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Brave souls,

While we hope that upon arrival at Tau Ceti, we will find New Cascadia vibrant and thriving, there is a possibility that whatever caused the disruption in communications also forced them to abandon the Primary Colonization Target and move on to one of the candidates from the list Icarus surely compiled during the known duration of their time in the Tau Ceti system. Unfortunately, neither Arthur nor colony leadership ever supplied us with such a list. It is possible, however, that data pertaining to possible Secondary Colonization Targets may be found at New Cascadia.

We may have lost communications before Project Marathon was scheduled to proceed to the second phase, but that doesn't mean that they could not have moved up their timetable. If Tau Ceti IV proved to be unsuitable for any reason, then proceeding to that second phase would have been their most logical course of action.

No matter what condition we find New Cascadia in, it is our duty to give aid in whatever way we can, even if that only means investigating how it failed.

Regardless, in all likelihood, there will be many permanent and semi-permanent assets, structural and otherwise, that will need to be assessed and cataloged no matter what state the colony is in. We must be as accommodating as protocol allows. We may be separated by twelve light years and four centuries, but this is still a UESC mission, and everything attached to it should still be considered UESC property.

Best regards,

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