

OVERVIEW OF INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES

To: Elected-Prince Christian Mänsdottir, First Lord
From: General Caradoc Trevena, Interim Director, SLIC
Date: 22 October 3067
Subject: Intelligence Agency Overview (EYES ONLY)

My lord,

As per your request, I have obtained the following reports outlining the status and origins of most of the known intelligence agencies and major covert operations at large throughout the Inner Sphere and near Periphery, drawing on my own sources as well as friendly agency reports. Getting this information has been much like pulling teeth, since no one in their right mind would simply give up state secrets of this nature very eagerly.

Despite the difficulties, however, I believe the following pages provide a wealth of illumination on the capabilities and goals of the various intelligence agencies at large today. I cannot stress enough the sensitivity of this information, as it exposes quite a few more skeletons than I had expected to find in the various closets of the Great Houses. Still, although many of these secrets have been partly confirmed in past research, it is my belief that others of them could be no more than “red herrings” leaked by certain agencies to flag a security leak and track it back to its source.

Thus, in the interests of maintaining the integrity and spirit of the League, I would strongly recommend this document be destroyed immediately after viewing, for should word of its existence ever leak out, it could seriously undermine the trust we have struggled to build this past decade.

Your humble servant,

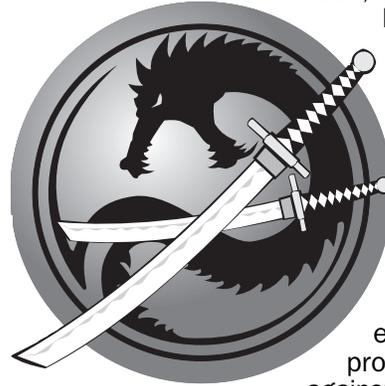
General Caradoc Trevena

INTERNAL SECURITY FORCE (ISF)

We obtained the following report outlining the past and current state of the Draconis Combine’s ISF through some “friends” I have in Wolf’s Dragoons. It may have been censored a bit—either for our benefit or to save face for the Coordinator—but the bulk of it seems sound and insightful. I must admit, as a former soldier for the Commonwealth I was tempted to revel in the Dragon’s current woes, but the outcome of their latest internal issues has caused so much upheaval, I find myself worried about their future. —CT

BRIEF HISTORY

Founded around the same time as the Combine itself, the ISF began as an elite branch of Shiro Kurita’s



regular army, loyal to him and his dreams of conquering all of known space. Used initially to infiltrate target worlds, gathering intelligence on troop movements and force strengths, their role expanded quickly to protecting the Combine against internal and external

enemies alike.

Internal Machinations

In the years following their formation, the ISF’s loyalties shifted away from the Coordinator to the Combine as a whole, and evidence suggests the organization has meddled more than a few times in the progression of leadership for the sake of the state. In the first known instance of such machinations, the ISF stood back while conspirators pushed Nihongi Von Rohrs, nephew of the ineffectual Coordinator Nihongi Kurita, to the throne. Believing that Von Rohrs would bring the Combine back to the path laid out by its founder, the ISF was initially pleased with his early conquests. However, paranoia among his successors led to several purges that removed many from the top ranks of the agency. These changes hampered the ISF’s effectiveness, delaying their efforts to capture plans for the Terran Hegemony’s new BattleMechs and forcing the agency to again manipulate the succession.

The disastrous results of their manipulations did not prevent the ISF from continuing to “guide” the Combine’s leadership over the following years. To avoid a power struggle upon Coordinator Martin McAllister’s death, they helped arrange the marriage of McAllister’s daughter, Siriwan, to Warren Kurita, then arranged for Warren’s death after the birth of their son, Hehiro. Later, during the Star League era, the ISF conspired to assassinate Coordinator Leonard Kurita to avert a disastrous war against the League.

Under the rule of Urizen Kurita II, the ISF’s power increased tenfold with a broader license and an increased budget. As part of a plan to restructure the Combine along feudal Japanese lines, the agency’s directives were broadened to “cleanse the realm of those who might tarnish its honor.” With planet-wide purges and terror tactics, the ISF operated almost

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INTERNAL SECURITY FORCE COMMAND

ISF Director:

Ninyu Kerai-Indrahar

Mononokete:

Constance Jojira

Mokonete:

Alyson Kenshin

Koe No Ryu:

Takura Migaki

Metsuke:

Omi Dashani

DEST:

General Paul Omishita

without restraint, and by the time of the Coordinator's death the Combine was a state of uniform culture and fanaticism where even the most benign political criticisms brought the harshest of punishments.

THE SUCCESSION WARS

During the Star League's final years, Coordinator Takiro Kurita again increased the ISF's budget and expanded its duties to include monitoring the military. This decision, while strengthening the ISF, created a rift between the agency and the military that would grow worse over time. This divide caused the ISF to become overly focused on watching the Draconis Combine Mustered Soldiery (DCMS) for signs of disloyalty, and as a result the Amaris coup caught the Combine flat-footed. Once in power, the Usurper blackmailed the ruling Kurita line, forcing the agency to help him resist the League.

In the early months of the First Succession War, the ISF learned of the Federated Suns' plans to attack the Capellan Confederation, information that would spur Jinjiro Kurita to launch an attack against the Dragon's greatest foe. Throwing the weight of the Combine military against the Suns in 2787, Jinjiro won a string of devastating victories that threatened to shatter House Davion, until the assassination of his father, Coordinator Minoru Kurita, on Kентаres IV. The resulting massacre ordered by Jinjiro became a rallying cry for the Federated Suns and one of the darkest moments in Combine history.

In 2830, Coordinator Jinjiro Kurita launched the Second Succession War with an assault on the Lyran Commonwealth in a desperate effort to stave off the maddening effects of a mental disease that could rob him of his dignity and his throne. Evidence suggests, however, that his decision to start the war came from a report delivered to him by the ISF in an effort to keep an unpopular successor, Zabu Kurita, from ascending to power. Evidence also suggests that Jinjiro finally gave into madness after ISF agents delivered him the mysterious gift of a toy soldier, dressed in a SLDF uniform. Though nobody really knows who sent the gift to the Coordinator, the resulting change in the Combine leadership ultimately led to one of the blackest chapters of the ISF's history.

The Shadow War

Zabu Kurita's reign lasted barely a year after Jinjiro's madness forced him to step down. Unpopular among the DCMS, he was convinced to commit seppuku, clearing the way for his son, Yoguchi, to assume the mantle of Coordinator. Though many saw Yoguchi's ascent as the dawn of a new age of Kuritan glory, he quickly came into disfavor among the ISF when he attached the agency to the DCMS. This decision insulted the ISF, which considered itself superior to the military, and created a rift between the agency and the Coordinator that ultimately erupted in a power struggle after Yoguchi's assassination by a Lyran operative known only as Snow Fire.

Upon Yoguchi's death, his brother, Miyogi, ascended to the throne, while his sister, Roweena Kurita, curried favor with the ISF in a series of schemes that seemed more intent on accumulating wealth than power. Money and power are often difficult to separate, though, and Roweena's machinations broadened her power base as she traded on the resources of her People's Reconstruction Effort (PRE) to aid the ISF's activities. This aid allowed the ISF's influence to stretch through all levels of Combine society and drew the agency closer to Roweena.

When, after the Second Succession War, Miyogi Kurita finally ordered an investigation into the extent of his sister's "anti-Combine activities", the ISF split along pro-Miyogi and pro-Roweena factions. Rajiv Sulevani, head of the pro-Miyogi investigation, attempted to assassinate all of the pro-Roweena agents to contain the problem. The resulting inter-agency fighting became known as the Shadow War by citizens of the Combine and cost the lives of more than a thousand agents. Though Roweena was defeated in the short run and placed under house arrest with her PRE dismantled, she got the last laugh decades later when her surviving agents helped Miyogi's ambitious advisor, Taragi Kurita, usurp the Coordinator.

In the aftermath of Taragi's reign, efforts to revive a good working relationship between the ISF and the Coordinator were made, including the Davarapala Accords in 2921 between Coordinator Shinjiro Kurita and the agency's Director, Clarissa Indrahar. These Accords gave the ISF full membership in the High Command, relieving them of the stigma of military control, but it would be some time before the ISF and the Coordinator worked hand-in-glove.

Takashi and Theodore

After Hohiro Kurita's assassination in 3004 by a member of his own Otomo, Takashi Kurita became Coordinator amid rumors that he had collaborated in his father's death. Upon receiving word of these rumors from the ISF, he immediately set the Otomo on anyone spreading such sedition and used the opportunity—and the agency—to solidify his power base by eliminating his other enemies in the Combine. Under Takashi's rule, particularly with the appointment of the formidable