

THE THINGS WE SAID

“Unless Saddam is mad he is going to make an overture within the next 48 hours.”

— former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger before the deadline ran out

“I do not want to hide from you that I did not make any progress in Baghdad.”

— United Nations Secretary General Javier Pérez de Cuellar gives up hope

“I have never been there but this feels like the centre of hell.”

— American TV reporter John Holliman in Baghdad

“There was an eclipse of the sun, the possibility of another world war and I got sacked — it’s been quite a day.”

— Berwyn Lewis, one of 14 journalists sacked on The Australian

“The world could wait no longer.”

— President Bush announcing US fighters had attacked Iraq

“Seeing the bombs hit the target, it was bloody great, I’ll tell you.”

— British Squadron Leader Mike Gardner

“Satan Bush and criminal Zionism have committed their crimes...the mother of battles has started between the forces of evil and justice.”

— President Saddam Hussein

“We take good note of what Iraq’s been doing and we can deal with that later.”

— Israel’s Deputy Foreign Minister, Benyamin Netanyahu

“Baghdad was lit up like a Christmas tree.”

— US Lieutenant-Colonel George Walton on his return from a bombing raid