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8. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ SUMMARY: PM BEGIN SAID THERE WAS SECRET UNDERGROUND ATOM BUNKER 40 METERS UNDER THE IRAQI TAMMUZ 1 REACTOR. NONSENSE SAYS

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9A. (U) DETAILS: 1. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ MET WITH [REDACTED] TODAY 12 JUN AT 0915Z AT THE DIRECTION OF AMBASSADOR TO SORT OUT THE FACTS BEHIND PM BEGIN'S REVELATIONS YESTERDAY OF A PURPORTED SECRET UNDER GROUND BUNKER 40 METERS BELOW THE ISRAELI DESTROYED IRAQI TAMMUZ 1 REACTOR. REPORTED PURPOSE OF THE BUNKER WAS PRODUCTION OF ATOMIC WEAPONS. [REDACTED] CHARACTERIZED THE NEWSPAPER REPORTS OF THE BEGIN STATEMENT AS NONSENSE AND SAID THAT BEGIN WAS PARTIALLY MISQUOTED AND PARTIALLY SIMPLY DID NOT UNDERSTAND HIS BRIEFING. THERE WAS NO SECRET UNDERGROUND BUNKER ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

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2. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ TO SUPPORT HIS STATEMENTS [REDACTED] PULLED OUT SEVERAL ROLLED SHEETS OF PAPER. THESE INCLUDED AN AERIAL PHOTO OF THE IRAQI NUCLEAR COMPLEX AND DETAILED DRAWINGS OF THE TAMMUZ 1 AND TAMMUZ 2 REACTORS. WRITING ON THE DRAWINGS WAS IN ENGLISH.

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3. ~~(S/NOFORN)~~ THE APPROXIMATELY 24 INCH BY 24 INCH OBLIQUE AERIAL PHOTO SHOWED AN APPROXIMATE SQUARE COMPLEX CONTAINING THE NUCLEAR REACTORS. PREP OFF ESTIMATES THE COMPLEX WAS ABOUT 1 KM ON EACH SIDE. THE COMPLEX COVERED ABOUT 2/3 OF THE AERIAL PHOTO AND APPEARED TO BE BOUNDED BY LARGELY UNPOPULATED AREAS ON 3 SIDES AND A MORE POPULATED AREA ON THE 4TH SIDE. WHILE RELATIVELY SMALL IN THE PHOTO, THE DOME OF THE TAMMUZ 1 REACTOR COULD BE PICKED OUT AND APPEARED TO BE WHOLE, INDICATING THAT THE PHOTO WAS PRE-STRIKE. THE REACTOR WAS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD OF THE DISTANCE FROM THE CENTER OF THE COMPLEX TO THE FAR RIGHT CORNER. NO DIRECTION INDICATION WAS NOTED ON THE AERIAL PHOTO.

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4. (S//NOFORN) THE DRAWINGS OF THE TWO TAMMUZ REACTORS INCLUDED WHAT LOOKED LIKE ARCHITECTURAL ELEVATION DRAWINGS. BOTH REACTORS ARE PART OF THE SAME BUILDING STRUCTURE WITH THE TAMMUZ 1 DOME IN THE CENTER OF THE ROUGHLY RECTANGULAR STRUCTURE. THE TAMMUZ 2 REACTOR IS ACROSS ONE END OF THE BUILDING AND PORTIONS OF THE TAMMUZ 1 REACTOR PROJECT STRAIGHT OUT IN A WING FROM THE OTHER

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END. [REDACTED] ALSO VIEWED CUT AWAY DRAWING OF THE BUILDING. THE CUT AWAY SHOWED THE CORE OF TAMMUZ 1 AS THE PART OF THE REACTOR REACHING FARTHEST UNDERGROUND - A DISTANCE OF 15 METERS. THE TOP OF THE DOME WAS 21 METERS ABOVE THE SURFACE. SURROUNDING THE UNDER GROUND PORTION OF THE CORE OF TAMMUZ 1 WERE THREE (3) LEVELS OF OFFICES. THE CORE PROJECTED A FEW METERS BELOW THE BOTTOM LEVEL OF OFFICES. THERE WAS CLEARLY NOTHING 40 METERS UNDERGROUND IN THE DRAWING.

9B. (U//ORIG CMTS.) 1: (S//NOFORN) WHILE NOT PROVING THAT AN UNDERGROUND BUNKER DID NOT EXIST, WE ACCEPT STATEMENT THAT IT DID NOT. THE PM HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE RECENT MONTHS OF CRISIS OVERLOOKED OR FAILED TO GRASP FULLY THE DETAILS OF INTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS AND HAS SUBSEQUENTLY RELATED ERRONEOUS INFORMATION BOTH TO THE U.S. AMBASSADOR AND TO THE PRESS, MUCH TO THE FRUSTRATION OF THE IDF INTELLIGENCE CORPS.

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2. (S//NOFORN) POSTSCRIPT: WE HAVE JUST HEARD THAT BEGIN TODAY PHONED THE REUTERS BUREAU CHIEF TO APOLOGIZE FOR AN ERROR HE HAD MADE. THE SECRET BUNKER WAS NOT FORTY METERS UNDERGROUND SAID BEGIN, ONLY FOUR METERS!

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