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TITLE: Transfer of Steady Hands for Participation in the Backlog Program

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

Office 3's Backlog Program is operating on schedule. To accelerate our work, I have decided that Steady Hands should be transferred from his current assignment. After the completion of Project: Thunder, Steady Hands is to be immediately put to work on the Backlog Program. I recommend he serve under the 9th Office, specifically Lt. Montaignou. His strike team will benefit immensely from the skills Steady Hands has to offer. I understand that this is new territory for him, and that most will most likely have a negative impact on his performance in the field. However, the mission of the Backlog Program is not about the individual performance of the operatives involved. It is a test of Office 3's might, and a mission to effectively push our technological efforts forward. Steady Hands has personally expressed his goal in pursuing the completion of Project: Dominion, and I feel as though working in the Backlog Program will be a most logical endeavor to help pursue that goal. Furthermore, it has come to my attention that Steady Hands has, once again, relapsed into a more anxious state. To remind you, ever since the Razing, Steady Hands has annually fallen into a depressed and anxious state around this time of year. Records indicate that Phoebe's birthday falls around this time. No doubt, this is the reason for his anguish. However, what concerns me is the fact that after all these years, he has yet to get over it. I will never understand those in love. For some reason however, this year has been worse than before. He is in a constant state of paranoia, and it is impacting the rest of his fellow artificers. He is becoming a liability to the success and efficiency of the Office. The timing of the Backlog Program's success is an ideal coping tool. In Steady Hands' absence, Ironblood will serve as Chief Artificer of Station Alpha. I will remain in contact with Steady Hands throughout his service to Office 9. Should he show significant progress in his mentality, and completion of his assigned Office 3 projects, he will be reassigned back to Station Alpha. I value his devotion to Project: Dominion. It is strong, if not stronger, than his skill as an artificer. Should any concern arise, I recommend that Lt. Montaignou and/or myself should be the first persons contacted.

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-Hephaestus, Director of Station Alpha