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TO: Captain Sultan Rhael

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My interview with Garrick Raske is complete. His identity has been verified and his credentials are on file. His psychological disposition leads me to believe he could be molded into a valuable asset with a bit of I would like you to undertake a conditioning. skill assessment trial as soon as you can. I

understand your schedule is quite hectic with all the preparation for our departure for Wei, but we've all got our pressures.

If Raske proves out I'll authorize a standard salary and bonus package for him pending your approval. Chief Watson has assured me his ZEUS ZEU-LM is in operational status and rated it Grade E. The Pride will hold it in storage until such time that SHOGUN's Lance roster has been sorted and the 'Mech Bay appropriately armed.

Ah, you may be interested to hear: The mystery of Michael Blair has been solved—along with the accounting errors delivered by Dennings. It seems that the intrepid Mechwarrior had somehow managed to sneak aboard SHOGUN during our time on Loric III and had been living inside the maintenance closet on Deck C. You known the one with "Off Limits" painted on it because of the exposed wiring no one could ever sort out? Pvt. Matsuri reported hearing noises from the closet while he was carrying paperwork from the bridge down to engineering. When a repair team went to investigate they discovered empty food containers, water bottles, and other sundries, some with human excreta inside.

It was then that Mr. Blair lept from a hidden alcove, assault the maintenance crew (no injuries reported) and fled into the streets of Galatea City before security could intercept him. How he managed to go undetected all this time is both astonishing and insulting. have requested M·S· Lorrie intensify her security sweeps from this point forward. Imagine what could have happened had Blair found his way into the 'Mech Bay while we were on Beaufort? Simply unacceptable.

I will be out of my office until about 1300 tomorrow but you can leave your report and recommendations in my box.

> Thank your Captain. Peitor