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Intelligence Community Estimate

To: Anticipatory Combat Division

From: GDI Central Intelligence Command

Subject: Operation Morning Dawn

The following report represents an Intelligence Community Estimate, requested by Lt. Col. Thomas Walter, Anticipatory Combat Division of the Strategic Command. It aims to examine the ongoing effort, Operation Morning Dawn, by GDI to win control of disaffected human populations in the Yellow Zones. As is routine with all Anticipatory Combat Division inquiries, it also seeks to project future threats to the GDI mission.

Background

Operation Morning Dawn was formally begun in April 2045, as an effort to enhance GDI's presence in the Red Zones. It stemmed from the belief of Lt. Col. Walter and others that the greatest threat Nod could pose to GDI would necessarily involve the mobilization of the suffering human populations in Yellow Zones.

Operation Morning Dawn sought to move GDI forces into Yellow Zones, root out any resistance, and establish governance to prevent the areas from falling into Nod hands. It was designed to be a joint diplomatic-military operation, creating political control with armed force. Yet the resistance of local populations, particularly after a series of GDI missteps, was more severe than expected, and continues to this day. Fortunately, the activity appears only minimally linked to Nod, as local populations, particularly in the German territories, have been spotted targeting Nod forces attempting to maintain control.

Resistance

The local resistance, comprised largely of humans afflicted with Tiberium illnesses, is largely disorganized, poorly-equipped, and incapable of mounting major offensives at this time, despite their sizable numbers and widespread anger. However, they remain a threat to Operation Morning Dawn, targeting incursions of any foreign military force, and undermining the political stability Operation Morning Dawn seeks. Yet this anger with both GDI and Nod has limited the groups' growth potential. Should they continue to also resist Nod forces, it is improbable they will become a significant threat to GDI. **In the judgment of the Intelligence Community, the disorganization and disaffection of the resistance renders it incapable of mounting the type of coordinated assaults that are necessary for effective modern warfare.**

Funding

Operation Morning Dawn is looked upon as a small portion of the GDI defense effort, located within the Anticipatory Combat Division of the Strategic Command. As such, comparatively small levels of weaponry, personnel, and funding are earmarked for the mission. **Yet it is the judgment of the Intelligence Community that the current appropriation levels are sufficient, provided that the resistance does not become more organized, and does not ally itself with Nod.**

Combat Anticipation

The greatest risk to Operation Morning Dawn is the increased coordination of the native resistance. The Intelligence Community is worried by the shared identity developing among the population sickened with Tiberium illnesses. Within various population centers, evidence exists that such sickness and connection to Tiberium may be seen as a point of pride. These people, borrowing a term long in use by Tiberium-afflicted populations, call themselves "The Forgotten." The name is borrowed from a similarly-affected group of individuals united under the leadership of Tratos. This is cause for concern, especially since many of the The Forgotten then perceived GDI actions during the Second Tiberium War as duplicitous and demeaning. Though The Forgotten today seem to share this view, there is no direct link in leadership between the older group and the current one. Indeed, in the years after the Second Tiberium War, "The Forgotten" was a largely unused term. It is only as the group of Tiberium-affected individuals begins to grow in cohesion today that this self-identification has returned.

While individuals calling themselves Forgotten can be found in substantial number in nearly every Yellow and Red Zone, most of the disillusionment has little practical relevance to either GDI or Nod. The apathy of these individuals renders them the dead-enders of their already-broken society. Theoretically, especially given that many have combat experience from The Second Tiberium War, the group could pose a legitimate threat, **but the judgment of the Intelligence Community is that such unsophisticated and afflicted people will remain incapable of mobilization.**

Leadership

The large numbers of Forgotten—and the accompanying potential—has attracted leaders seeking to fill the vacuum in a Kane-like way. While each population center has its own loose leadership structure, three individuals have sought to band multiple population centers together. None of these individuals possess the charisma, prophetic vision, understanding of violence, or ruthlessness of Kane (to say nothing of his ability to continually cheat death), but each has some talents. Fortunately, GDI has been effective at neutralizing two of these individuals as part of Operation Morning Dawn.

- **Steward Lanz:** Lanz always possessed more military acumen than political prowess. After personally fighting alongside GDI forces in The Second Tiberium War, he disappeared for a time, then resurfaced in 2040. His efforts at rebuffing ongoing GDI patrols (which were then at lower levels than today) were largely successful, but his efforts to expand politically were not. Despite being previously very active, he has not been seen since shortly after the advent of Operation Morning Dawn. GDI propaganda efforts against him may have been successful. While it is likely that, should he resurface, his organization would pose a limited military threat to GDI, the scope of that threat is quite small.

Threat of Organization: Low

- **Umagon Lister:** A remarkably talented woman, she possessed much of the ruthlessness of her unrelated namesake (who collaborated, grudgingly, with GDI during The Second Tiberium War). She renounced all GDI aid efforts in 2043, two years prior to the beginning of Operation Morning Dawn. After her network of followers repeatedly attacked GDI providers, they were deemed a military threat to the Operation. She was killed in September 2045 in a GDI raid.

Threat of Organization: Low

- **Salvadore Trogan:** Reliable sources indicate that Trogan served as a Nod spy during The Second Tiberium War. An intelligence search reveals that persons matching his description are suspected of infiltrating GDI outposts during that fight. However, it appears he has since left the Brotherhood because of their perceived lack of respect for The Forgotten and Tiberium. He is a known specialist in political operations and human psychology. Within his small East German territory, he has gained influence by emphasizing self-sufficiency and a common identity, while delivering the basic goods needed for the survival—and support—of local populations. He possesses the rare combination of political and military skills that could threaten GDI's efforts, but has so far been largely restricted to a limited platform. **It is the judgment of the Intelligence Community that, given a larger pulpit from which to spread his message, he possesses the skills necessary to modernize The Forgotten, which would necessitate more resources for Operation Morning Dawn.**

Threat of Organization: Medium

The Code of the Open Hand

Numerous GDI agents have reported hearing of a philosophy within The Forgotten known as The Code of the Open Hand. Believed to have originated with Trogan, the following symbol is often seen tattooed on members of the local population or marked into Yellow Zone buildings:



The Code of the Open Hand dictates how Forgotten should interact with each other and with foreign powers. In its full version, it serves at once as a manifesto and handbook for war. While GDI does not know the specifics of the Code, its general principles are known. Dr. Vera Weaver, the foremost analyst on The Forgotten, believes that the three large spikes surrounding the Open Hand is an appeal to the Forgotten's longstanding importance in Tiberium conflicts. She hypothesized in her paper, *Symbology and Revolution: The Marks of a Forgotten People*, that they stand for past, present, and future Forgotten individuals. The four smaller spikes, she believes, refer to four parts of the Code of the Open Hand: armed rebellion, self-sufficiency, respect for Tiberium, and common identity.

It is the judgment of the Intelligence Community that the Code of the Open Hand, should its ideology take root, will lead to further hostile action by The Forgotten against both GDI and Nod. Therefore, it is recommended that a study be commenced of both Trogan and this Code.

Conclusions

Operation Morning Dawn has not yet achieved success, but continued commitment and funding will likely lead to significant accomplishments. There is reason to be optimistic. Nod's movement into Yellow Zones has been severely curtailed, due to their lack of support among indigenous populations. So long as the identity of these individuals remains fragmented—so long as they are unable to unite around motivating ideals—they pose little threat to Operation Morning Dawn or GDI.

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