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FROM: ADM P. Kohler

SUBJECT: Weekly Brief

Captains,

You've all inherited ships with a lot of rust in their bones and just enough history to make the Press call them "distinguished."

Don't let the romantic nonsense fool you - we've got three Roosevelt-class destroyers that are or were supposed to be in museums and now they're the teeth of Outbound Hope (for all they spent on the Lincolns). This is me keeping us honest while journalists spin fairy tales.

- **MORCOV** – Delacruz has insisted on flying with you instead of on the *Bastion* with the others; the Press is making the Governor out to be the figurehead on the prow of the flagship. I know you can handle them, but if you need to remind them that climate control is further down on the budget for USSC vessels, well... they can take it up with their corporate sponsor, or transit on one of the civilian ships.
- **MCGUIRE** – BuPers is still playing hot potato with your roster. A few of the VIPs are still being shuffled too, though I don't think it really matters which minister flies where. Either way, I'm sending you some early mission-cleared personnel to handle the logistics. Don't lose their luggage.
- **HOLLOWAY** – Engineering is still reporting gremlins in your reactor, and Fleet Maintenance swears it's "within tolerance." Don't trust them. Get your people crawling those conduits until they can recite the power grid in their sleep. The last thing I need is your ship going dark in the Jump.

I don't think I need to remind you that you have three weeks to get your feet under you before your personnel start reporting for duty. Some of your crews are already pacing the decks at Titan, waiting to come aboard and make themselves at home. It'll be worse for the Flame – since she's still coming off active duty at the last minute – but I'm sure everyone can keep busy in the training modules.

Time to get these old girls out of dock and let them stretch their legs. Let's make sure the Sol System remembers the *Roosevelts* for what they can still do – not what the scrap yards thought of them.

– Kohler