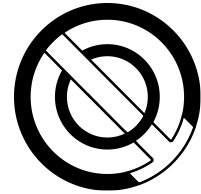


Anomalous Entity Report

"The Fire Of Life"



Subject - 0096¹

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Memorandum: Keep lit, don't touch

Classification ☐ Omega ☐ Daemon ☒ Stuia ☐ Safe ☐ Recondite ☐ Beneficial
Recontainment Measures ☐ Apokulupto ☐ Extensive ☐ Minimal ☒ Non-applicable



1 Specification

Subject - 0096 is an oil lantern with a rusted metal frame, and glass enclosure that causes specular reflections when it catches the light. At the bottom of the metal frame, there is a circular opening of radius 2cm to re-supply the lantern with oil. There is a lid at the top but due to rust, it is stuck in a semi-open state. As part of the frame, there are two handles running alongside the entire lamp.

2 Containment Procedures

S-0096 is to be kept in a locked safe located within a [VARIABLE SIZE] containment cell. S-0096 must be constantly resupplied with fresh oil via the hatch at the bottom. While S-0096 is in its dormant connection state, continual oil resupply is the only significant containment procedure. When S-0096 is in its active connection state, it is to be placed under heavy surveillance and should be considered a high-priority hazard.



Fig. 1. S-0096 as photographed by Facility 54 Head Researcher Dr. Kanes.

3 Behaviour

A series of assessments were carried out to confirm the behaviour of S-0096. These are built upon the limited understanding gathered from S-0096's origination. All future testing was postponed after Incident 0096-a.

Behavioural Assessment 1 S-0096 was relocated to Testing Unit 12 on Facility 54 in preparation for the experiment. We had no major behavioural reports to work with, so this was a blind assessment for the most part. C-0324 was tasked with inspecting S-0096, however, Dr Shapiro stepped in and opted to investigate it himself. Dr Shapiro is recorded to have remarked "We haven't had much action in the site for months, time to get our hands dirty." Dr Shapiro's blazer was subsequently ignited as he tried to fill S-0096 with oil. Further testing is required on S-0096 ignited state. **[FURTHER TESTING APPROVED]**

Behavioural Assessment 2 S-0096 was again placed in Testing Unit 12. Dr Shapiro again decided to lead the assessment. Dr Shapiro and C-0324 moved into the testing unit. Dr Shapiro's lab partner was reluctantly tasked with extinguishing any unauthorised fires in the testing cell. C-0324 was at first ordered to approach S-0096 and come in close contact with the flame, however, after much deliberation between Dr Shapiro and the Site Assessment Overwatch, Dr Shapiro was allowed to take C-0324 place. Dr Shapiro's blazer was ignited again as he moved his hand closer to S-0096. Dr Shapiro's lab partner was successful in extinguishing the fire. S-0096 appears to burn more furiously in proximity to organic matter. More testing is needed to ascertain whether contact with the flame exhibits more behaviours. **[FURTHER TESTING APPROVED]**

Behavioural Assessment 3 was postponed following Incident 0096-a. Incident 0096-a did however reveal that S-0096's granted immortality is vulnerable to water. Specifically drowning. This knowledge proved helpful in recovering S-0096 following Incident 0096-b **[See addendum 2]** and its subsequent operation. **[See addendum 3] [ALL FUTURE TESTING SUSPENDED]**

4 Origination

The earliest known sighting of S-0096 was when it was anonymously donated to a charity shop in North-West England. On the 20th of December 2024, it was bought as a present by an unsuspecting individual. No anomalous behaviour was observed until 25th December 2024, at ██████'s home of residence. The sole eyewitness account is from the receiver of S-0096, who chose to remain anonymous.

There was a house fire, that was tended to by a fire crew. Upon their arrival, there was only one survivor. Mysteriously, the survivor had no visible burn marks but collapsed when the fire was eventually put out 2 hours later. Witness reports included smelling burning flesh, as well as the victim being hot to touch in their torso. The survivor was rushed to the nearest

hospital where they were severe internal burns around the left abdomen. The patient was put into an induced coma, and their injuries were tended to. Scans of the patient revealed no trace of a left kidney and damage to surrounding organs.

After transferring to Facility 14, five months passed until the patient gained consciousness, and was able to give a detailed account of what had happened. Their account told of S-0096 is the sole eyewitness to the start of the fire. They were urged to try out S-0096 after opening it on Christmas Day. When they filled S-0096 with oil, it caused the lamp to ignite into a "ball of fire...that quickly spread through the room". The witness report failed to explain a lack of external burns or the sudden collapse and loss of internal organs on the witness. The full interview can be seen below. [See addendum 1] S-0096 was recovered and taken in for further testing at Facility 54.

5 Postscript

5.1 Addendum 1

What follows is the briefing given by site commander Adrian Sparkes to civilian eyewitness

[START OF TRANSCRIPT]

[12/06, 09:00] Adrian Sparkes: Hi [REDACTED], how are you feeling today?

[12/06, 09:00] [REDACTED]: Isn't that your doctors job to find out?

[12/06, 09:00] Adrian Sparkes: Ok, not in the talkative mood I'm guessing today, are we?

[12/06, 09:00] [REDACTED]: Don't try and play Mr. Nice with me, I've been kept here segregated from the rest of society, I can't even contact my family members! Goodness knows where they think I am right now.

[12/06, 09:00] Adrian Sparkes: Well, I have some good news actually. I need just one thing from you, and you're clear to go, how does that sound?

[12/06, 09:00] [REDACTED]: Are you serious? Just like that after all this secrecy?

[12/06, 09:00] Adrian Sparkes: You have my word.

[12/06, 09:00] [REDACTED]: Ok, what do you need?

[12/06, 09:00] **Adrian Sparkes:** I need your eyewitness account of what happened this Christmas Day, in as much detail as possible please.

[12/06, 09:00] [REDACTED]: Ok ummm... I woke up on the morning at 7am on the dot. I was excited to see my sister for the first time in over a year. We were all planning to meet up over Christmas lunch... and that's never going to happen again...

[12/06, 09:00] **Adrian Sparkes:** I realise this is a very sensitive area, but please try and stay on track, it'll save us both time.

[12/06, 09:00] [REDACTED]: Ok sorry. I had really bad indigestion from the night before, so before we left, I went to the toilet an...

[12/06, 09:00] **Adrian Sparkes:** You know what, ignore I said as much detail as possible. Can we jump to just before the fire started?

[12/06, 09:00] [REDACTED]: We were exchanging presents and I had got her family a box of chocolates, nothing fancy, but it turns out my husband had eaten a couple of them beforehand. That was really embarrassing oh my lord.

[12/06, 09:01] **Adrian Sparkes:** Is this relevant to the fire starting?

[12/06, 09:01] [REDACTED]: I'm getting their gosh! Keep your tighty whities clean! So anyway where was I?

[12/06, 09:01] **Adrian Sparkes:** Pffft I haven't a clue.

[12/06, 09:01] [REDACTED]: Ah yes, my sister had gotten this really weird oil lamp. Honestly speaking, it looked like a piece of junk, probably only cost her a couple of quid maximum! I couldn't believe my eyes!

[12/06, 09:01] **Adrian Sparkes:** Did she give any prompts that led to the fire?

[12/06, 09:01] [REDACTED]: Well she told me to try it out, she had some special burner oil for me to put into the lamp. As I poured it into the base of the lamp, it turned into a ball of fire. However I couldn't feel anything, I thought it was just a trick of the light. The flames however quickly spread through the room, and everyone was screaming. I thought it was a hoax but they were rolling about on the floor, it was a very convincing performance.

[12/06, 09:01] **Adrian Sparkes:** Well it wasn't a performance, I guess... since they were all pronounced dead on site.

[12/06, 09:01] [REDACTED]: Can you stop interrupting me, you asked me for an account and now you're here just making remarks on everything I say!

[12/06, 09:01] **Adrian Sparkes:** Honestly I have no words, is there anything more?

[12/06, 09:02] [REDACTED]: Well you obviously do have a lot of words! Anyway, ummm... well they all played dead really well, and I was left there standing, and escorted out by a member of the fire department. She was really kind outside, kept asking if I felt ok, and I was fine. I was waiting for everyone to turn around and say I had been fooled... However, firefighters battled the fire for the next couple hours, I was increasingly worried something serious had happened. The last thing I remember is the fire was about to be put out, then there was this searing pain in my tummy. And I'm not talking like the stub your toe kind of pain, more like you've eaten too much food, drank a fizzy drink, and then realised that you ate the cocktail sticks, and they punctured your stomach causing leaks up into the oesophagus. You understand what I'm saying?

[12/06, 09:02] **Adrian Sparkes:** Ok I've had enough, we're done here.

[END OF TRANSCRIPT]

5.2 Addendum 2

5.2.1 Incident 0096-a

Dr Shapiro the day prior had informed the Corporation about his immortality. He described how he had first slipped on a piece of wet floor in wing 1 of Facility 54, falling into a Tesla Gate separating the high containment and medium containment zones. Remarkably, he had not received any injuries after the incident. On-site CCTV recorded him screaming "I am immortal!". Over the course of 13 hours, Dr Shapiro decided to test his immortality by taking various dangerous actions that included but were not limited to:

Playing Russian roulette with S-0068 "God"

Injecting samples [REDACTED]

Swallowing live grenades

Jumping into Facility 54's swimming leisure centre

Dr Shapiro was found deceased inside the swimming pool at 0837 hours. His overnight unauthorised experiments left many areas of the Facility borderline breached and the damage totalled in the thousands.

5.3 Addendum 3

This addendum recounts Incident 0096-b and the operation that followed, as told by renown OSTF Commander Luke Greaves.

5.3.1 Incident 0096-b

Incident 0096-b occurred at 1632 hours on 15th July 2026, roughly 2 years after its procurement. Several months earlier, Dr. Hänsel was diagnosed with a terminal illness after continuous exposure to the S-0118 "Alien Virus" [See S-0118]. Dr Hänsel went rogue during a 3 month period, somewhere between the end of May and the start of June. The exact date of the defection is not known, but it is known that a series of unauthorised communications was established between GOSI-AI "Anarchy Insurrectionists" and Dr Hänsel. These communications lasted for a year. The Corporation only became aware of the extent of these communications when incident 0096-b occurred. Incident 0096-b was a raid on Facility 54 carried out by the GOSI-AI in which S-0096 was stolen from the site. 256 personnel were injured and 54 personnel were killed in the defence. Dr Hänsel was additionally extracted by the GOSI-AI during the chaos.

5.3.2 Operation "Crack the Egghead"

Operation "Crack the Egghead" was the operation devised to recover S-0096 and recover Dr Hänsel. Executed by the experimental task force ETG Upsilon 'Upbringers' in conjunction with OSTF Beta-23, "Country Boys" and ATF Sigma-66, "Bees". The following debrief taken by Operation Specialist Yanners recounts the events that led to the successful capture and recovery of Corporation assets.

[START OF TRANSCRIPT]

[22/14, 12:34] OS. Yanners: Ok, recording set. Please begin. Tell us about the operation.

[22/14, 12:34] Luke Greaves: We got to the DZ at 0800 hours. Heli 1 got dropped. Heli 2 had to be relocated to a cooler DZ. Our heli, the spearhead, barely just made it. We got downed by a mounted rocket defence point half a click from the objective.



Fig. 2. ETG Upsilon 'Upbringers' as taken by Upsilon-07

[22/14, 12:34] OS. **Yanners:** Upsilon-04 was found deceased in the spearhead. Is this when Upsilon-04 was killed?

[22/14, 09:00] **Luke Greaves:** Upsilon-05 activated his ability on contact with the ground, saving us. If not for his quick reactions we would have all been dispatched. Unfortunately Upsilon-04's fragile nature meant she was unable to survive the crash.

[22/14, 12:34] OS. **Yanners:** Alright. For the record please could you recount the mission statement of the Upbringers task force.

[22/14, 12:35] **Luke Greaves:** Upbringers is an experimental task force with an anomalous and humanoid mix of combat personnel, led by myself, with the purpose of leading missions into unknown reality hazards or against hostile groups with known anomalous combative tools.

[22/14, 12:35] OS. **Yanners:** Indeed. This raises the question. Were the Upbringers necessary for a mission of this calibre? Any task force with moderate experience could have taken up this operation, yet you decided to create a new task force just for one operation.

[22/14, 12:35] **Luke Greaves:** In all respect Yanners, this is a debrief not an interrogation. May we continue along a sensible line of questioning?

[22/14, 12:35] **OS. Yanners:** My apologies. Head Command seems to take significant... 'interest' in the Upbringers. I was merely curious. A man of your calibre, tasked with leading such a... excuse the wording... bizarre group.

[22/14, 12:35] **Luke Greaves:** Yanners.

[22/14, 12:36] **OS. Yanners:** Indeed. Please continue.

[22/14, 12:36] **Luke Greaves:** We continued on foot and approached the building. We had now navigated through a large stretch of forested land, acting as a good cover for our ground operations. Our plan was simple. Upsilon-02 would act as our eyes and ears, giving us intel whilst we breached the compound. Upsilon-06 would ensure that Upsilon-02 crows remained undetectable. Upsilon-03, 05 and 07 were to join the breaching party led by myself. With help from 07, 05's objective was to locate and drown the target, whilst 03 and I were to locate and recover S-0096. Once 02 received the signal, 08 was to extract us from the Killzone and place us at the evac site.

[22/14, 12:37] **OS. Yanners:** Please describe the events following entering the compound.

[22/14, 12:37] **Luke Greaves:** We breached at 0400 hours, taking control of the lower floors of the compound. We met heavy resistance from GOSI-AI personnel but we quickly dispatched them. Taking the upper floors proved to be much more difficult, however.

[22/14, 12:37] **OS. Yanners:** Was this because of Object-1?

[22/14, 12:37] **Luke Greaves:** Affirmative. Object-1 navigated through the structure, through a series of explosive implements, collapsing much of the compound. 07 was instantly killed, awakening 15 km east of the operation zone.

[22/14, 12:37] **OS. Yanners:** Describe Object-1 in more detail.

[22/14, 12:38] **Luke Greaves:** Object-1 appeared to be the objective, Dr Hänsel, but significantly modified beyond recognition.

[22/06, 12:38] **OS. Yanners:** What was the nature of these modifications?

[22/14, 12:38] **Luke Greaves:** Bionic enhancements. Though Object-1 seemed much devolved from human appearance. The GOSI-AI definitely did a number on that chap. It took considerable effort to terminate Object-1.

[22/14, 12:38] **OS. Yanners:** So you changed the operation directive?

[22/14, 12:38] **Luke Greaves:** Affirmative. Object-1 was a hostile threat and S-0096 was the real priority. Object-1 was a direct obstacle in recovering S-0096.

[22/14, 12:39] **OS. Yanners:** How was Object-1 terminated?

[22/14, 12:39] **Luke Greaves:** Object-1 was terminated on recovery of S-0096. 02 broke the mission directive and attempted to recover S-0096. Upon materialising inside the compound, 02 dropped S-0096, extinguishing it. Object-1 began to convulse and collapsed, presumably moments after 02 had recovered S-0096.

[22/14, 12:39] **OS. Yanners:** Why do you think this seemingly inconsequential action terminated Object-1?

[22/14, 12:39] **Luke Greaves:** My guess is that Object-1 was "connected" to S-0096 in some sort of way. So perhaps because S-0096 was extinguished it broke that connection. But that's just my guess. You eggheads will figure that out.

[22/14, 12:39] **OS. Yanners:** Can you describe your extraction from the operation area?

[22/14, 12:40] **Luke Greaves:** As planned we sent the signal to 08, and he sent his... 'beams' down. It was a short distance to the EZ after that.

[22/14, 12:40] **OS. Yanners:** Lastly, Head Command requires me to ask. Do you think the Upbringers will be a good task force going forward?

[22/14, 12:40] **Luke Greaves:** I won't lie to you. Those bunch have character, and I daresay some of them are a bit deranged. But seeing their demeanour change after the death of 04; I mean hell, I even felt it. Something about those lot...something tells me we are going to be a valuable asset to the Corporation.

[22/14, 12:40] **OS. Yanners:** Thank you. That is all.

[END OF TRANSCRIPT]