

THE RAZING

-A REPORT ON THE EVENT THAT FOREVER SHAPED THE FUTURE OF OFFICE 3-
OFFICIAL REPORT BY INVENTIVE MIND, DIRECTOR OF STATION DELTA

Subject: Project SX-42686-7 (Obliterate)
Location: Station Delta
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TITLE: Failure of Project: Obliterate and the Subsequent Destruction of Station Delta

To Number 3, Head of the State's 3rd Office:

Sir, I write to you with the most disappointing news. It has come to my attention that Project: Obliterate has... failed. And it has done so spectacularly. At approximately 1:23pm on the 26th of the fourth month, Station Delta was completely obliterated. As you know Number 3, Project: Obliterate was housed within one of Station Delta's laboratories. And as you also know, the technology for that project was highly dangerous. According to the only surviving witness, Steady Hands, the destruction was from within the station. Strong Grasp, one of Steady Hands' lab technicians, was not following proper protocol while working in the Project: Obliterate lab. Strong Grasp neglected to engage the cooling systems for the crystal-engine in Project: Obliterate during a routine system test. This resulted in the crystal drive system within the energy converters to overheat and melt down. The entire system began to destroy itself as the device melted from within. The crystal core then allegedly detonated, causing a massive chain reaction inside Station Delta. The entire facility was just a massive time bomb. The entirety of Station Delta was destroyed, Number 3. It's simply gone, a flaming heap of scrap and dust. I was fortunate that I was not present at Station Delta at the time, I was touring Station Alpha under the privilege of Director Hephaestus.

The only known survivor was the Chief Artificer, Steady Hands. His body was found about 100 meters away from where the Project: Obliterate laboratory would have been located. He was buried under rubble, and his body was almost indistinguishable from the mess he lay in. I have never in my life seen a more horrid mess of a body.... How he survived, I doubt even he knows. As we speak, Steady Hands is currently undergoing procedures to have his soul recovered and implanted into a machine body. Luckily, he has been stabilized enough that I was able to question him before his transfer into a machine. All of the information regarding the events of Station Delta's destruction have come from Steady Hands. As to whether this information is true, or simply trauma-induced delusions, is difficult to distinguish at this point in time. More questioning is required once the transfer is complete. I strongly recommend we remove Steady Hands from Office 3 work for a period, so he may adapt to his new form and recollect his mind. The stress he will be under is likely to be extreme. The loss of Phoebe will no doubt exert an extreme toll on his mental stability, and should he become mentally unstable, treat it immediately. We cannot afford to lose one of the Office 3's most vital members.

Regarding to the environmental concerns, the discovery of this incident must never reach public ear. I recommend a complete Class-5 Cleanup. The crater that Station Delta left behind will serve as an excellent basis for a lake, if populated with the proper ecological life. Set the surrounding land ablaze. The destruction of the Ashen Wood is to be labeled as a natural forest fire caused by a freak lightning strike. Any instance of public knowledge of Station Delta or its destruction is to be silenced immediately. Number 9 will have no issue with that. Lucky for us, the Grey City is far enough away for the public to either not notice, or not care. Those animals will pay no mind. However, any radiation will be hard to cover, but we will make appropriate decisions should the need arise. The majority of the evidence was vaporized in the explosion, but the risk of discovery remains.

It is most unfortunate that Station Delta is gone. Below, I have included the standard Aftermath Report, detailing the damage done by this event. Strong Grip's family must be taken into custody and questioned for their allegiance to the State. In lieu of Station Delta's destruction, I recommend that Projects Morgan and Hester to be continued within Station Beta. Furthermore, I advise that *all* firearm development to be transferred over to Station Beta as well. I have contacted Fireheart-5, and he has agreed to my proposal. Office 3 will recover sir, we are lucky enough that one of the brightest was saved. I will be in contact with you as the Cleanup begins. I will soon begin reports for the Office Heads to review for funding and resource allocation for damages. Keep in mind, any word of this event is considered highly classified. My son has come to me with a term to refer to this event, and I feel as though none fits better. Going forward, the destruction of Station Delta is to be referred to as "The Razing".

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-Inventive Mind, Director of Station Delta

AFTERMATH REPORT:

Notable Casualties:

- Entirety of the Office 7 17th State Property Defense Battalion
- Iron Mandibles
- Iron Might
- Iron Mind
- Jedariah Browning
- Phoebe
- Samual Browing
- Station Delta Base-Soul Apogee
- Strong Grasp

Remaining Casualties:

- All 927 remaining members of Station Delta Staff

Known Survivors:

- Inventive Mind
- Steady Hands

Environmental and Property Damage:

- Approximately 238,000,000,000 chips worth of damage
- Entirety of Station Delta facilities destroyed
- Entrance to Station Delta exposed, and mechanical systems destroyed
- Massive structural damage to the cave systems comprising Station Delta
- Radiation and Cystal leakage around ground zero
- Total destruction of the Ashen Wood surrounding the Station Delta area
- Visible crater at ground zero, approximately 1,204 meters in diameter and 409 meters deep
- Destruction of the following Office 3 Projects:
 - Project: FX-38558-7 (Plink)
 - Project: FX-40543-9 (Laser-Sword)
 - Project: FY-40021-7 (Morgan)
 - Project: MZ-40014-7 (Hester)
 - Project: SX-42686-7 (Obliterate)