SUMMARY: (GDN) MESSENGER FROM THE HIGHER COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE ANOUNCED HIMSELF DURING AN IRAQI ECONOMIC CONFERENCE HELD IN AMMAN, JORDAN AND REQUESTED A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES. THE HIGHER COUNCIL PROPOSED A STAND DOWN TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CONTROL OVER INSURGENTS.

TEXT: 1. (GDN) BACKGROUND. FROM 19 TO 20 JULY 2004, TALAL BUZEA MEAIJ ((AL-GAOU)) (ALTERNATE SPELLING - AL-GAAOD) SPONSORED AN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE FOCUSING ON REVIVING THE IRAQI ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY IN THE AL ANBAR /__________________________/IZ, REGION. AL-GAOU IS AN IRAQI NATIONALIST AND BAATHIST WHO COMES FROM A WEALTHY IRAQI FAMILY. HE IS A UNITED STATES (U.S.) TRAINED ENGINEER WHO OWNS AN ENGINEERING COMPANY. AL GAOU Called THE CONFERENCE OF PROMINENT IRAQI LEADERS TO DISCUSS WAYS TO ACCELERATE THE PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMY IN IRAQ. HE PAID FOR THE CONFERENCE,
SELECTED THE INVITEES, AND SET THE AGENDA.


BEFORE U.S. MILITARY WOULD BEGIN DISCUSSIONS, AND THE MESSENGER AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE DONE.

4. (S/NF) AGREEMENTS BY ATTENDEES. THE IRAQI MINISTER OF DEFENSE AGREED THAT A POLITICAL, NOT MILITARY, SOLUTION WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE. THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE ALSO AGREED ON THE CONFEREES' RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ECONOMIC