

The Orpheon Conspiracy

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Prologue

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Minutes from the Earth Security Administration Council, on
01.01.2149

Council assembled at 1420.
All present except Mr. Hughes and his assistant.
No apologies.
Next Council meeting date confirmed for 01.02.2170

Verification of previous minutes

Last month's minutes were reviewed and deemed authentic by
unanimous vote.

Business from last Council meeting

Ramifications of Hyper Jump gates in Earth's orbit: The
representative was once again not present. Further
investigation into the system is required and will be held
next meeting.

Smuggling of Earthlings to Luna: The conclusion was reached
that Sol Parliament should be advised to make human exports
illegal across inter-planetary borders without proper
customs inspection.

Project Orpheon: By unanimous decision Project Orpheon was
recommended for initiation. The Council has set motion
towards setting all elements of this operation in place.

ESA encryption system: The Council was presented a new encryption scheme for use with Level 7 and up security protocols. Conference to be held with Lead System Administrator Eugene Simmons before it is ratified.

New Business

Project Orpheon: Dr. Whitmore advises that the Council should be scouting for civilian volunteers to lead Project Orpheon into completion. He suggests that the Earth Security Administration alone cannot accomplish the operation, and will need external support. The Council subsequently agreed to seek out those who are willing to assist.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman is eager to authorize the use of Hyper Jump gates, due to the expanding of human civilization into space. However, he is concerned about the security measures around such systems – internal tests have proven defense of the jump points and that of the regions around the former to be vulnerable. The Chairman is also very anxious to hear about Project Orpheon. He claims, to the veracity of his fellow Council members, that this operation could mean a new future for humanity, and also to the benefit of the founders of Projec

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