

Challenge 8 part B solution

Report on the loss of the Koh i Noor light beam weapons facility in Uttar Pradesh

The loss of the Koh i Noor light beam weapons facility in Uttar Pradesh is a minor disruption in our plans to re-establish the Reich. Indeed, given the deaths of the incompetent Letzter and Herz-Feuer in the initial blast it could be seen as a golden opportunity to refocus our ambitions on alternative weapons systems which offer greater potential. A proposal of this kind forms the main and final recommendation of this report.

The destruction of the facility appears to have been achieved by the combined efforts of the enemy agents known as Kholi, Charlie and Harry. We have been unable to identify their bodies in the wreckage as local investigators have hampered our access to the site. Our previous good relations with the local officials have been seriously damaged by their belief that we are to blame for the accident. (It is extremely fortunate that we have been able to convince them that it was indeed an accident. In retrospect it may have been an error in our initial dealings with them to try to convince them that the incident was caused by inadequate work by poor local contractors.) The considerable damage to the facility, and somewhat lesser damage to local property, was caused by the destruction of control valves in the facility. The resulting flood in the laboratory section of the facility destroyed records and equipment, but the sound baffles we had built caught much of the flow and it was directed into the lower waters. In this we were lucky. Many of our own agents and all of the local citizens escaped death. On the other hand, with much of the facility surviving we have had to work hard to conceal its true nature from the locals and, having lost the support of the cult of the Koh i Noor, this has been an expensive task. It is unlikely that we will be able to re-establish a base in this region.

Of more concern we note that Indian Intelligence appears to have been tracking our enemies and this may have led to them infiltrating our own operation here in India. It would be prudent to move our main centre of operations and we believe that South America would provide a more convenient location.

The loss of the light beam weapons research is disappointing, though it is clear that this is still at a very early stage of development and we do not recommend further investment at this time. We believe that if Salinen survived then he will surface again shortly and it would be best to keep a watch on his laboratories. We may find a use for him, or his technology who knows what this strange LASER may do?

In the meantime we would suggest keeping an eye on Prof. Samuel Cohen of the RAND corporation. He is believed to be working on the effects of radiation and may have been involved in the Manhattan Project. It may be time to revive Die Alchemisten.

For the honour of the Reich,

Schwarze Schatten