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MEET WITH THE IRAQI NATIONAL RESISTANCE IN AMMAN, JORDAN (U)  
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SUMMARY: (S//NF) MESSENGER FROM THE HIGHER COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE ANNOUNCED 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. (S//NF) BACKGROUND. FROM 19 TO 20 JULY 2004, TALAL BUZEA MEAJL ((AL-GAOD)) (ALTERNATE SPELLING - AL-GAAOD) SPONSORED AN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE FOCUSING ON REVIVING THE IRAQI ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY IN THE AL ANBAR / [REDACTED] IZ, REGION. AL-GAOD 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 GAOD CALLED THE CONFERENCE OF PROMINENT IRAQI LEADERS TO DISCUSS WAYS TO ACCELERATE THE PRIVATE SECTOR ECONOMY IN IRAQ. HE PAID FOR THE CONFERENCE,

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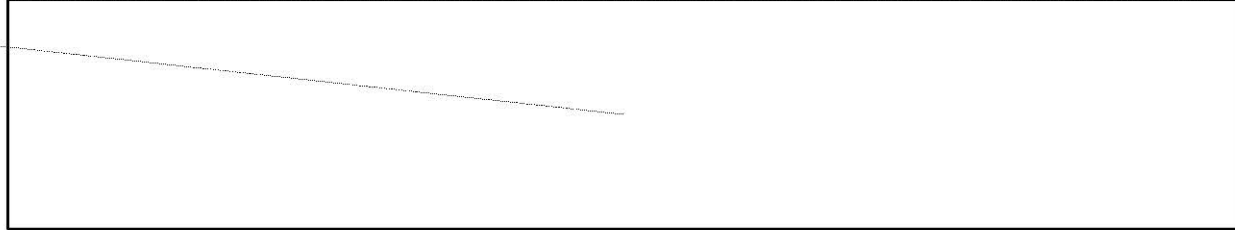
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SELECTED THE INVITEES, AND SET THE AGENDA.

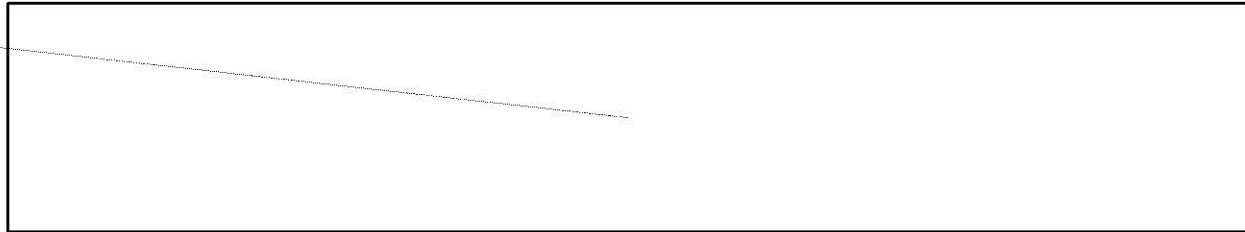
2. ~~(S//NF)~~ MEETING WITH MESSENGER FROM THE HIGHER COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE. THREE MEMBERS OF THE IRAQI INSURRECTION ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE AND ANNOUNCED THEMSELVES MIDDAY ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE CONFERENCE, 19 JULY 2004. ONE RESISTANCE GROUP MEMBER REFERRED TO HIMSELF AS THE MESSENGER FROM THE HIGHER COUNCIL OF THE

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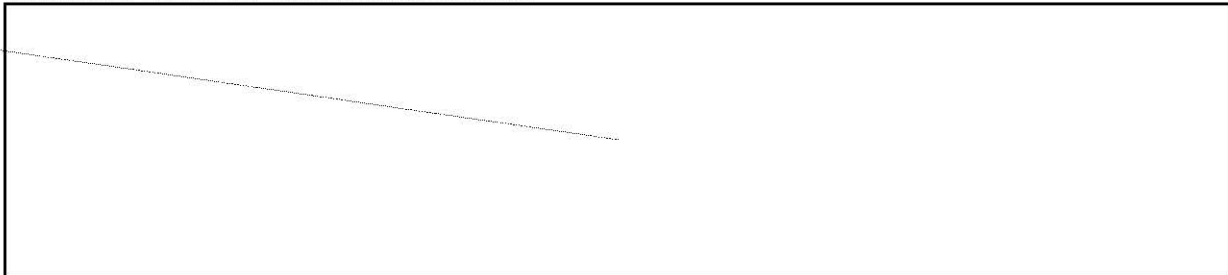
MET WITH THE MESSENGER OF THE RESISTANCE GROUP. THE MEETING LASTED APPROXIMATELY TWO TO TWO AND A HALF HOURS ON MONDAY EVENING, 19 JULY 2004.

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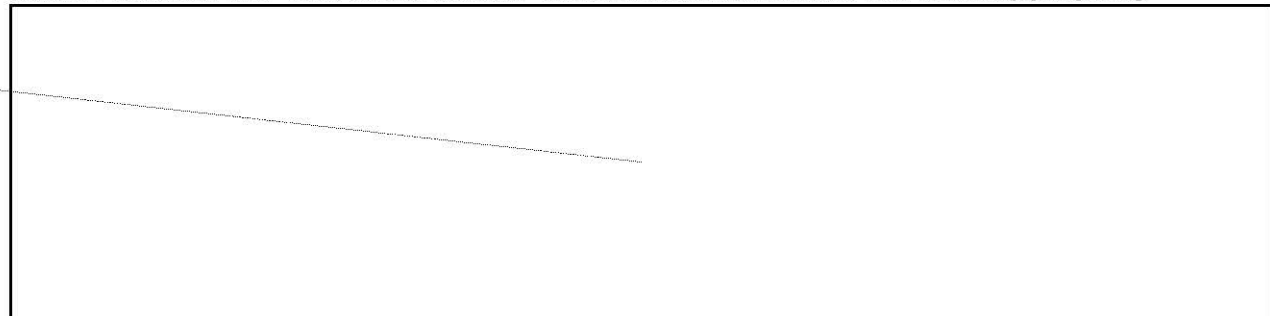
BEFORE U.S. MILITARY WOULD BEGIN DISCUSSIONS, AND THE MESSENGER AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE DONE.

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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

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