TOP SECRET SPECAT SOPHIST

POST MAN MESSAGE {U}
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AMPN/ {TS} THIS IS AN EXECUTE ORDER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS DIRECTED THAT OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS BEGIN ON 17 JANUARY 1991. THIS DIRECTION ASSUMES IRAQI FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RELEVANT UN RESOLUTIONS AND THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE THE DETERMINATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 2{B} OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 77 {1991}. IF EITHER ASSUMPTION IS INCORRECT YOU WILL RECEIVE MODIFYING INSTRUCTIONS. GOOD LUCK. WARM REGARDS, COLIN POWELL.
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