

UNITED STATES SPACE COMMAND

OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE – SECTION THREE

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AFTER-ACTION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

- SUBJECT: OPERATION "OUTBOUND RESCUE"
 - RELATED PROGRAMS: OUTBOUND DISCOVERY / BIFROST GATE TRANSIT OPERATIONS
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Operation **Outbound Rescue** was a classified United States Space Command (USSC) expedition authorized in April of 2171 under emergency executive wartime provisions following the unexplained disappearance of the civilian-led **Outbound Discovery Mission** in 2169.

The operation consisted of a twenty-vessel USSC task force under the command of Admiral Reagan Ward. The fleet was directed to traverse the Bifrost Gate in order to:

- *Determine the fate of the Outbound Discovery Fleet*
- *Recover survivors if possible*
- *Prevent foreign or civilian acquisition of classified jump-navigation data*

The mission was conducted under complete strategic secrecy.

Public awareness of the operation was successfully suppressed through concurrent exploitation of the **ACHILLES STATION DISASTER**, officially described as a catastrophic reactor containment failure resulting in the deaths of approximately 6,000 US service personnel and civilian contractors. The disaster narrative was intentionally amplified to obscure the movement and staging of the Outbound Rescue Fleet.

- Outbound Rescue entered the Bifrost Gate on 21 APR 2171.
- No vessel from the task force ever emerged in the 354-PA system.

- No distress beacons, debris fields, telemetry signatures, gravitational anomalies, or quantum residue consistent with standard gate transit failure were ever recovered.
 - The fleet was officially designated **LOST WITH ALL HANDS** under sealed military classification.
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HISTORICAL CONTEXT

THE OUTBOUND DISCOVERY INCIDENT (2169)

The original Outbound Discovery Mission represented the first large-scale colonial attempt beyond Sol utilizing the Bifrost Gate Network developed in partnership with Windfall Starship Systems and the Department of Colonial Affairs.

Discovery's disappearance triggered immediate geopolitical instability throughout North America and the Orbital Territories. Anti-colonial political movements surged dramatically between 2169 and 2171, particularly among populations affected by corporate resource displacement, colonial lotteries, and labor conscription initiatives.

Internal Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) reports from the period warned that public revelation of a second disappearance could result in:

- Civil unrest in major terrestrial and orbital population centers
- Collapse of public trust in gate technology
- Coordinated attacks against Windfall infrastructure
- Congressional suspension of all extrasolar operations

Recommendation at the time: **absolute operational secrecy**.

OPERATIONAL COVER: ACHILLES STATION DISASTER

The Outbound Rescue Fleet was assembled under the guise of emergency military mobilization responding to the **Achilles Station Disaster**. Official records continue to attribute the incident to a cascading reactor breach. However, surviving classified memoranda indicate the disaster response allowed:

- Emergency fleet redeployments without civilian scrutiny
- Restricted communications blackouts across key sectors

- Temporary suspension of orbital traffic oversight
- Mass movement of military logistics assets toward the Bifrost staging perimeter

Numerous records related to Achilles Station remain sealed under **OMEGA-BLACK** classification.

TRANSIT FAILURE

LAST CONFIRMED CONTACT

22 APR 2171 – 18:42 UTC

Outbound Rescue Fleet initiated sequential Bifrost transit procedures.

Final authenticated transmission from Admiral Ward:

- “Outbound Rescue proceeding through Gate aperture. God willing, we’ll bring them home.”

Transmission integrity: VERIFIED

Signal origin: BR Relay-04

Authentication chain: COMPLETE

No further contact followed.

POST-TRANSIT INVESTIGATION

Over the next thirty-six months, the USSC conducted extensive covert reconnaissance of the 354-PA system utilizing long-range probes, stealth reconnaissance drones, and unmanned gate transits.

Findings:

- No evidence of the Discovery Fleet
- No evidence of the Rescue Fleet
- No detectable emergency signals
- No identifiable human habitation
- No confirmed debris fields
- No detectable reactor signatures

Several analysts privately concluded the fleets never arrived within conventional spacetime coordinates.

These conclusions remain speculative and officially unsupported.

INCIDENT: URANUS INTERCEPT

17 FEBRUARY 2214

At approximately 03:11 UTC, a long-range communications relay aboard the USSC patrol vessel [REDACTED] intercepted a fragmented military distress signal originating from deep interplanetary space near Uranian orbit.

Signal transcript (partial):

“MAYDAY, MAYDAY — THIS IS THE OUTBOUND RESCUE FLEET REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM ANY NEARBY USSC VESSEL. WE ARE OFF COURSE AND —”

Transmission terminated abruptly and gives no indication of the specific ship from which it was sent. Attempts to reacquire the signal failed.

Signal authenticity was assessed at **97.4% confidence**. It has been suggested that the 43 year gap indicates the presence of an Outbound Rescue vessel 43 light years from the Sol System.

The intercept directly influenced renewed colonial initiatives and became a foundational justification for the authorization of the **Outbound Hope Mission** in 2219.

Public knowledge of the transmission remains prohibited under federal security directives.

CURRENT ASSESSMENT

ONI and Colonial Security Intelligence currently maintain the following possibilities regarding the fate of Outbound Rescue:

THEORY	STATUS
Fleet destroyed during transit	POSSIBLE
Fleet displaced outside navigable spacetime	PROBABLE

THEORY

STATUS

Fleet arrived in unknown location

PROBABLE

Fleet stranded and operational

POSSIBLE

Hostile contact encountered

UNKNOWN

Bifrost Gate transit instability

CONFIRMED

Survivors remain alive

UNKNOWN

PERSONNEL DIRECTIVE

LTJG A. REINER

ASSIGNED: USSC SALLY RIDE

By authority of Naval Intelligence Directive 88-41C, Lieutenant Junior Grade A. Reiner has been attached to the Sally Ride as part of the Outbound Hope Mission.

Operational objectives include:

- Collection of any evidence related to Outbound Rescue
- Identification of anomalous Bifrost phenomena
- Recovery of military records, transponders, or survivors
- Monitoring of civilian personnel for unauthorized knowledge of Rescue operations
- Immediate reporting of any references to Admiral Ward or Rescue Fleet assets
- Coordination with SAI systems regarding signal irregularities and archival cross-reference events

Reiner is authorized limited access to sealed ONI archival material under compartmentalized review conditions.

FINAL DIRECTIVE

Under no circumstances is the existence of Operation Outbound Rescue to be disclosed to:

- Civilian colonial personnel
- DCA lower administration
- Windfall civilian contractors without ONI authorization
- Unauthorized USSC personnel
- Media organizations or colonial representatives

Any breach of classification protocols shall be treated as a wartime intelligence violation under the Colonial Security Act of 2182.

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