other military allocations of about a trillion dollars! The United States has also withdrawn from the Kyoto Treaty and from the Nuclear Proliferation Treaty that was agreed to with Russia. This begs the question what if America desires to enter a long war into the recesses of chaos, destruction, mayhem, the opportunities are open (To America)? This is what world leaders are speculating about and who will be the beneficiary? (of such a war). These are questions that have been repeated since September 11th of last year.

There have been many stories blaming one side or another for the attacks and the French researcher Thierry Meyssan in a book published (L'Effroyable Imposture) in Paris entitled, "Combating Terrorism or Fearful Bullying?" has pointed to an American terrorist organization or military cell within the armed forces and exonerates any Arab or Islamic involvement in the attacks. It further explains that the Zionists have always

pulled strings. (Israelis/Zionists) have stolen America's secrets and have threatened Bush with World War III at any moment. Another book by a German author echoes these opinions. A third group of researchers have accused the CIA and other American secret apparatuses in collaboration with Mossad, Jewish Organizations, the Japanese Red Army Faction, and the Serbs. The importance of these discoveries defeats the desire to blame other parties (Iraq), those within the American administration wanting to blame other parties (Arab/Iraq) is devoid of any common sense, psychological reason or proof. This is merely emotionalism due to the events of September 11th.

Arabs do not possess enough money or the capability of to carry out such a complex operation outside its borders. We are also not in positions of the decision makers inside the American government that offers the opportunity to obtain the necessary secrets needed to execute such an operation. In the language of operatives this operation requires classified information and secret engineering information such as was needed to carry out the attack on the WTC and Pentagon. Eventhough, the writer Muhammad Hassanein Heikal in the introduction to his book "The Hebron Operation," is searching for those who may benefit (from Sept. 11) and he postulates with reason:

"The Zionist Entity (Israel) are the first to benefit from what happened, therefore they are the foremost suspects." Whoever is to benefit from America's desire to pursue a wider war against the world, that is manifested in the new strategy put forth by the hawks within the American administration under the banner "strike first then search for the reasons." This is the direction towards a quagmire or the search towards suicide. It is easy for a larger nation to mobilize for war, but it is impossible in the shadow of of the nuclear/WMD age that America can profit from war. The Chinese have a saying, "No Victory in the Midst of Blood."

If the attacks of September 11th cost the lives of 3,000 civilians, how much will the size of losses in 50 states within 100 cities if it were attacked in the same way in which New York and Washington were? That is the most telling question, for studies show that more Americans have succumbed to drug and alcohol addiction as a result of the hard pressures that resulted from the attacks of September 11th. The American media is saturated with doses of psychological (derogatory) assessments of the incident. What would happen if hundreds of planes attacked American cities? How would the authorities react, particularly lacking 24 hours notice of such an incident? Over 70,000 people would be homeless, from this number 40 percent would be white and 40 percent would be black. This represents the first time in American history such equality would be achieved. This would be the result of this policy to search for an enemy, a policy driven by revenge beyond its borders. The Bush administration has chosen to pursue this war under the guise of the War on Terrorism.

Prepared by (b)(6)

AL-ILAM (IRAQI CONTROLLED NEWSPAPER OF THE IRAQI OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION), TARGET AUDIENCE: IRAQI YOUTH. 11 SEPT 2002, FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF 11 SEP ATTACKS.

DETAILED TRANSLATION: PROOF OF U.S. FAILURE, AL QAEDA REMAINS AL-QAEDA (STILL EXISTS)



Baghdad Al-I'lam in Arabic 11 Sep
Caption reads: "Proof of US Failure:
Al-Qa'ida Still Exists"

11 September 2002

AL-ILAM (ARTS MAGAZINE PUBLISHED BY BAGHDAD)

HEADLINE: OUR WORD

Today marks the first anniversary of the events of September 11th, 2002 that occurred in New York and Washington that shook the symbols of power in America that some called judgement day. From there they have embarked upon spreading evil with everything they possess of weapons that damage and destroy and advanced murder in a filthy war against the Arabs and Muslims under the guise of the war on terrorism.

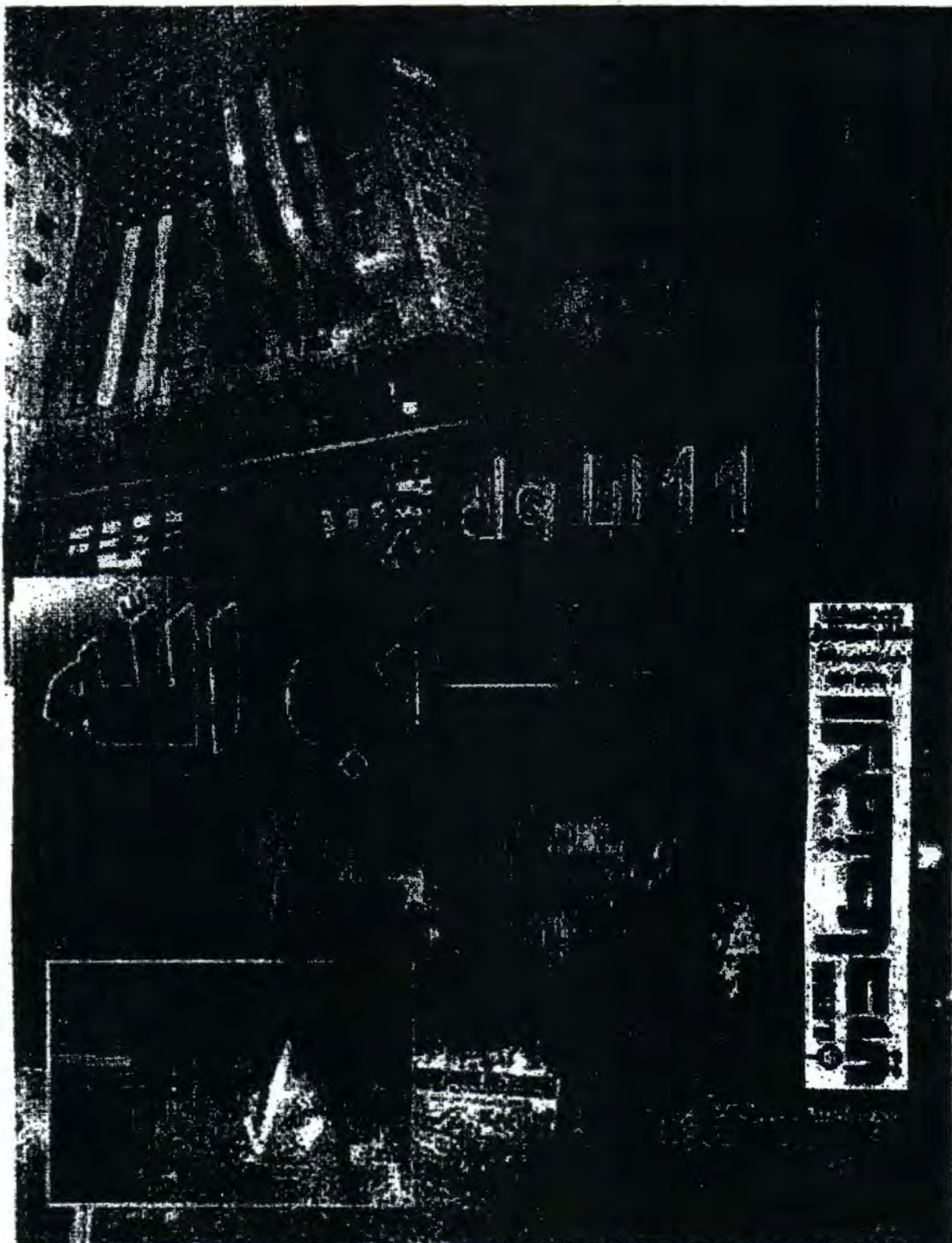
These actions have been perpetrated by an evil American administration that plots, plans and announces its intention to begin its war against the Muslim people of Afghanistan without waiting for any proof that confirms their accusations and to this very day they have not been able to produce any substantial proof to justify its haphazard war. This in addition to a vow of revenge for any nation that does not stand with them (America) against the war on terrorism or opposes their opinions, whoever is not with us is against us!

The behavior of the American administration and its insistence on using force against nations and its silly threats against our patient and fighting Iraq is proof that this administration did benefit (learn) from the calamity that happened to it, instead it has become more belligerent and has divorced itself from rational and sound thought, their commemoration is not one they will benefit from as one would expect. Instead they have left any good lessons and the failure of their policies are catching up to them, its objectives that were planned in Afghanistan were not achieved despite the passing of one year since the calamity.

Signed, Editorial Staff

AL-IQTISADI (GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED IRAQI BUSINESS
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DETAILED TRANSLATION: 11 SEPTEMBER: GOD'S PUNISHMENT



Baghdad al-Iqtisadi in Arabic 11 September
Caption reads: "11 September: Allah's Punishment"

TRANSLATION OF PAGE 12 OF COVER STORY IN IQTISADI

BAGHDAD BUSINESS NEWSPAPER

11 SEP 2002

FRONT COVER GRAPHIC: WTC BURNING WITH HEADLINE "GOD'S PUNISHMENT."

TOP CAPTION: OVER 95 BILLION DOLLARS OF DAMAGE AT WORLD TRADE CENTER IN NEW YORK

MAIN HEADLINE: 11 SEP GOD'S PUNISHMENT

AUTHOR: UNATTRIBUTED (PROBABLY EDITORIAL STAFF WRITERS)

An American report has submitted that economic losses that the city of New York has sustained as a result of the attacks of September 11th of last year is estimated at between 83 and 95 billion dollars.

The final figures however are dependent upon several factors among them is the loss of employment as a result of businesses moving its operations away from the city (New York). The city financial accountants William Townsen has submitted a recent report saying that over 21.8 billion dollars in rent/leases alone have been lost as a result of the attack on the World Trade Center.

The same report identified that over 13 million square feet of commercial and administrative spaces have been lost. This equates to the entire commercial space of the business districts of the cities of Atlanta and Miami. As to loss in tax revenue, the city (New York) has lost about 300 million dollars in addition to a loss of 500 million dollars in other potential sources of revenue.

The amount of employment in New York City has dropped to 83,000 jobs less than what it was before 11 September.

LOWER CAPTION: A DISCUSSION IN POLITICS, AL-IQTISADI, THE PAPER OF ALL.

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AMERICA.

DETAILED TRANSLATION: THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH OF LAST
YEAR, AMERICA'S TRUE FACE REVEALED.



Baghdad Alif Ba in Arabic 11 September

Caption Reads: "11 September Events Revealed
the True Face of America"

ALIF-BA MAGAZINE (IRAQI PRESS CONTROLLED BY UDA Y)

SEPT 11, 2002

A MILITARY OPINION ON THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

HEADLINE: WHEN AMERICA WAS EXPOSED TO AN UNEXPECTED WAR

**WRITTEN BY MAJ GENERAL MUNZIR ABD-AL-RAHMAN IBRAHIM
(COULD BE FROM THE IBRAHIM FAMILY RELATED TO SADDAM?).**

If the main surprise in the operation of September 11th is methods and means of executing this attack, the real surprise the air attacks achieved was its exposure to an unexpected war in the first time in its history. This revealed the complete incapacity of America's security and intelligence apparatus to penetrate the stages of planning and execution of this operation and utterly failed to stop the attack.

Despite everything said about the events of September 11th, the search for answers still remain, in particular the details of the stages of planning that are labeled terrorism. The air operation conducted has stretched the strategic thinking of which American planners rely on and have altered the tactical means of terrorism to justify a wider war.

After World War II, American security officials focused on the concept of deterrence and their use of inter-continental ballistic missiles. This shaped American defense policy for many years and through further development of missile technology, deterrence was deployed to the outer reaches of space, in a program known as star wars. This threatened to change the concept of deterrence. The entire American military was geared towards countering external threats coming to them from space. What happened (Sept 11th) were threats that came from within the country. The American administration's policies in light of the attacks reflect a gap in strategic thinking between what happened (Sept 11th) and their views of deterrence.

September 11th has exposed the failures of this continued strategic policy (deterrence) and its inability to protect the US. These attacks has caused a complete revision of strategic thinking (by the Americans) and this is echoed by Vice-President Dick Cheney in his comments on deterrence: "The attacks of September 11th against the United States have changed our old understanding of security to one that focuses on preemption. During the Cold War it was in our capacity to deter threats using the policy of deterrence, the situation now is much more complex."

With this the entire strategic thinking (of the US) on security has changed. American security policy have changed from deterrence to a war against terrorism which is dependent on a policy of conquest and destruction in the name of defeating terrorism. This change came about rapidly, after the events of September 11th. This new military policy is an attempt to deal with the shock on internal public opinion to focus their attention from being a victim of an unexpected war to a war against terrorism.

As soon as this new military policy of conquest was formulated then it was tested on Afghanistan which redirected internal opinion from the shock of the attack. The fear is that they will not redirect their attacks in light of rhetoric coming from the American administration. Chief among them is the director of the FBI who said last year: "It is my opinion that such attacks will occur again and will affect several areas within the United States." At the same time the media expects reports on the development on the war against terrorism !!

After one year since the attack on terrorism that exposed the failure of their strategy deterrence, the new policy of conquest and preemption has also failed. The American administration is still under pressure to search for new military operations. American feeling has shifted from its failed deterrence policy and has written a new page in Afghanistan against the resistance movement there.

Despite all that has happened the American administration is trying to deal with their failed strategies by attacking Iraq to compensate for its failed attempts in Afghanistan. The current military policy is reliant upon threats of military force which will not be easy or successful in saving it from what happened on September 11th of last year. Upon the characterization of our leader Saddam Hussein they have used force as a substitute for wisdom. We shall see if America will amend its strategy once more or if it will continue its failures.

Prepared by (b)(6)

AFLIF-BA (IRAQI MAGAZINE CONTROLLED BY UDAY)

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AFTER A YEAR FROM LAST YEAR'S EVENTS

AMERICA BURNS ITSELF !

On 11 September 2001, the entire media of the world announced that the nation that claims to be the only superpower, that controls the entire world was dealt the sharpest blows in its entire history. The culture that America spreads and has tried to impose by force on the world for the last 50 years has fallen in a matter of minutes. Destroyed under the explosions of the WTC in New York and Ministry of Defense in Washington. Despite the world's astonishment of the collapse of these structures, and the feeling of shock that Americans, her allies and those basking under her protection were exposed to and who are in awe of her power and imaginary abilities to protect them wherever they are. For it has been exposed that America is incapable of protecting herself and they found naked exposed and unable to cover their nakedness. Despite all this we say that the evil American administration that plots and plans have adopted the slogan (War on Terrorism). The Black House (Reference to White House) have laid their plans with their intelligence agencies have manipulated American and World public opinion trying to capitalize on the shock of September 11th.

American leaders in an effort to convince its people of war have hidden the truth behind those responsible for the events of last year to suit their despotic aims. The simple truth is that it is America that burned itself and now tries to burn the world. American leaders who are stewing in hatred have pursued their own course instead of pursuing the path of wisdom as a means of redressing this defeat.

In the course of one year, the rhetoric has increased and the honest questions are now being posed about the events of last year and America's responsibility for these events. The use of force that American leaders are pushing, have aimed their weapons against all nations on earth in an effort to force globalization on all nations by force. It displays its military might against the poorest, most divided nation on earth, Afghanistan. They pursue this campaign in order to hide the real proof as to what has happened to them.

It is the hated American policies around the world that have caused September 11th. This is what is not being seen and is the ignorance that has infected the minds of American leaders. They have not studied the reasons why this has happened? They have reasoned that their misguided military campaigns and the war against Afghanistan, demolishing it and killing its people and the threatening of several nations around the world is the new page to be written in chapter on September 11th. They feel this is what will reassure the American people who are now afraid of everything and who now ask why this has happened? And why do they hate us?

The American people are now content with what their leaders are saying in response to those questions. American leader respond by saying that this hatred is a result of a few

who despise American progress, technology, and its freedoms and democracy. They also accuse that Arabs and Muslims are inherent terrorists and is in the Arab and Islamic nature. As proof Bush the younger in commenting on the War of Terrorism in Afghanistan that this was a crusader war. This implication of all Muslims and Arabs labeling them terrorists is another mechanism by which America imposes its will and deprives people of their rights, trampling on all laws. Instead they must look to their unwavering support for the Zionist entity. They are the source of terrorism, death and destruction over the last 50 years. They have separated Zionism from terrorism in the matter of forcible usurping Palestinian land and the violation of its people and holy sites all under the care and support of America.

In spite all of what has happened, in spite of September 11th, and after all the crimes committed by the Zionist criminal Sharon, the American President says in a high voice: "Sharon is a man of peace!" If peace from the American point of view is murder, destruction, terror and theft, is it surprising what happened to them September 11th?

It is America that has caused what happened on September 11th. They need to confront the reality of its policies that is rife with threats and plots. America is in need of wisdom not force as what was recommended by our leader Saddam Hussein, may God protect him, as he addressed the American people.

America needs to reflect on its actions and policies and understand that it they who are the source of terrorism, threats against the globe and world division. Others must realize that her armed forces are working towards the ends and greed of the Zionists. As to the American people, who are in shock that two buildings collapsed they must be aware that many houses and buildings have fallen on the heads of its owners in Lebanon, Palestine and Iraq using American weapons either directly or in the hands of the Zionists.

The pain American people have felt over the events of last year should be cause to reflect upon the meaning of the pain caused to many of the world's people by its policies. They must search for the right cure and the right course. They have unleashed their armed forces against others under the imaginary pretences and the hope for revenge, driven by the sick ideas of those that govern the American people. America has moved against nations without any proof, for is it not America that is judge and executioner.

A year has passed since the events of September 11th and America still tries with its full military and media might to interfere in the affairs of other nations under the pretence that they are responsible for what happened in New York and Washington. They do not realize that people have minds that think and eyes that see. It is not difficult to look back into history and see that America suffers from many ills, such as a love of violence, racial discrimination. This is also a severe drug and crime problem that has infected its youth that is celebrated in American media and permeates the minds of its youngest children. This has caused them to resort to such violence in school if there was even a minor squabble among children. They solve their problems by bringing a weapon to school and kill all who cross their path. Americans are ignorant to the fact that over 300 armed terrorist organizations are in the US, these are Americans and not those immigrating to

America. These organizations are express their views using violence the most daring was the attack by Timothy (McVeigh) in 1995 when he blew up the government building in Oklahoma which killed 200 people. McVeigh maintained that what he did was right against the evil American government and outlined in his last letter before his execution that this was a corrupt and evil government. If this is what such people feel and this is the reality of America so why is it not possible that the events of September 11th were caused by internal elements and not what the American media portray?

Many view what happened last September as a result of American threats. That this is merely one chapter towards the destruction and domination of the world, which Washington seeks. This however is not the final chapter, for the world has become tired and frustrated by the oppression and domination that America practices against all. For writers have explored the psychological and sociological tears that Americans are shedding and have found it is her policies and leaders who are the cause. Just as our leader Saddam Hussein, God Preserve and Keep Him, said that "America reaps what its leaders have sown around the world." Those not wanting evil should not plant evil.

America needs to re-examine itself to extricate itself from the mess it is in. Look to the demonstrations around the world against America's policies, this is a clear indication and have increased in volume more than in any other time in our history.

ALIF-BA (UDAY'S WEEKLY MAGAZINE)

SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

POLITICAL SECTION

CAPTION: ON THE OCCASION OF THE EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH MESSAGES FROM THE LEADER SADDAM HUSSEIN TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

MAIN HEADLINE: AMERICA IS IN NEED OF WISDOM

The events of 11 September, occurred in less than 2 hours, but was enough to reveal the evil picture of how Zionists play with American abilities, and the Americans then playing with the world's capabilities and resources. It is inconceivable to any person that the world's media would depict such a strike against the most important symbols of the United States of America. The WTC and Ministry of Defense of America.

And now that the surprise has occurred and it is quite a shock. A few have announced their innocence before being accused by the American administration. They announce their allegiance to America if it undertakes an actual war. Others wait until the accusations focus on them. Anyone knowing America's internal and external policies, know of the long-arm of Zionism that work's within America's internal organizations. They have worked to divorce themselves from common humanity and against those who reject treating force with force and the proper wisdom needed to deal with such attacks.

It is from here that the three messages that our president and leader Saddam Hussein to the American people originate regarding the events of last year.

These messages arrive at a time when the world reacting to the events without sense and against an enemy that is unknown. These enemies are only in the files of Mossad and the folders of American intelligence of which everyone knows the finger of Zionism directs.

These messages appeal to wisdom and that such wisdom according to Iraq should take precedence over everything. A diagnosis of the situation will reveal the true enemy within the United States. It is the leaders opinion that America will achieve stability if it disengages itself from its alliances with Zionists. If the American people realize this then they will be closer to extinguishing the fire raging throughout the world.

The leader also points to the hidden Zionists within American organizations that sow the seeds of war and destruction against anyone both within and outside America to achieve its goals at the expense of America.

They merely cultivate the hatred of people around the world, including its accusation that Arabs and Muslims carried out this attack without any such proof. It has steered Europe to ally itself with America after its had accused Muslims and Arabs of terrorism without

any indication or proof. This could only be understood from the point of view of American-Zionist policies to dominate the world and in specific against the Palestinians.

The leader further clarified that American threats of a long war, is a form of terror designed to divorce all Arabs and Muslims from the right path and against aligning themselves with evil American designs.

The three messages outlined a history of oppression that has lasted 50 years and thwarts these threats from America that no longer instill fear to those affected by it and in the forefront of those not afraid are the Arabs. The leader says to the American people and the people of the west: "Zionism since the Basle Conference of 1898 has planned to control you by controlling all the keys of power in your land, in finance, business, and the media and upon those that govern in your name. However their plans to control you have not gone according to plan, for its is up to those people of the divine faiths and the represent the largest block of people on earth, to thwart the efforts and designs of the Zionists. The Zionist cause clashes between Christian and Muslim. What is amazing that all messages (from Saddam) looks forward to the future of how Zionism has entrenched itself in America. When it leaves wars undone and seeks to arm them (Zionists) with weapons of mass destruction.

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HEADLINE: WHO DID IT? THE ULTIMATE DECEPTION

Until this hour and despite the passing of one year since the events of September 11th, the American administration has not presented any report or proof that those behind the attacks on the WTC and Pentagon are terrorists. It has also not convinced anyone that Muslims are behind this event.

In his book *The Ultimate Deception* the author accuses the American administration of hiding the truth from world public opinion saying: "The American lie is based upon hiding the truth that the attacks were carried out by people who have access to those buildings and the Pentagon." Terry Thierry says: "The building was not the target within the Pentagon but a specific new office within the building." Everyone still asks who carried out this attack?

The accusing finger is pointed on American policymakers and their organizations among them the secret service, the arms corporations and intelligence agencies.

They expected some attacks to occur outside the United States because of its evil policies and terrorism it conducts around the world, however none of them expected an attack in the United States. In New York and Washington. Among those interviewed is Eric Rolo who said in an interview: "I expected an attack against American interests, but I was shocked as most people by the sophistication and precision of the attack."

And Doctor Ahmed Sadiq al-Dajani writes in *Aqlam Magazine* the 5th edition in 2002, that the search for who did it occupies all researchers and historians.

Many have not ascribed to the version of events given by America on the 15th of September and that the real perpetrators are within the collapsed buildings. The American security apparatus wanted to get rid of them by crashing a plane against the Pentagon to cover up other operations that are highly classified by American intelligence.

Other sources we have read include the Egyptian daily (*Akhbar al-Youm*) that broke the story from the *Washington Post* and *Los Angeles Times*: That Representative Cynthia McKinney has asked for a full investigation as to how much Bush and his administration knew before the attacks of September 11th. Despite her calls nothing has been done. Members of Congress reason that Bush and his associates stand to make many profits from the war America is pursuing. She (McKinney) wants to look into how much Bush and associates stand to make from this war.

It is also proven that the explosion in the WTC was external because the buildings cannot collapse from an impact of a plane and that a simultaneous and powerful explosion in the bottom section of the building occurred (for the building to topple). The theory of a

plane causing the entire collapse is not sound. This also required ground to air directional equipment to vector the plane towards the twin towers.

The question thus remains who did this? You can find this answer in the archives of the CIA and return towards plots hatched by Brezhinsky and perfected by Kissinger, Cheney, Rumsfeld and others to secure the world sources of oil.

It is also of interest that Congresswoman McKinney was viciously attacked for her views that an investigation needed to take place and in addition to her opposition to how Bush came to the presidency under a dubious election process. She also revealed that Bush's government serves the interest of a specific business concern known as the Carlisle Group. There are many current and former leaders in the American government who are part of this group who are part of both political parties, Republican and Democrat. Among them is former President George Bush and the current President serves as a consultant to the group whose profits stand to be substantial due to this war on terrorism. They stand to reap many military contracts.

The group also benefited from an increase in the defense budget.

Professor Muriel Merac who gave a lecture on Asian affairs at Cairo University quoted the former German Minister Andreas Von who was angered by the direction towards war and the sanctioning of violence by manipulating public opinion.

Another astonishing feature is how 26 different agencies (in America) with a budget of 30 billion dollars could not prevent this attack? The authorities kept flights in a holding pattern for 60 minutes and after 48 hours the FBI named the suicide attackers and 10 days after the attack seven of them remained alive?

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

ONE YEAR AFTER THE ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH WHERE IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA GOING?

BY MAZIN AL-RAMDAANI

AT 9:03 LOCAL AMERICAN TIME IN THE MORNING OF TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 THE MOST BLATANT ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SYMBOLS OF AMERICA, THE WTC AND PENTAGON WERE ATTACKED BY CIVILIAN PLANES.

It is understatement to say that the planning and execution of these attacks surpasses the imagination. Particularly the method, simplicity and direction from which this attack was undertaken. From this the famous economic scholar Larouche "There is no external power which possesses the ability to carry out such a venture that was done last Tuesday. The foremost and only suspect capable of undertaking what happened....must be from within the United States."

Aside from the events of September 11th, the attack was methodical and those carrying out new exactly what to attack. This attack has demoralized the American government in that it is living in a state of pressure.

We must remember that the events of 11 September were first and foremost a devastating surprise both within America and to the world. Secondly this was a serious threat to also its allies, that resulted in panic, and proved that this nation (US) is incapable of protecting its borders. Third, this has shaken its internal institutions and has awaken both old and new racial tensions in the country, particularly among those who are Arab or Muslim. We must remember how the American President by his own tongue has not shielded them from attack against them but has taken up attacks against them in collaboration with the designs and opinions of the Zionists.

The United States has advertised itself as the land of individual freedom and opportunity has now converted itself into a security monster against its own society. There has been a spread of video and surveillance machines that has signified that America will be in a state of emergency forever.

A person must ask: Has the civil freedoms which are one of symbols of western civilization was in reality a large myth that has filed its first real crisis, leading to its quick demise. Another question: Is someone other than the United States President driving policy? As it struggles to reconcile its financial security with special interests which it at odds with individual rights, freedoms will cause a shift towards the path of the Soviet model?

As to the international front, we see a radicalization of American policy. The American President has used panic caused by September 11th to justify the use of force and has expressed itself the only master on earth. Let us not forget that the President of the United States said on the 20th of September 2001 that his nation will enter a comprehensive war against terrorism, and that nations must choose either they are with us or against terrorism. He repeats the same logic of the Cold War when he said you are either with us or against us.

And the American writer Chomsky said this was declaration of war against those nations who do not support American policy.

This writer is not in error in that even the American political parties have adopted the same seriousness towards using military force or even threatening the use of force to calm the panic of the crippled American society. The events of 11 September even threaten the political future of the current American executives (POTUS and Congress). He uses words of force to restore confidence in the Presidency and what has assisted in this is that Bush the son is considered the most ignorant about international politics, law and sensibilities compared to other presidents.

It is not an understatement that their policies lack wisdom and does not take future recourse into account and also world rejection. We must understand that they cannot win against resistance movements and this was seen in American history. We (Iraqis) will resist no matter how long it may take.

Assessing the U.S-Iraq relations since 1968, history has placed Iraq in a unique position as a defender of its people, and its leadership as the salvation of the Arabs and the people of the North as well as of humanity against those exercising the use of force. This in spite of threats imagined or real.

Let us reflect on the wisdom of struggle against American policy who wish to dominate our future and past, safe in the belief in our own abilities supported by world opinion, that rationale of our cause is with us.

Forward towards building our own future and our own freedoms. The Future is with us.

Prepared by (b)(6)

~~SECRET//NOFORN~~**14 April****Responses to Taskings**

1. Response to a question on Syrian key figures' relations with Asad
2. Response to a request for 2003 calendar of Shiite, Iraq, other Muslim events
3. Response to a question on Arab media financing
4. (b)(1),(b)(3):50 USC §403(g) Section 6,(b)(3):Section 102A(i)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947 as amended
5. Additional background to question on Baghdad's Propaganda Apparatus (August 2002 research paper)

Arab Media Financing

Egypt Most of the prominent daily newspapers in Egypt are state-owned, among them the daily-of-record *Al-Ahram*, *Al-Akhbar*, and *Al-Jumhuriyah*. These papers reflect official policy on major issues but display somewhat greater diversity of opinion and emphasis than state-run broadcast media. Some other prominent daily newspapers are owned and operated by opposition political parties, among them *Al-Wafd* and *Al-Ahrar*. Egypt's large and diverse publishing industry also produces a large number of privately-owned specialized publications.

The country's main radio and television stations, along with the official Middle East News Agency, are state-owned and operated. Radio and television are controlled by the Egypt Radio and Television Union, which is nominally autonomous but directly supervised by a government body. In the past few years, several either wholly or majority privately owned satellite and/or cable television stations have emerged.

Saudi Arabia Virtually all Saudi radio and television stations, and the official Saudi Press Agency, are state-owned and operated. Radio and television are operated by the Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, part of the Ministry of Information. The Saudi press is privately owned, although members of the royal family figure prominently among the owners of most publications.

London Expatriate Press London is home to a vibrant Arabic-language publishing industry producing hundreds of publications. The following information covers several prominent London-based daily newspapers.

Al-Sharq al-Awsat – Although based in London, the paper is owned and operated by the Saudi Research and Publishing Company, with main offices in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The company is, in turn, part of the larger Saudi Research and Marketing Group International, chaired by royal family member Prince Faysal Bin Salman, Governor of Riyadh. The company also publishes the London-based weekly *Al-Majallah* and a number of periodicals in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf.

Al-Hayah – *Al-Hayah* is a privately-owned publication. At one time Lebanese-owned, the principal owner is now Saudi Prince Khalid bin Sultan, former commander of Saudi forces during the Gulf War and currently Deputy Minister of Defense and Aviation.

Al-Quds al-Arabi – The paper is an independent, Palestinian-owned political daily, which is not affiliated with the Palestinian Authority. FBIS has no additional information on its ownership or financing.

Pan-Arab Satellite Television Satellite stations targeting the entire Middle East region are owned by a variety of private and public interests.

Al-Jazirah – This station is owned by the Qatari government but also receives funds through commercial advertising. It was scheduled to become a purely commercial

venture in 2002 but, at last word, the Qatari government has decided to retain ownership. Al-Jazirah is second in viewership to the Middle East Broadcasting Center. Its programming consists of newscasts, religious and political talk shows, call-in programs, and documentaries.

Middle East Broadcasting Center – This station is a private, Saudi-owned station, with the largest audience of pan-Arab satellite stations. The principal owner is Shaykh Walid Ibrihim, brother-in-law of King Fahd. It completed a move from London to Dubai in April 2002. MBC broadcasts mostly entertainment programs, with some religious programming, including live coverage of Friday prayers from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Only 20 percent of its airtime is devoted to news and political talk shows, including three, 30-minute newscasts a day.

Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation – The station began in 1985 as a mouthpiece of the Lebanese Maronite militia but has evolved into a strictly commercial venture. It is privately owned and operated.

Future International – This station is owned by Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri and approximately 90 shareholders from among Lebanese business, social and media elites. It broadcasts a mix of Arab and Western programming and promotes Lebanon.

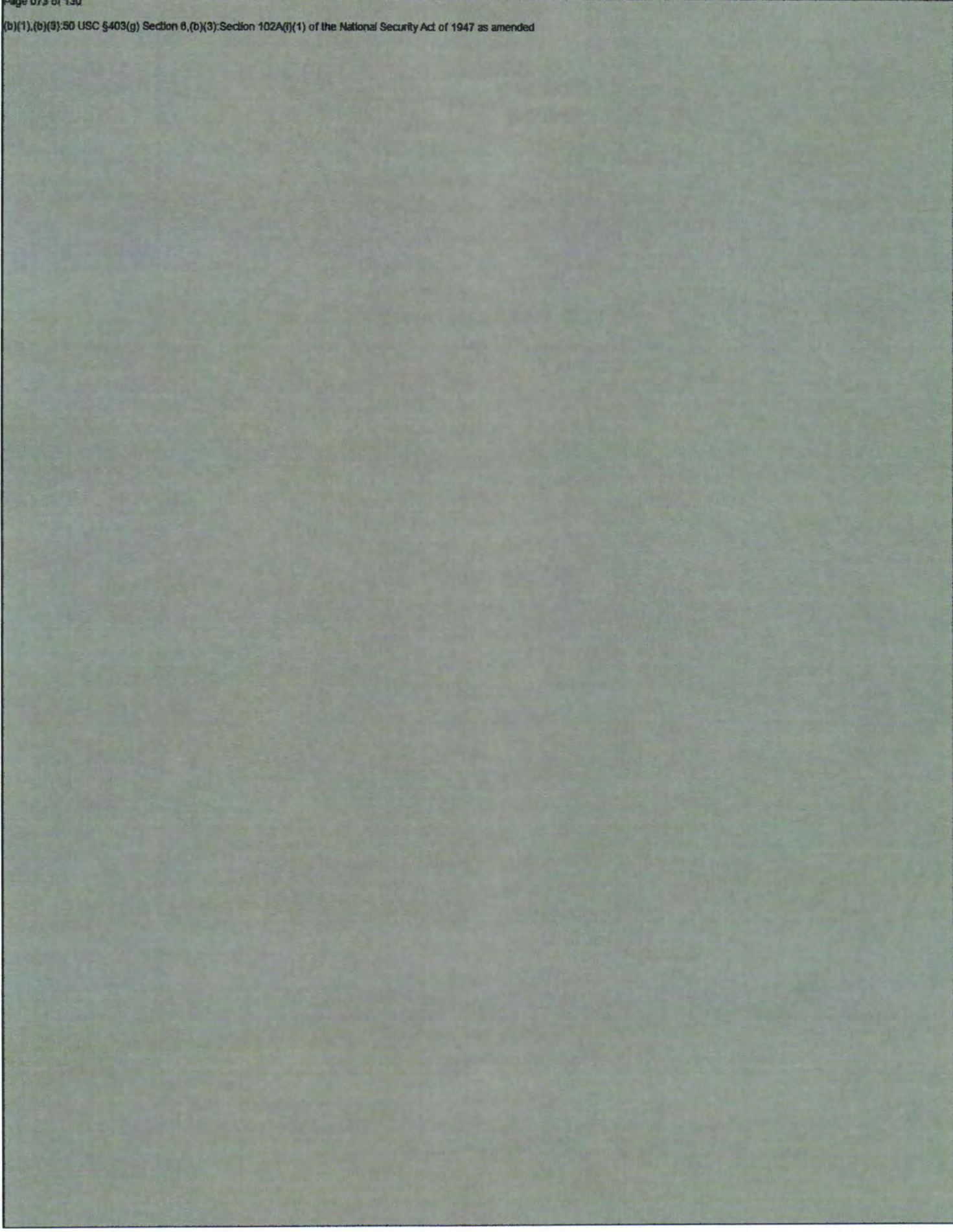
Abu Dhabi TV – This station is owned by the government of the United Arab Emirates. Established in 2000, it is believed to have a small audience. Entertainment comprises roughly half of its programming, with the rest made up of news broadcasts, political talk shows, interview programs, and economic and sports reports.

Arab News Network (ANN) – This station is the only all-news and political discussion satellite channel besides Al-Jazirah, but has a much smaller audience and appears to have limited production facilities. It is owned by Sumar Rif'at al-Asad, cousin of Syrian President Bashar al-Asad. The station is reported to be experiencing financial difficulties.

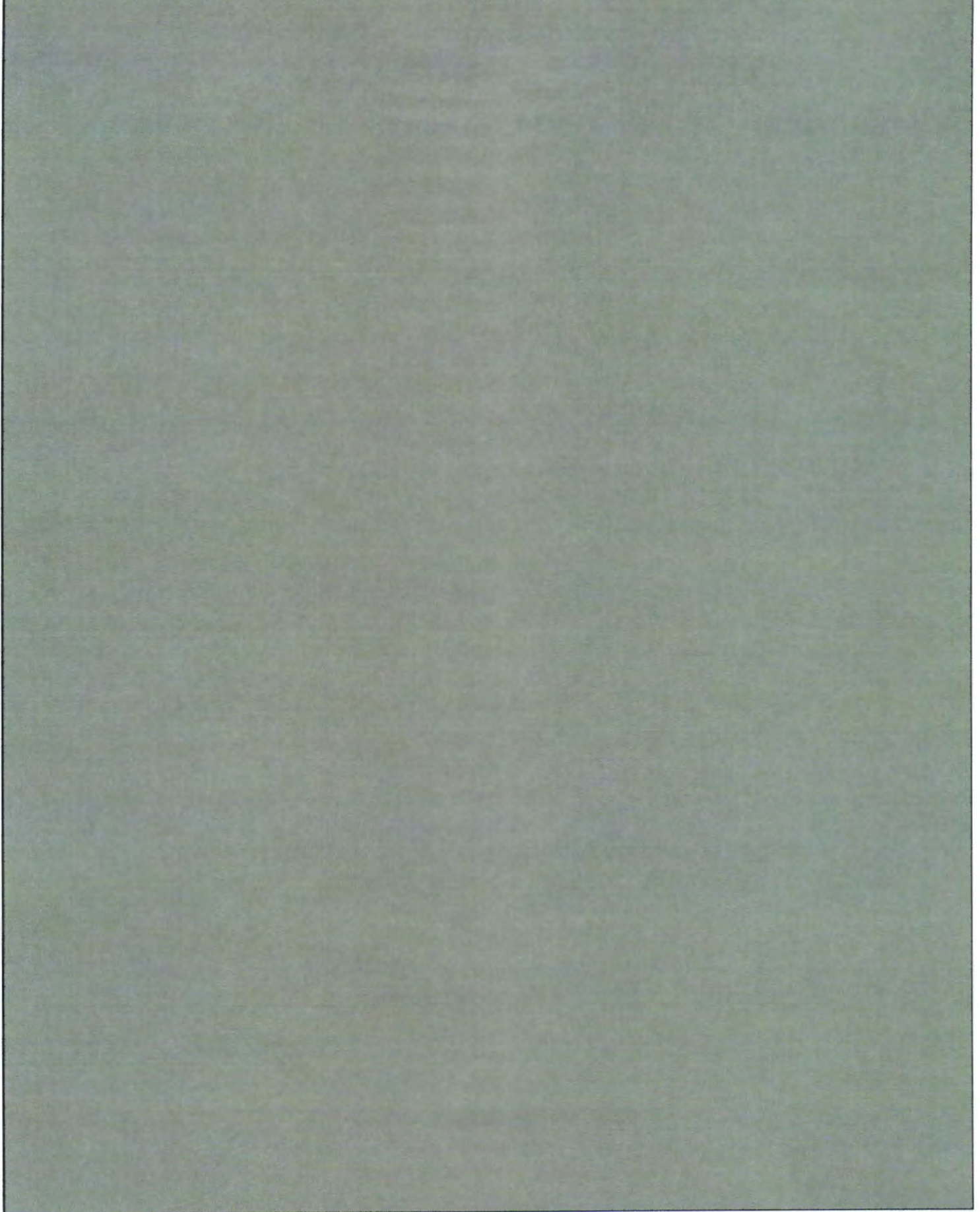
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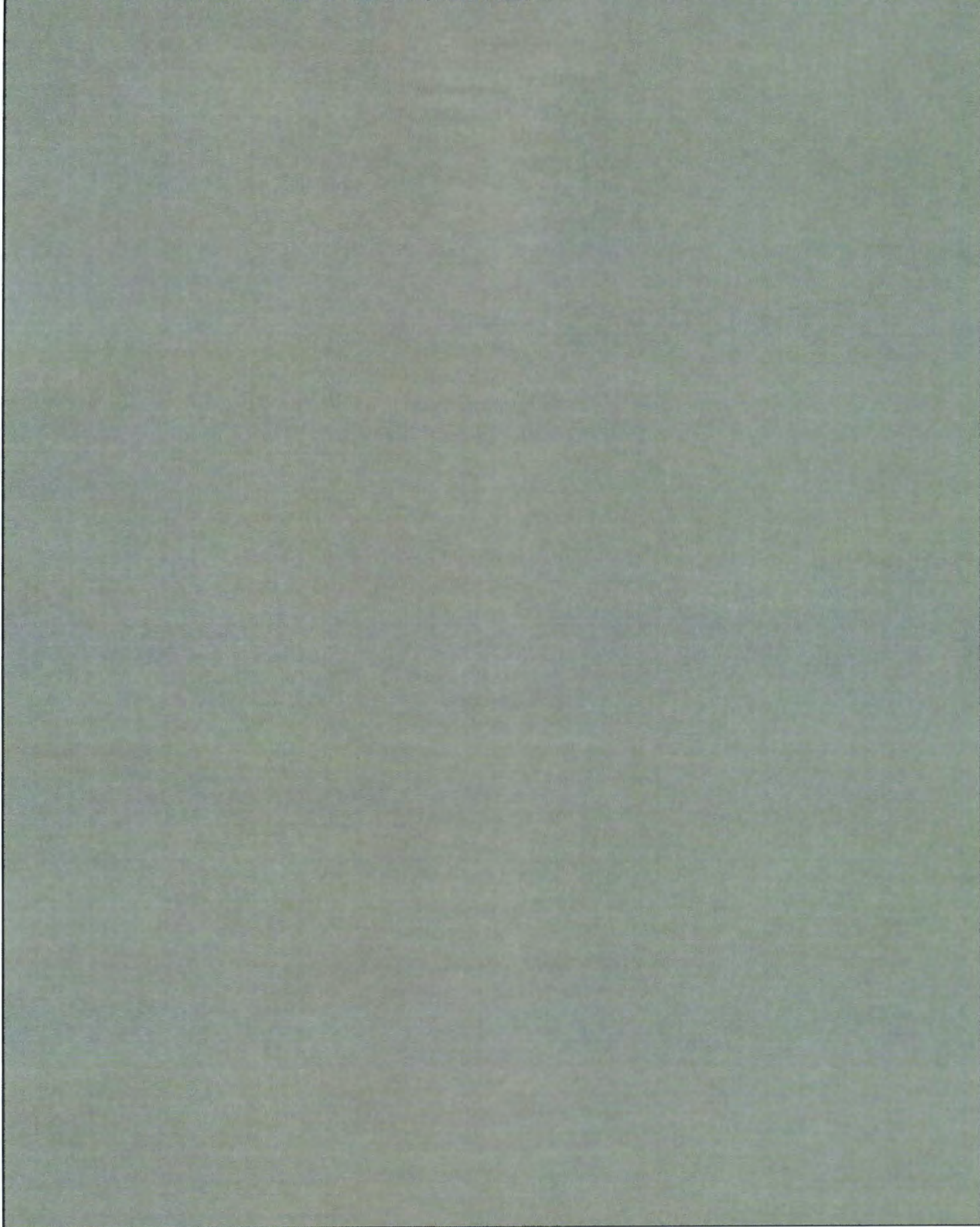
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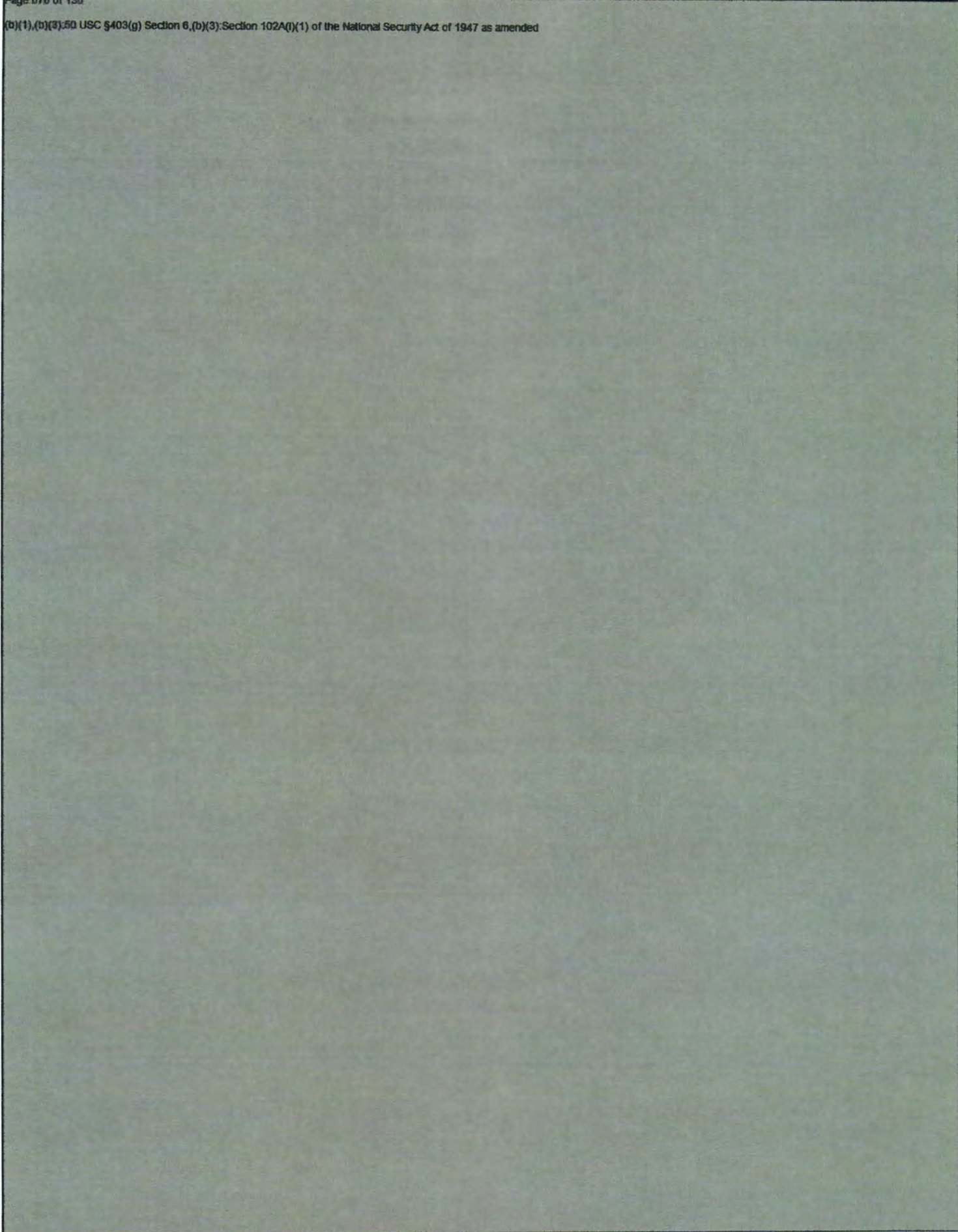
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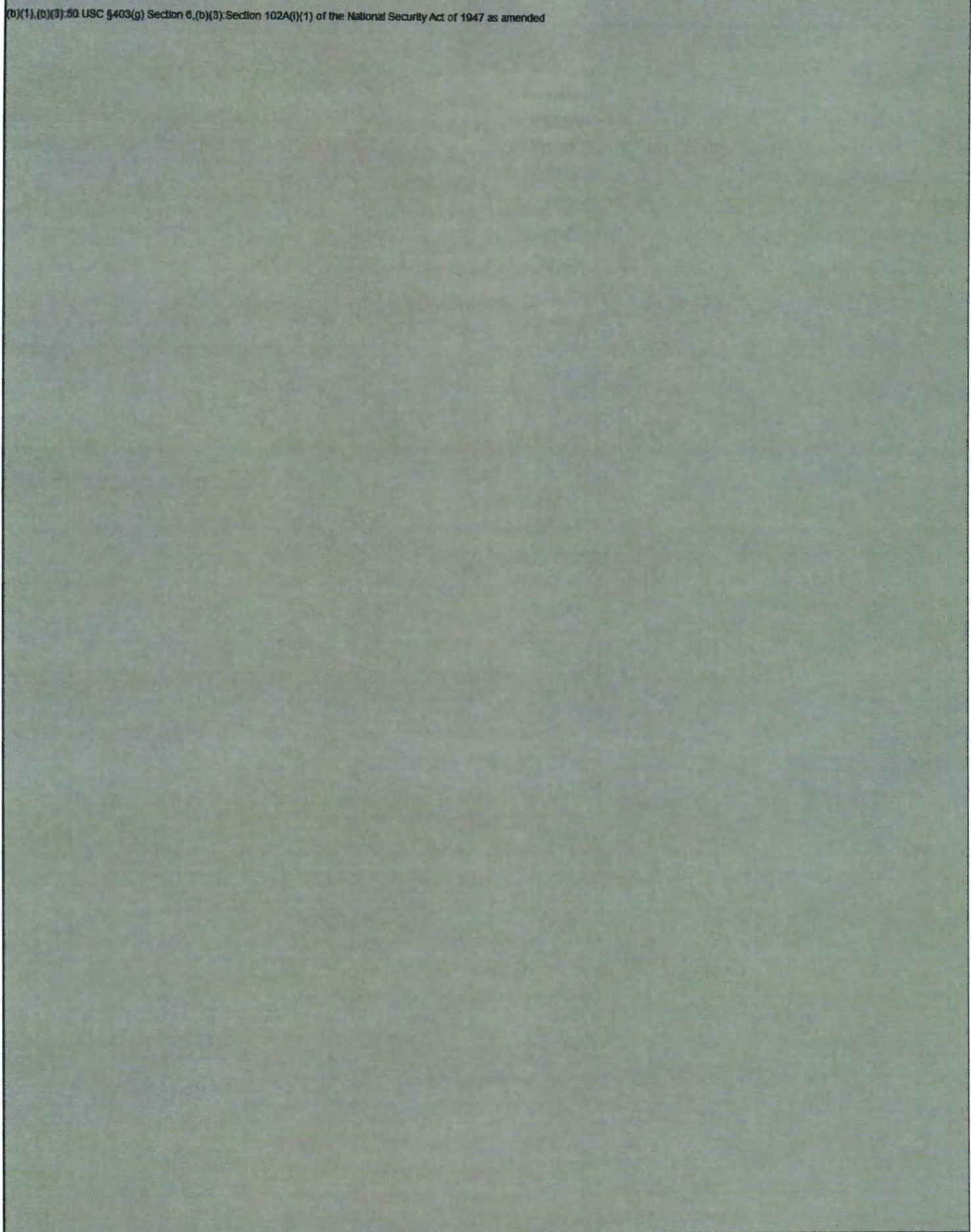
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The country's main radio and television stations, along with the official Middle East News Agency, are state-owned and operated. Radio and television are controlled by the Egypt Radio and Television Union, which is nominally autonomous but directly supervised by a government body. In the past few years, several either wholly or majority privately owned satellite and/or cable television stations have emerged.

Saudi Arabia Virtually all Saudi radio and television stations, and the official Saudi Press Agency, are state-owned and operated. Radio and television are operated by the Broadcasting Service of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, part of the Ministry of Information. The Saudi press is privately owned, although members of the royal family figure prominently among the owners of most publications.

London Expatriate Press London is home to a vibrant Arabic-language publishing industry producing hundreds of publications. The following information covers several prominent London-based daily newspapers.

Al-Sharq al-Awsat – Although based in London, the paper is owned and operated by the Saudi Research and Publishing Company, with main offices in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The company is, in turn, part of the larger Saudi Research and Marketing Group International, chaired by royal family member Prince Faysal Bin Salman, Governor of Riyadh. The company also publishes the London-based weekly *Al-Majallah* and a number of periodicals in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf.

Al-Hayah – *Al-Hayah* is a privately-owned publication. At one time Lebanese-owned, the principal owner is now Saudi Prince Khalid bin Sultan, former commander of Saudi forces during the Gulf War and currently Deputy Minister of Defense and Aviation.

Al-Quds al-Arabi – The paper is an independent, Palestinian-owned political daily, which is not affiliated with the Palestinian Authority. FBIS has no additional information on its ownership or financing.

Pan-Arab Satellite Television Satellite stations targeting the entire Middle East region are owned by a variety of private and public interests.

Al-Jazirah – This station is owned by the Qatari government but also receives funds through commercial advertising. It was scheduled to become a purely commercial

venture in 2002 but, at last word, the Qatari government has decided to retain ownership. Al-Jazirah is second in viewership to the Middle East Broadcasting Center. Its programming consists of newscasts, religious and political talk shows, call-in programs, and documentaries.

Middle East Broadcasting Center – This station is a private, Saudi-owned station, with the largest audience of pan-Arab satellite stations. The principal owner is Shaykh Walid Ibrahim, brother-in-law of King Fahd. It completed a move from London to Dubai in April 2002. MBC broadcasts mostly entertainment programs, with some religious programming, including live coverage of Friday prayers from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Only 20 percent of its airtime is devoted to news and political talk shows, including three, 30-minute newscasts a day.

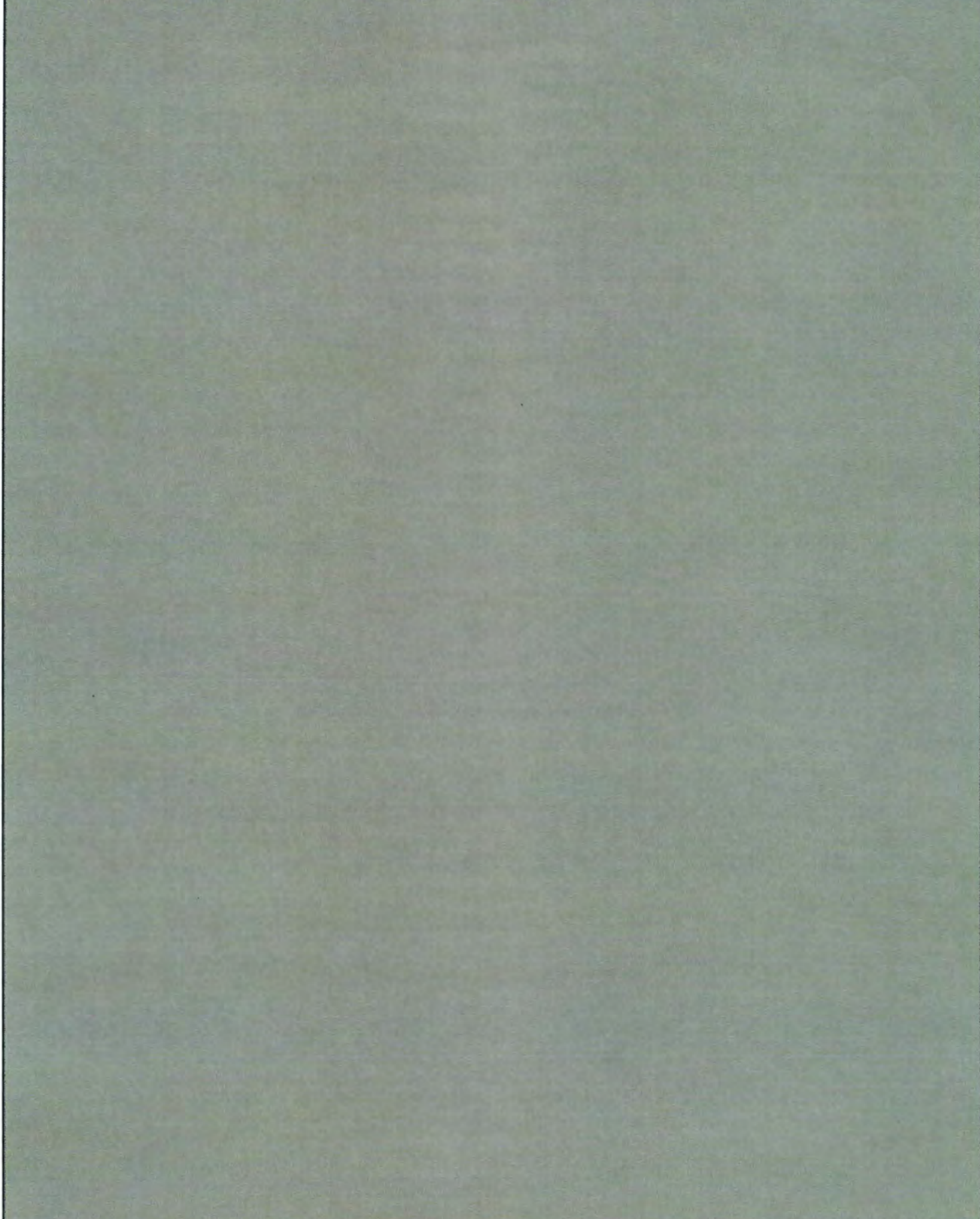
Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation – The station began in 1985 as a mouthpiece of the Lebanese Maronite militia but has evolved into a strictly commercial venture. It is privately owned and operated.

Future International – This station is owned by Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri and approximately 90 shareholders from among Lebanese business, social and media elites. It broadcasts a mix of Arab and Western programming and promotes Lebanon.

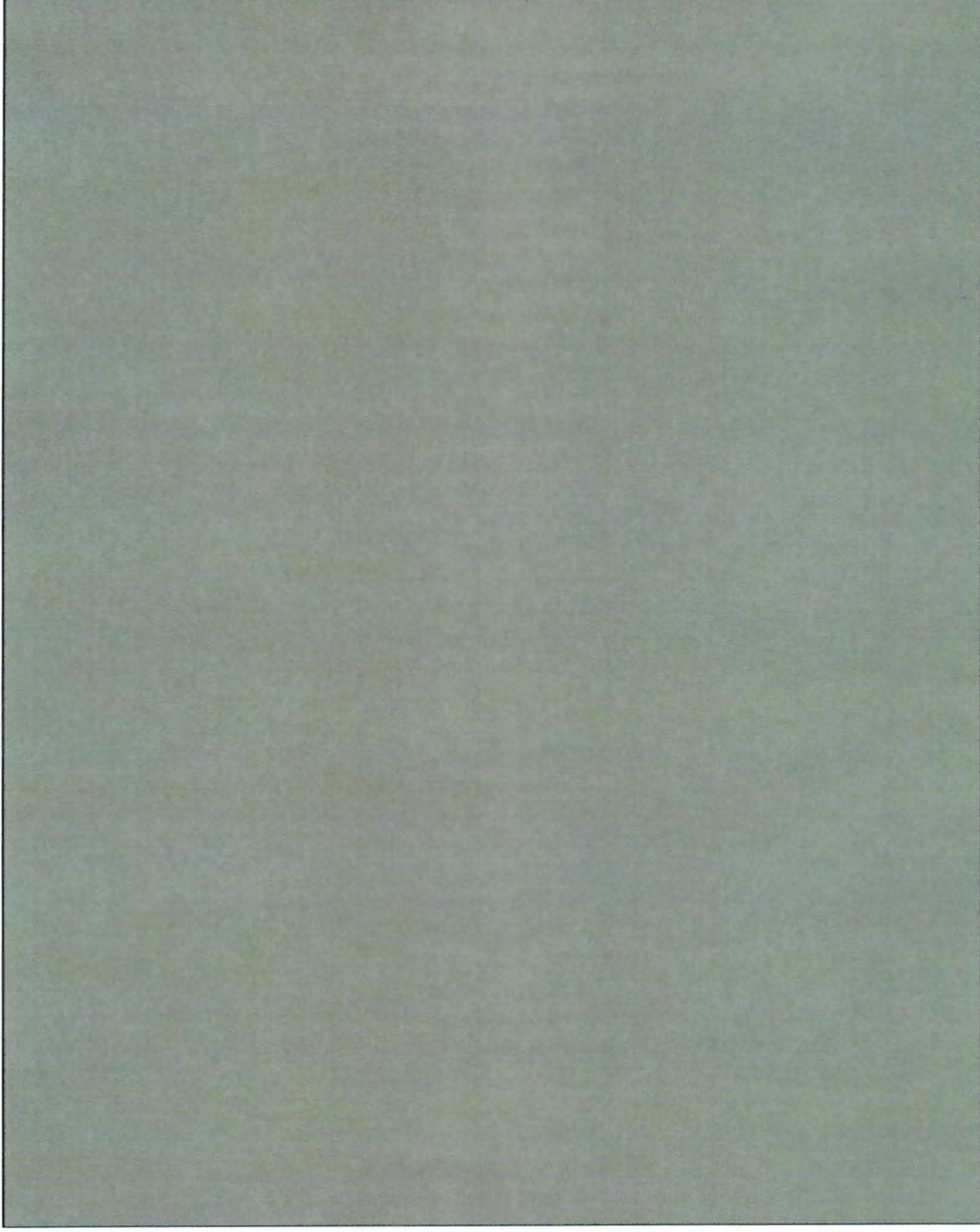
Abu Dhabi TV – This station is owned by the government of the United Arab Emirates. Established in 2000, it is believed to have a small audience. Entertainment comprises roughly half of its programming, with the rest made up of news broadcasts, political talk shows, interview programs, and economic and sports reports.

Arab News Network (ANN) – This station is the only all-news and political discussion satellite channel besides Al-Jazirah, but has a much smaller audience and appears to have limited production facilities. It is owned by Sumar Rif'at al-Asad, cousin of Syrian President Bashar al-Asad. The station is reported to be experiencing financial difficulties.

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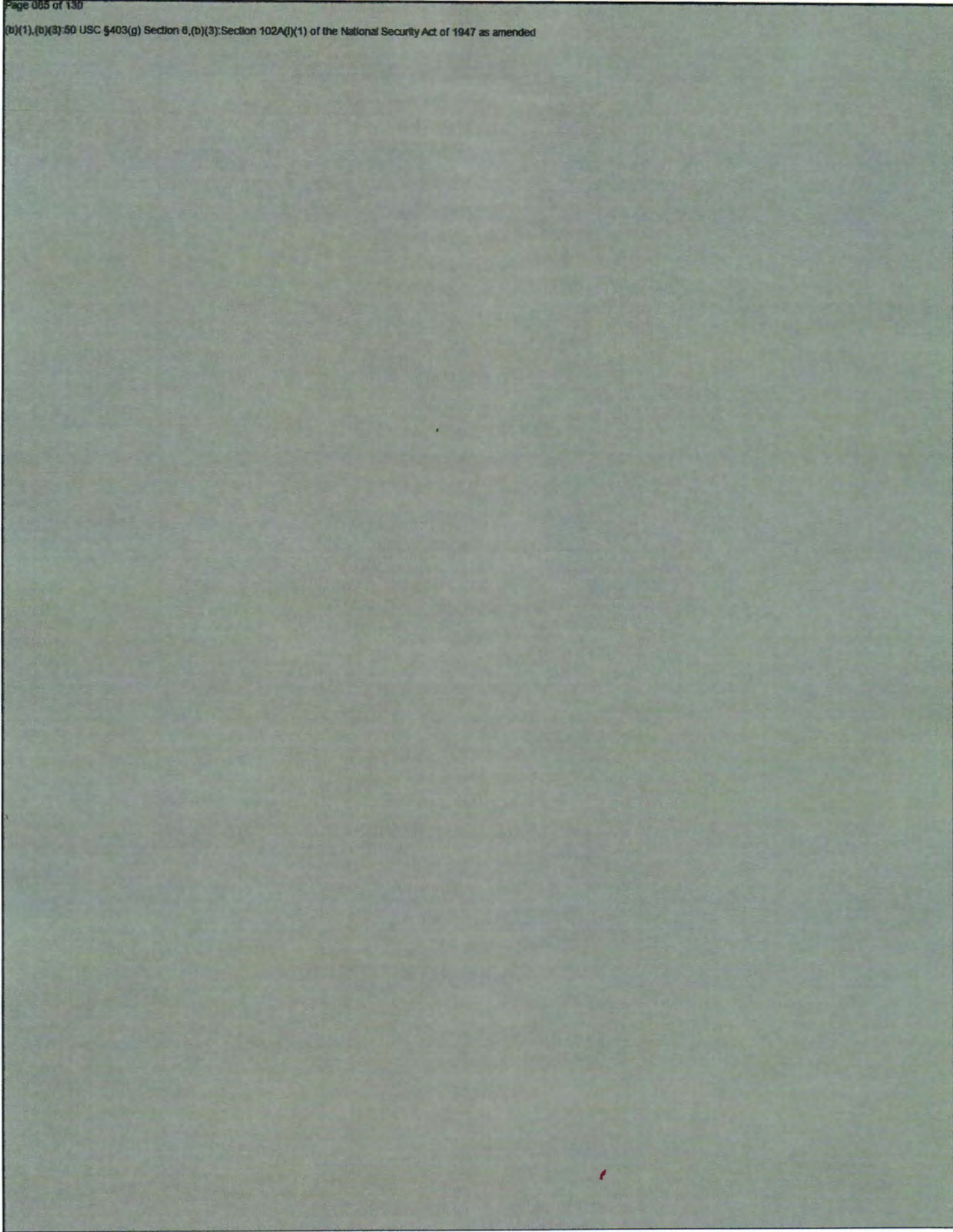


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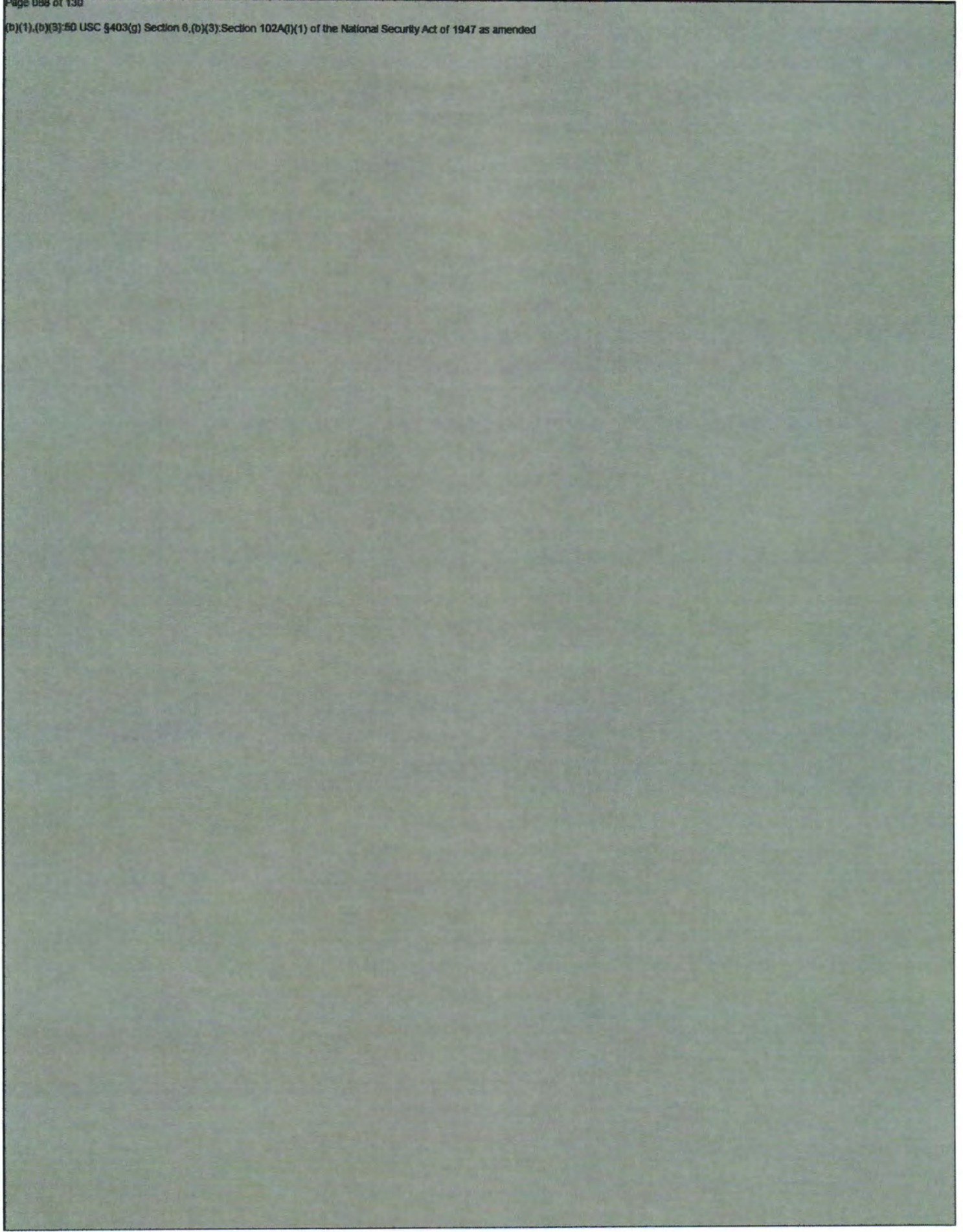


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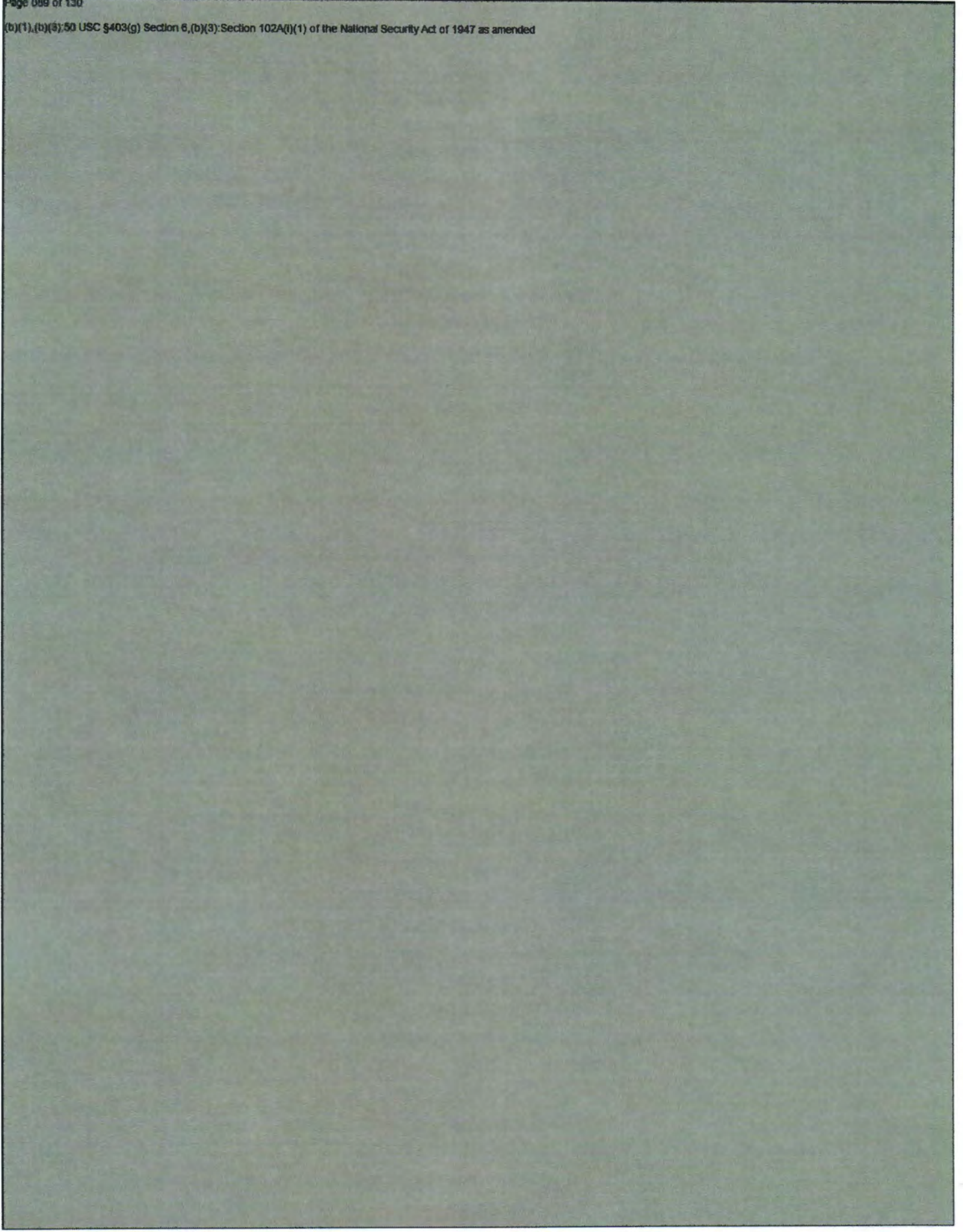
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The Military Assistant

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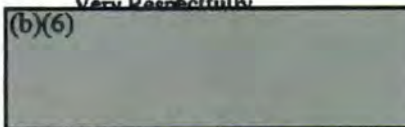
Sir,

The DSD requests the following information:

- a. How are we currently monitoring Al Jazeera broadcasts?
- b. How much coverage is ATWA (of the London based Al Kuds al Arabiya) receiving?

Very Respectfully,

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USMC

Military Assistant to the
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Suspense: 25 Mar 04
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26 March 2004

Subject: *Al-Arabiya* Weekly Update – March 18-25

Summary: *Al-Arabiya*'s broadcasting was dominated by coverage the killing of two of the channel's journalists by U.S. forces in Iraq on 18 March 2004. News broadcasts and other programming during this period were almost universally unbalanced and reflected outrage over the incident. Other news was more balanced, except as noted below.

Selected Programming

The Last Edition/Al-Tabah Al-Akhirah: Aired daily and focuses on excerpts from political commentary found in Arab print media. The program typically airs excerpts at the beginning of the show; later an invited guest is asked to comment.

- **20 March** – Excerpts from the Egyptian daily *Akhbar Al-Yaum* stated: "Two hundred and forty demonstrations in the United States and [around] the world called for an end to the [Iraq] occupation. Amnesty International portrays the situation in Iraq negatively and reports that U.S. occupation forces are taking advantage of the violence in Iraq to justify their violations of human rights. The organization added that violence and oppression dominate the daily lives in a country where civilians suffer under occupation forces that go unpunished."
- **20 March** – An interview with Mamduh Taha, Media Digital Institute, in Egypt:
 - **Host:** "What do you think about the news of the death of six Mossad agents in Kirkuk?"
 - **Mr. Taha:** "This is an indication of the evil British/American occupation of Iraq and the goals of this aggression. One [aim] was to hit a side [Saddam's regime] that was supporting the Palestinian *intifada* and to open the [Iraqi] borders, [an] Iraq without [its own] troops, an American-Zionist-Israeli occupied Iraq."

The Fourth Estate/Al-Sultah Al-Rabi'ah: Focuses on excerpts from political commentary found in *non-Arab* print media. This daily program typically airs excerpts at the beginning of the show; later an invited guest is asked to comment.

- **20 March** – This day's guest, Abdel Wahab Badr-Khan, a political analyst from London, was asked to comment on an article published in the London-based *The Independent* newspaper entitled, "A Year of War that Made the World More Dangerous." Excerpts:

- **Host:** "Is it possible the U.S. is using Iraq to modify the [political map of the] region?"
- **Mr. Badr-Khan:** "Iraq is geographically and strategically very important to any colonialist/imperialist policy that wants to take over the region. Occupying Iraq is the starting point. Iraq now is a platform for Israeli intelligence that is as interested in Iran as it is in Iraq."
- **23 March** – During an interview with Hafez Al-Barghuti, Editor-in-Chief of the Palestinian Authority daily *Al-Hayat al-Jadida*, the U.S. response to the assassination of Hamas leader Sheikh Yassin was discussed:
 - **Host:** "Washington's reaction toward the assassination was weak. Do you anticipate this will damage the U.S. plan for reform in the Middle East?"
 - **Mr. Al-Barghuti:** "Of course, if Americans are comparing Ahmed Yassin to bin Laden and the Palestinian struggle to Al-Qaida's operations. Hamas or other Palestinian organizations have not [attacked] Americans or their interests. Such an association does not serve U.S. policy."

Commenting on a cartoon published in *The Australian*, the program's host stated: "The Australian newspaper [has] republished a cartoon from June 14, 2003. Illustrating that nothing has changed regarding the road map, the cartoon features President Bush exhausted and pessimistic, carrying the roadmap [which is still] an empty cycle of killing and revenge."



The Australian, Sydney (23 March 2004)

In Arabic/Bil Arabi: A weekly program focusing on Arab issues. Aired Sunday. The 21 March program was an unbalanced discussion about U.S. involvement in Iraq. The guest was Lebanese Druze leader Walid Jumblatt. The broadcast was dedicated to the memory of *Al-Arabiya* correspondent Ali Al-Khatib and cameraman, Ali Abdul Aziz, recently killed by U.S. forces in Iraq. Excerpts from the interview:

- **Host:** "Are you afraid of a civil war in Iraq?"

- **Mr. Jumblatt:** "Yes I am, if we allow the Zionist's project to divide the area. Iraq's factions should be united. It is [both] strange and suspicious that the greatest country in the world [the U.S.] is unable to close Iraq's borders."
- **Host:** "Do you mean that the U.S. intends to divide Iraq to the Zionists' liking?"
- **Mr. Jumblatt:** "Let's talk about Washington. Bush rules it, and under his authority are Wolfowitz and Richard (Perle), both of whom have been *Zionized*. We wonder about this American-Zionist clique."
- **Host:** "Do you think a civil war in Iraq will benefit Washington?"
- **Mr. Jumblatt:** "Yes, but it would mainly benefit Israel."
- **Host:** "[So] you are happy when an American soldier is killed?"
- **Mr. Jumblatt:** "Who isn't happy when an occupier is killed?"
- **Host:** "What is your opinion on bin Laden?"
- **Mr. Jumblatt:** "Bush might find him [shortly before] the elections take place in the same way he caught Saddam Hussein [when he wanted]. At present, Islam is the enemy of imperialist America which seeks conflict between cultures so that it can justify its occupation of Iraq."

Eight O'Clock in the Evening/Al-Thamina Masa'an: A program covering regional and international current events and issues. Airls daily at 8 p.m.

- **20 March** – Entitled "Nations Refuse Their Leaders' Actions," the program focused on world-wide anti-Iraq war demonstrations. Hamdin Sabahi, a member of the Egyptian parliament, was among the show's featured guests. Following are excerpts of unchallenged anti-U.S. remarks made by the guest:
 - **Host:** "What is your opinion on these popular protests taking place in states that participated in the war on Iraq?"
 - **Mr. Sabahi:** "War on Iraq was dangerous in terms of the U.S. seeking to control the world, using these brutal, outrageous occupation forces to dominate nations, to plunder their resources, and to destroy their patriotism...Even American and Western nations are aware of the danger of this barbaric policy." He continued: "Just as there are aggressors in [some] governments who want to take over the world and take away the rights of our people in the Arab and Islamic worlds, there are also intellectuals who are against these aggressive positions."
 - **Host:** "President Bush, in his speech yesterday (19 March), talked about democracy and victories achieved in Afghanistan and Iraq. What's your opinion on his remarks?"
 - **Mr. Sabahi:** "We've received President Bush's message of democratization for the Arab world in the form of bullets that struck the heads of the *Al-Arabiya* cameraman and correspondent in Baghdad. This is

[the type] of democracy we have received from the Americans, not Bush's deceptive and hypocritical statements about democracy. The bullets that killed our colleagues from the Arab media [are not the only issue]. There are [now] tons of enriched radioactive products in Iraq and millions of Iraqi children were killed during a filthy and illegitimate invasion and [during] the previous sanctions." He continued: "Thousands have been killed in the occupied Palestinian territories with American weapons. George Bush's speech about democracy is just a tool to scare Arab leaders to bow down more than they have already. The purpose of the *Great Middle East Initiative* is not to give freedom to Arab nations [so they can] elect their leaders, nor [is it] to protect their national security that is [already] wasted because of America and Israel."

- **21 March** – The focus was the U.S. presence in Iraq. Featured guest Talaat Muslim, identified as a general and strategic expert, made the following unchallenged statements: "The U.S. came to Iraq for its own benefit, not just to overthrow Saddam. The presence of American military bases in Iraq contributes to the [U.S.] control of oil in the region; Iraq is situated in a very strategic location." He continued: "The U.S. benefits regionally as well as globally from this [as] it is [now] near the Russian borders as well as the Black Sea and the Mediterranean. Therefore, it [is in position to] influence the international oil market."

From Iraq/Min Al-Iraq: Like *Al-Jazeera's* program *The Iraqi Scene/Al-Mashhad Al-Iraqi*, *From Iraq* is a weekly program covering Iraqi issues. Airs Monday. A special Saturday broadcast aired on 20 March entitled *Journalists under Fire* and was dedicated to the two deceased *Al-Arabiya* staff members. The program featured several interviews focused on the deaths of the two journalists, which were highly critical of the U.S.

Excerpts from an interview with Mustafa Al-'Ani from London:

- **Host:** "What's your assessment of the incident?"
- **Mr. Al-'Ani:** "I believe American troops have lost control. This is similar to their behavior in Afghanistan and to the behavior of the Israeli occupying forces in the West Bank and Gaza. Aimless killing and arrests are a dangerous phenomenon. One thousand six hundred Iraqis are under arrest without any [formal] charges. This figure is higher than the number [of arrests] during the dictatorship of Saddam."
- **Host:** "Do you believe this incident was intentional?"
- **Mr. Al-'Ani:** "I think they were instructed to open fire. The American soldier follows orders from superiors which allow him to take action."
- **Host:** "[The] U.S. military command says soldiers fire due to concerns and suspicions. Does this justify the killing of civilians and journalists in Iraq?"

- **Mr. Al-'Ami:** "How could a target driving away from them [U.S. troops] be fired upon? I do not understand firing on a vehicle that is driving away from the [barricade]. Now, the American soldier can commit any crime in Iraq just as the Israeli soldier [does] in the occupied territories, without any punishment."
- In another interview, Dr. Saad Al-Hassani, an MBC correspondent in Baghdad, commented: "U.S. forces have the right to shoot and flout the laws as if they do not apply to them, whereas Iraqis are held responsible [even] if they commit [the slightest offense]."

News Reports: Dominating news coverage during the early portion of this reporting period were the deaths of the two *Al-Arabiya* journalists. The following are examples of the outrage expressed by the channel's journalists and others interviewed about the incident:

- **18 March – U.S. Troops Attack *Al-Arabiya*'s Media Staff in Iraq:** *Al-Arabiya*'s coverage of this incident stated: "The press has been attacked again...*Al-Arabiya*'s team was attacked although it identified itself to coalition forces [as journalists]. Ali Abdel Aziz was killed and Ali Al-Khatib was shot in the head just because they were trying to report to the world what's happening in Iraq." The reporter continued: "[This] ugly crime is not the first against media personnel in Iraq. Who is responsible? Who benefits [from it]?"
- **19 March – An Interview with Ali Al-Shubut, Press Secretary to Muwafaq Al-Rubayal:¹**
 - **Dubai News Anchor:** "Is the targeting and killing of *Al-Arabiya*'s cameraman and correspondent by American troops [considered] part of liberating Iraq?"
 - **Mr. Al-Shubut:** "Unfortunately we have lost innocent Iraqis due to terrorist attacks. This is the price of freedom. *Al-Arabiya*'s [staff] is among those who give their lives to show the outside world the painful image of these terrorist attacks targeting Iraqis."
 - **Dubai News Anchor:** "Resistance that kills innocents and occupation forces that kill journalists on duty in Iraq are now the same thing!"
 - **Mr. Al-Shubut:** "It is not resistance. They are criminal suicide bombings that target citizens." (A rare positive statement.)

¹ Member of the Iraqi Governing Council.

- **19 March – An Interview with Nabil Mohamed Salim, an Iraqi Political Analyst:**
 - *Al-Arabiya*: "What procedures will the Governing Council pursue regarding the occupation forces targeting journalists?"
 - **Mr. Salim**: "This issue concerns not only journalists but all Iraqis. Since the beginning of the occupation, thousands of Iraqis have fallen due to the bullets of the occupation forces." He continued: "There are thousands of Iraqis who have been mistreated while under arrest and are inhumanely treated by an administration and a state that claims democracy and human rights. It also claims to have come to liberate Iraq, yet this occupation is of the worst kind. They are committing terrorism against this nation."
 - *Al-Arabiya*: "How can these human rights violations be dealt with knowing they are committed by occupation forces that came to liberate Iraq?"
 - **Mr. Salim**: "There is no such thing as human rights in Iraq. These are just slogans used by the U.S. administration to justify its policy and to betray public opinion in Iraq and the [rest of the] world."
 - *Al-Arabiya*: "Where is Iraq heading under occupation? Toward democracy or [more] bloodshed?"
 - **Mr. Salim**: "It doesn't seem that Iraq is heading toward the future anticipated by Iraqis. Democracy is just a phantom the U.S. administration is using to delude them. We still have not [experienced] democracy, human rights, or reconstruction. These are just slogans to justify its aggression and occupation of Iraq. This administration is not concerned about Iraq or its citizens. It is concerned about its own interests and strategies in the region and in the world."

Addendum: Additional reporting on the death of the two *Al-Arabiya* correspondents with significant bias against the U.S. All aired on 19 March.

Excerpts from an interview with Ahmed Abdel Amir, identified as *Al-Arabiya's* Baghdad driver (from the program *From Iraq*):

- **Host**: "Can you explain what occurred yesterday?"
- **Mr. Abdel Amir**: "Around 9 p.m. last night, we stopped about thirty feet away from an American barricade. Ali Al-Khatib and Ali Abdel Aziz walked toward the U.S. troops asking for permission to cover the [hotel] incident. Ten minutes later, [the reporters] got back into the car and asked me to drive in the opposite direction. There was a white Volvo driving toward the Americans. As they opened fire on the Volvo, I kept driving away. They continued firing, targeting us, but I did not think they were. They knew we were journalists, because Ali Al-Khatib and Ali Abdel Aziz had just spoken to them."

- Host: "Were the soldiers who fired on you the same ones Ali Al-Khatib had spoken to?"
- Mr. Abdel Amir: "Yes, it was the same barricade. The American troops knew our vehicle was a journalists' car... They targeted us with fire."
- Host: "What you're saying suggests [your car was] intentionally targeted and [was] not [hit by] indiscriminate fire aimed at the Volvo."
- Mr. Abdel Amir: "Our car was targeted and this crime is definitely murder."
- Host: "Was Ali Abdel Aziz killed immediately? What happened?"
- Mr. Abdel Amir: "While I was driving to get away from the bullets, Ali Al-Khatib asked me to go faster. I did not hear anything from Ali Abdel Aziz who was hit in the head by a sniper. Ali Al-Khatib and I were also hit in the head. This was absolutely a crime. A sniper targeted our heads."

Breaking News: Death of *Al-Arabiya*'s Correspondent from Previous Injuries: From a live report by *Al-Arabiya*'s Baghdad correspondent: "Americans claim this incident was a mistake, although they knew these people [killed] were journalists. This is strange! It is not possible to justify the killing of a camera man and a correspondent carrying a camera and to target them indiscriminately in a criminal way."

- Dubai News Anchor: "Did American troops know these cars were transporting *Al-Arabiya*'s team?"
- Mr. Al-Amri: "TV signs written on the cars were obvious; special identification and big cameras were all indications that this was a team of journalists. It's strange that they were targeted intentionally and were shot in the head, even though the car was stopped."

An interview with Riyad Sa'di, a correspondent for Tunisian TV:

- *Al-Arabiya*: "How do you [feel about] what's happened?"
- Mr. Sa'di: "We, as journalists, have been exposed to dangerous situations in Iraq [and] have made sacrifices [as did] our *Al-Jazeera* colleague Tariq Ayyub [who also] became a martyr. I believe journalists' blood will continue [to flow] in Iraq because of the presence of American troops who do not know what they are doing. Indiscriminate and deadly fire has killed others. Every camera and every journalist is a target."

An Interview with Imad Al-Atrash, an *Al-Jazeera* correspondent:

- *Al-Arabiya*: "As a journalist, how do you describe what's happened? You were hit by a missile yesterday and you also almost lost one of your colleagues."

- **Mr. Al-Atrash:** "We are familiar with this situation. We already lost a colleague, Tariq Ayyub, as a martyr, toward the end of the war [last year]. Ali Abdel Aziz and Ali Al-Khatib have been martyred. It is strange that the Americans who declared war and occupied this country call it the liberation of Iraq. The real champions of freedom and democracy are journalists who are targeted and killed indiscriminately."
- ***Al-Arabiya:*** "How do American troops treat you?"
- **Mr. Al-Atrash:** "Occupation forces put pressure on everyone. Tensions arise during every incident... [Yesterday's] indiscriminate fire that caused the death of our colleagues is very odd."

26 March 2004

Subject: *Al-Jazeera* Weekly Update – March 19 - 25

Summary: News reports and talk shows continued to be generally balanced. Notable exceptions follow.

Select Programming

Reflection of the Press/Mir'at Al-Sahafah: Aired twice daily and focuses on excerpts from political commentary found in world print media. Closing moments typically display political cartoons found in various Arab newspapers.

Two political cartoons with the U.S. as their subject appeared during the period. Cartoon on the left reads: "The first anniversary of the war on Iraq." Cartoon on the right hints at U.S.-Israeli collusion in the killing of Hamas founder Sheikh Yassin. The text on the blade reads: "Blood of the Martyr Yassin."



Al-Dustur, Jordan (21 March 2004)



Akhbar Al-Khalij, Bahrain (23 March 2004)

- 23 March – (From the semi-official Egyptian daily *Al-Ahram*) **Headline:** "The Opinion of *Al-Ahram*: The Martyrdom of Ahmad Yassin Ignites Resistance" – Excerpts: "If Israel committed this crime without the knowledge of the U.S. administration, Washington must clearly denounce [the assassination] and punish Israel, if, in fact, [America is] serious about fighting terrorism." The article continued: "[However], if the U.S. had [prior] knowledge of this crime and did not stop Israel from committing it, such a disaster will lead to legitimate reactions in all forms. It will also be a disaster as it [stands to] obliterate any truly legitimate role the U.S. has regarding the implementation of political agreements in the region." The article concluded: "The U.S. is directly responsible for this new Israeli aggression. With its laziness toward the Israeli policy of aggression, Sharon has found opportunities to continue his scorched-earth policy. This puts U.S. legitimacy at stake."

25 March – From *Al-Hayat*: The London-based *Al-Hayat* newspaper reported that Ayatollah Ali Al-Sistani, Iraq's most influential Shi'a cleric, accused the U.S. occupation forces of creating a broad trap and said that the interim constitution was a time bomb designed to prevent Iraqis from assuming national sovereignty. He said: "The interim constitution was born dead and cannot be brought back to life. Since it gives the presidency in Iraq to a three-member council, a Kurd, a Sunni Arab, and a Shiite Arab; it enshrines sectarianism and ethnicity in its entire system."

The Iraqi Scene/Al-Mashhad Al-Iraqi: A weekly program covering Iraq issues. Airs Sunday, re-airs Monday and Tuesday. This week's program depicted life in Iraq in a very negative light, focusing on dangers due to the U.S. not providing adequate security and/or training for Iraqis.

- The clips centered on daily explosions and Iraqi civilian deaths, problems faced by the new Iraqi police force, which lacks proper training and equipment, and an influx of foreigners entering Iraq illegally. Life in Iraq was characterized with the commentator's statement: "[Iraqis] are being killed daily, and they do not know what they have done to deserve this...Death awaits them at every street corner and [in] every hour of their lives." Interviews with Iraqis included the following:
 - "[I get] no sleep. There is no security, just fear, fear, fear...They speak about explosions. Who is responsible for this anxiety? The Americans are the only ones who benefit [from sectarian violence]."



A man injured in one of the "daily" bombings in Iraq.

- "They say things are getting better and better...We are not seeing this. [The U.S.] does not provide enough support for the Iraqi police force."
- "I demand that the American authorities and Ambassador Bremer close [Iraq's] borders."
- "Americans don't want stability in Iraq, because they want to [continue the occupation]."
- One brief segment discussed the lack of "customs control, a health authority and quality monitoring" for food products. As a result, Iraqi grocery shelves are loaded with goods, many of which are beyond the date for safe

consumption or are already spoiled. The program cited "reports of people being poisoned."

More than Opinion/Akthar min Ra'y: London-based weekly program focusing on Middle East and international issues. Aired Friday, re-aired Saturday and Sunday. This week's topic was "The Bloody Events in Madrid." Anti-American sentiment was generally balanced by the number of opinions expressed. The following comment by Sadeq Al-Musawi, General Coordinator for the Iraqi Congress, warned of what could lie ahead in the region if terrorist operations should continue unabated.

- "There are many points that could be brought up here, but I would narrow them down to a few: violence breeds violence. Violence will create the case for the Americans to invade Iran and [other] Arab countries to fight terrorist bases. You will make Hezbollah, the heroic party that drove the Israelis out of Lebanon, a terrorist organization [giving] the Americans [a reason] to enter Lebanon and arrest Hasan Nasrallah. With these barbaric acts, by going in and killing civilians, you will [help] create a second Guantanamo in Europe and then another in Asia. Subsequently all Western countries will become allies of America [and] will produce armies."

Citing Iraq as an example, Anis Al-Naqqash, a political analyst, suggested that the U.S. needs no incentive for invading foreign nations: "[The U.S.] launched a war on the people of Iraq based on lies, which European leaders have even acknowledged are lies."

Encounter of the Day/Liqa' Al-Yaum: A program that focuses on regional and international issues and typically hosts an interview with a key player involved in a current event. Aired Wednesday, re-aired Thursday and Friday. This week's guest was Khaled Misha'l, the Secretary General of Hamas, interviewed the day after the assassination of Sheikh Yassin. Excerpts:

- "You've seen, you, the Arab leaders, how Americans have treated even those [leaders] who helped implement American policies? Americans seek to bring down all the regimes. They want [regime] change to secure their own interests as well as the interests of the Zionists. And so, for you to safeguard your thrones, you should [form] a bond with your people, sponsor the cause of Palestine, and stand with the [Palestinian] resistance. In spite of its modest means, the resistance in Palestine, along with the heroic Iraqi resistance, can invalidate American policy in the region."
- "With the strategy of destruction that Sharon is leading, and with an American criminal policy rooted in unlimited greed and led by an American right-wing

junta allied with the Zionists, the Arab summit must [support the Palestinian resistance]..."

- "In the end, America is not a god; America has no good intentions for us, even when it brings us projects [for improvement], even when it markets democracy, even when it claims it wants us to become developed, democratic and free. America wants to take over our oil, our money and our interests. It wants us as a consumer market. It wants the [Muslim] nation to alter its culture and values. [The Americans] want us to be a warped nation that depends on them for its survival. That is what America wants for us."
- "The Muslim Arab nation is uniquely poised to stand up to the American despot. God willing, American crimes, as well as the Zionist plans, will be foiled at the feet of the resistance in Palestine and Iraq. Because we are oppressed, we are fighting for our rights and for ourselves."

The Opinion and the Other Opinion/Al-Ra'y Wa-Al-Ra'y Al-Akhar (*Al-Jazeera's* motto and their 60-second self-promotional filler, generally aired each hour at ten minutes to the hour): Promotional clips described in previous memoranda as negatively depicting the U.S. continued to air regularly during this period.

Images/Suwar: Runs without commentary, airs three times a day, and includes five to six video clips of recent events.

- 23 March – Just four clips were aired this day, all of which were devoted to the Sheikh Yassin killing:
 - Left Text Reads: *Gaza: Israel assassinated Sheikh Ahmad Yassin after he left a mosque.*
 - Right Text Reads: *Gaza: Tens of thousands mourn Sheikh Yassin.*



- Text Reads: *Protests and marches in Arab capitals.*

News Reports

- **19 March – Death of *Al-Arabiya* Staff:** *Al-Jazeera* aired an interview with *Al-Arabiya* Baghdad bureau chief at the funeral of two of the station's employees killed last week in Baghdad. An excerpt from his statement:
 - "American troops [already] assassinated...the late Tarek Ayyub (an *Al-Jazeera* correspondent killed in Baghdad on 8 April 2003), our martyred colleague [who gave his life for] honest journalism. Today, two [additional] martyrs are being recorded in the annals of American crimes."
- **22 March – Interview with *Al-Quds Al-Arabi* Editor-in-Chief, 'Abd Al-Bari 'Atwan:** During a series of interviews and commentary on the assassination of Hamas founder Sheikh Yassin, Mr. 'Atwan was asked: "Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak stated today that U.S. officials informed him they were surprised by the Israeli action. In your opinion, is it possible that Israel would conduct such an operation without approval and a green light from the U.S.?"
 - **Mr. Atwan:** "Not possible. Especially when the U.S. and Britain are trying to save Sharon in the Gaza Strip. Sharon cannot continue [his presence there], due to the ferocious resistance and martyr operations he, his forces, and the [Israeli] settlements face. Since the burden has become heavy in the Gaza Strip, he decided to escape as he did [previously] from Southern Lebanon...Sharon asked the U.S. and Britain to [help] facilitate this escape by coordinating it with security officers in the Gaza Strip, the Palestinian Authority and Egypt. So, I don't believe Sharon would make a move like this [the assassination] to destroy what the U.S. and Britain desire [a withdrawal from Gaza] unless, in fact, they agreed on another scenario we are unaware of. We don't know what scenario he is working on with the U.S. administration. All we know is he cannot move or do anything without a green light from it."
- **22 March – Palestinians in Iraq Protest the Killing of Sheikh Yassin:** During coverage of protests in Iraq over the killing of Sheikh Yassin, *Al-Jazeera* reported from a Palestinian community located East of Baghdad. The correspondent stated that the Palestinians "denounced what they called Israeli terrorism supported by the U.S." In an emotional statement, a female protester said: "Israel is...[then correcting herself] America is the enemy of nations [and is] behind these massacres and this terrorism."
- **23 March – Inhumane Treatment of Abu Ghraib Prisoners:** A news clip featured the release of 272 prisoners from Abu Ghraib prison. The *Al-Jazeera* commentator stated: "Some prisoners claimed that they 'had been detained for

unclear reasons or for unfounded accusations by unknown persons, possibly due to personal grudges.” Interviews contained the following statements:

- “My personal suffering is extreme...the treatment was inhumane.”
- “They treated us very badly, like dogs...The food is rotten.”



Troops supervise the release of prisoners from Abu Ghraib prison

- **25 March – Al-Zawahiri Tape:** *Al-Jazeera* aired a six minute audiotape purported to be from Ayman Al-Zawahiri. The voice on the tape urged the Pakistani military not to obey [Pakistani President] Musharraf's orders and called on the Pakistani people to overthrow him.

Al-Zawahiri said: “With this message, I would like to lay out before you a number of facts [hidden] by the Crusader-Zionist coalition led by the cross-bearing Bush and his fellow servants of the crusaders and Jews with Pervez Musharraf at the forefront.”

Al-Zawahiri portrayed Musharraf as a “treacherous slave of America,” a servant in the crusade whose “dirty role” aims at destroying Pakistan. He urged Pakistani tribes, specially the Pashtu, to rally under the banner of Islam and continue to support Al-Qaida in order to foil all conspiracies and to remove the “puppet Pakistani government.”

Al-Zawahiri did not mention the assassination of Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, which suggests the audiotape was recorded prior to 22 March.

From the *Al-Jazeera* Website:

- **22 March** – A statement purporting to be from Al-Qaida urged retaliation against the U.S. and its allies for the killing of Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin at daybreak in Gaza by Israeli occupation forces.

"Sheikh Yassin's blood has not been shed in vain - we call on all the Abu-Hafs Al-Masri Brigades to avenge the sheikh of Palestinian *mujahideen* by striking the tyrant of the century, America, and its allies," said the statement carried by an Islamic website.

The group, which said it is linked to Osama bin Laden's Al-Qaida, had claimed responsibility for this month's train bombings in Spain.

In Iraq, an organization calling itself the Iraqi Resistance Brigades urged all units of Iraqi resistance across the country "to make this month the month of revenge for [the killing of] Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, the leader of the Islamic resistance movement in Palestine."

The statement received by *Al-Jazeera.net* said that, "the Iraqi and Palestinian situations are one and the same," adding that, "the road to Jerusalem begins in Baghdad; the land of Iraq shall not let the land of Palestine down."

- **25 March – Civilian Casualties in Iraq:** Four Iraqis were killed and one seriously injured this morning in the Taemim neighborhood east of Mosul when unidentified gunmen attacked a vehicle carrying Iraqis working for American occupation forces.

Elsewhere, in the village of Malhima south of Al-Ramadi, American occupation shelling killed four Iraqis, including a woman and her child. Witnesses said that the indiscriminate shelling destroyed several homes. American troops detained 14 individuals before surrounding the area.

26 March 2004

Subject: *Al-Manar* Weekly Update – March 19 - 25

Summary: This is an abridged report focused on the killing of Sheikh Yassin, which dominated the network's coverage. The following are examples of the anti-American sentiment the event generated.

Comments suggesting U.S. and Israeli complicity in the event taken from broadcasts on 21 and 22 March 2004:

- **An interview with Abdel Aziz Al-Rantissi, a Hamas leader:** "War against Islam is going on in Iraq and in Palestine. So, I call on Muslims to wake up and shake the ground beneath the feet of the Zionists and whichever Americans are backing them." He further stated: "Who [else] would commit such a crime but Zionists who [go so far as to] assassinate, with [the use of] American planes, a wheelchair-bound man exiting a mosque?"



Abdel Aziz Al-Rantissi, the new political leader of Hamas in the Gaza Strip.

- **An interview with Ramzi Rabah, member of the Democratic Front in Gaza:** "Sharon's continuous aggression would not have [been possible] without an American cover-up...The U.S. administration supports Sharon by all means."
- **An interview with Khaled Al-Batsh, of the Islamic Jihad Movement in Gaza:** "George Bush is also responsible for this crime because he and Sharon coordinated it [together]. They both share responsibility since Bush does nothing to stop Sharon's crimes against Palestinians." Later the host asked: "What does the targeting of people of symbolic stature such as Sheikh Ahmed Yassin indicate?" Mr. Al-Batsh responded: "[This crime] also demonstrates the [true] form of the alleged American initiative for the Middle East. This will not defeat us, and we will not give in to the demands of America and Israel [as expressed] by these horrible attacks."

- **An interview with Sheikh Sayed Baraka from Gaza:** "This is the law in the aftermath of the September 11 and Iraq's occupation. This law [deems] that everything [can be taken] by force. The world must submit to this force and to whoever wields it. No one should be surprised. This insane [man], Sharon, plays with the crazy [man] in Washington, a symphony of death and destruction."
- **An interview with Ahmed Jebril, Secretary General of the Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine:** "It is impossible that the Zionist enemy would commit such a crime without the U.S. having given a green light." The host asked: "In your opinion, is the timing of this crime linked to an internal message, or due to [current events] in the region and the [U.S] Middle East [initiative]?"
- Mr. Jebril responded: "There is no doubt Sharon takes advantage of these events as he likes. We believe he would not have taken such a step without U.S. backing...Sharon is definitely utilizing the [current] political circumstances Arabs are experiencing in Palestine and Iraq. Sharon wants to tell the U.S. these [Arabs] are terrorists, whether they are in Iraq, Palestine, or elsewhere. As I [have] said, Sharon would not have committed this loathsome crime without a green light [from the U.S.]."

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6 April 2004

(U) Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya Satellite TV Update, 30 March – 6 April 2004

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Slight increase (b)(1) reports from Al-Jazeera TV but overall trend appears to be on rear slope of late-February peak. Al-Arabiya had no significant (b)(1) reporting in this period.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Specific Events (30 March – 6 April 2004)

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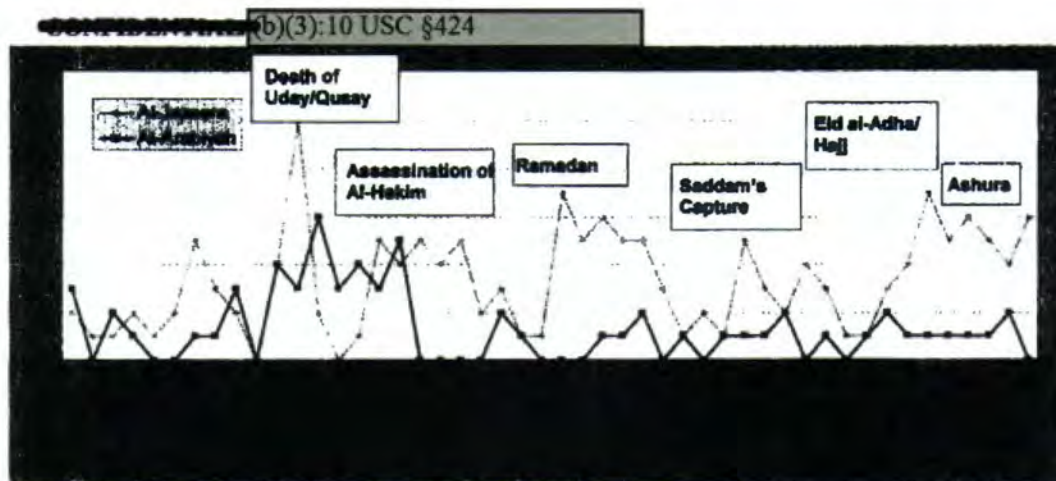


Figure 1. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Number of (b)(1) Reports by Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya TV

(U) Quantitative Assessment for 30 March – 6 April 2004 [see Figure 1]

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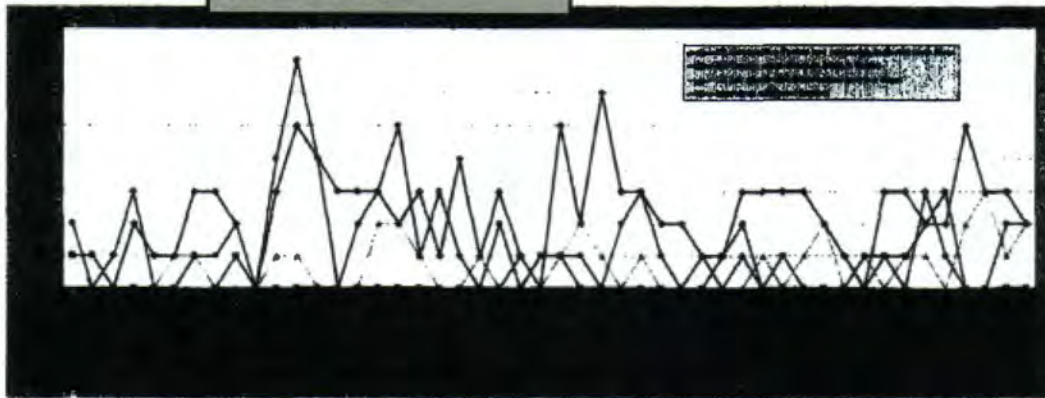
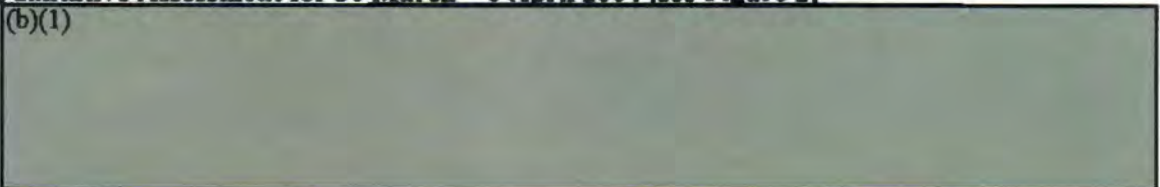


Figure 2. ~~CONFIDENTIAL/PM~~ Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya TV (b)(1) Themes.

(U) Qualitative Assessment for 30 March – 6 April 2004 [see Figure 2]

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(U) Recent Changes at Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya TV

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(U) Thematic Summary for 30 March – 6 April 2004

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- (U) *"US Occupation Forces Use Excessive Force"* PM Theme
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- The *"U.S. has ulterior motives in Iraq"* PM Theme
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld

SUBJ: Prime Minister Blair's Visit and the UN Role in Post-war Iraq

The Coalition will win the war. But, if we lack the proper degree of freedom of action in post-war Iraq, we may find that we won the war but cannot win a strategic victory -- that is, implement your concept of a free Iraq -- or even stabilize the situation enough to allow us to remove our forces in a reasonable period of time. The US has made this mistake before.

Prime Minister Blair, for domestic political reasons, may urge you to agree to an extensive UN role in post-war Iraq. As much as we would like to help him, we have important interests in preserving certain redlines regarding the UN.

The UN could usefully provide support for Coalition post-war operations in Iraq, but the UN *must not*, in my view, control those operations. UN authorization is *not* required for the Coalition to exercise governmental authority in post-war Iraq and we should, I believe, do nothing to imply it is. In the statement following the Atlantic Summit, you and Prime Minister Blair correctly delineated the idea by saying that you will seek UN Security Council resolutions that "endorse an appropriate post-conflict administration for Iraq." "Endorse" is the right word; we should oppose using words like "authorize."

I believe it is particularly hazardous to mix the UN in with the Iraqi Interim Authority (IIA). As the IIA will be the seedbed of a future Iraqi government, we plan to use it to give a head start to those Iraqis who are committed to your concept of a free Iraq. Some UN Security Council Members and some key UN officials do not (to put it mildly) share your commitment to building democratic institutions in Iraq. Thus, the UN should not have a role in selecting IIA members or in guiding the IIA's evolution, though we may be open to *advice* from appropriate UN officials.

As you have repeatedly said, the UN cannot possibly be allowed to control the oil revenues. These will be needed for reconstructing the country, and the way they are allocated will help determine how quickly the economy revives.

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UN functions in post-war Iraq will likely be exercised by a UN Special Coordinator (or UN Special Representative). It would help to define that official's role in a way that makes best use of his ability to attract support from other countries for post-war humanitarian assistance and reconstruction efforts. His main function should be that of coordinating among non-governmental organizations and the specialized UN agencies that will be active in post-war Iraq, and between them and the provisional authority that General Franks will head in the post-war period. A greater role than that for the UN Special Coordinator would limit our freedom of action to achieve the goals you have set.

Prime Minister Blair may argue that he needs UN "cover" for our post-war activities in Iraq. We should do everything reasonable to accommodate him. However, it is neither in his nor in our interest to give the UN a role that would interfere with our ability to win the peace or to accomplish what we need to do to allow us to withdraw our forces from Iraq at the appropriate time.

The key point is that we must *not* separate the civil from the military responsibilities. That is what was done in Kosovo and Bosnia and, because the civil side was not developed aggressively enough, our forces are still there - eight years later in Bosnia and four years in Kosovo. Only the countries whose troops are doing the military tasks have the incentive to get the civil side done promptly and properly so they can get their troops out. In the case of Iraq it will be US troops that will be carrying the load. We cannot be dependent on others to do what is necessary to get them out.



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25 March 2003

What the UN Should and Should Not Do

The UN should:

- *Endorse* the Coalition Provisional Authority (when created).
- *Endorse* the Coalition's establishment of an Iraqi interim authority.
- Recognize the Coalition Provisional Authority as acting for the government of Iraq for purposes of the "Oil for Food" program.
- Encourage member states, NGOs, etc., to contribute to meeting the needs of the Iraqi people.
- Appoint a UN Special Coordinator to coordinate among the UN specialized agencies and NGOs, and between them and the Coalition, and provide advice to the Coalition.

The UN should not:

- Create a UN-based governing authority for Iraq.
- *Authorize* the Coalition Provisional Authority (we don't need UN authorization and seeking it could imply that we do need it).
- *Authorize* the Iraqi interim authority, or determine its composition or structure.
- Control future oil revenues.
- Empower the UN Secretary General's Special Representative to deal directly with Iraqi interim authority or coordinate between it and the UN specialized agencies and NGOs.

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