Subject: Saddam and his men performed the dissappearing act! Posted by Blazer on Thu, 10 Apr 2003 16:48:20 GMT

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Quote: As Baghdad slipped from Hussein's control yesterday, covert CIA and Special Operations teams dedicated to killing or capturing the Iraqi president and senior leaders discovered that the Baath Party leaders, Republican Guard leaders, troops and high-level government officials they had targeted were not at their usual posts. Even the information minister, who had been briefing journalists with outlandish versions of daily events, did not go to work.

"All of a sudden, all communications ceased and the regime didn't come to work," was the way one senior administration official described what happened in Baghdad. "Even the minders for [foreign] journalists did not go to work," he added.

The most likely explanation for the sudden dropoff in detectable communications and activity among such a large number of key people, according to reports from analysts in the CIA's Iraq Operation Group at Langley and those working at the U.S. Central Command in Doha, Qatar, is that an order to disappear was given in Hussein's name, and that he is still alive.

"There was no sign of any leaders, anywhere," a senior U.S. administration official said.

Things that make you go Hmmmmm.