

DECLASSIFIED EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF A VISIT TO KUWAIT BY GENERAL SIR MIKE JACKSON
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| 10 Mar 03 | 16 | The introduction of resource accounting has created an imperative to drive down stockholdings. As a result, in the name of accounting orthodoxy we lack basic items such as desert clothing. I am unsure whether the cost of storing such items would really have been more than the inflated price we have no doubt paid by procurement under UOR action, but I am certain as to the negative impact on the moral component that failure to provide these items had had. I am also clear that in the run up to operations commanders should be free to focus on the training of their forces without giving over valuable time to last minute and avoidable logistic preparations and equipment modifications. |