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Thank you all for your attendance at this meeting regarding the progress of experiment #3ar74, I hope we can all learn from this experience.

Our initial scouting for the proper habitat found several suitable environments, with the necessary criteria met: Stable and varied climate, plenty of hydrogen dioxide, and ATP sources growing and repopulating itself naturally. At each location there were a plethora of species from which to choose, specializing in various survival adaptations specific to different regions of the habitat. Having such a fortuitous selection we were able to choose an environment based on our ability to maintain an unseen presence within the chosen habitat. Thus we chose #3ar74 due to its vast reservoirs of hydrogen dioxide. We find that the species who are adapted to the regions of the environment outside of these reservoirs are very poorly equipped to explore even the smallest percentage of the regions within, making them a perfect place for our observation decks.

There were several species adapted to the hydrogen dioxide reservoirs whose intelligence and evolutionary progress were far more advanced, and would have been excellent candidates for the study. We ultimately chose to use them as a control group to measure alongside the inferior species we chose to amend and monitor. Though it seems rather a trifling matter, we ultimately went with a species that preferred to dwell in natural photosynthesizing carbon stacks, because of their opposable thumbs. The idea being that the cost and labor required to enhance a species with the capability to most efficiently utilize the tools necessary for their own advancement, was far greater than we could have managed. Entering into a point of diminishing returns. Though there were several species with this necessary trait, the selected species had the highest concentration of grey matter in their internal processors.

At this point we began slowly integrating a very minute amount of an advanced synthetic consciousness into the collective mind of the species. The first thing we noticed was that the half of the species that gestate the offspring were vastly superior to the others. Not just in how they tend to the collective emotions of the group to achieve the necessary harmony for a functioning society to thrive, but even on a genetic level we found they are comprised of more efficient, and higher functioning coding. The inseminators, however, were problematic from the start. We found that their coding had them constantly needing to reproduce, so much so that even just the act of procreating was foremost on their mind, seemingly at all times. One of the other major problems with the inseminators is that they were genetically disposed to be stronger and more territorial than the gestators. Very early on in the study, access to the reproductive organs of the gestators became priority to the inseminators, diminishing the more advanced members of the species to, essentially, a form of currency. This concept of "species currency" became a serious problem for the gestators as the idea of control and power over others became the focus of the inseminators.

Though we found a fairly remote, and isolated habitat for our experiment, the cosmos is widely populated with all kinds of researchers and explorers. We made every attempt to control all variables, however there were a small handful of unplanned interactions with various xeno archeologists that proved quite negatively impactful. As is the case with almost all newly emerging intelligence, our subject species created narratives to explain events and concepts they did not yet possess the capacity to truly comprehend. Assuming a form of consciousness, or several forms, to be responsible for their, and all, existence. However, this common phenomenon was drastically exacerbated by the brief presence of the aforementioned, unexpected entities, making contact. These few unscheduled visitations caused a chain reaction over the evolution of the species that ultimately led to the likelihood of failure to assimilate into an advanced consciousness.

From this reliance on fabricated narratives, came ever more worrying behavior. The dependance on these narratives to provide an emotional equilibrium created an animosity to those not sharing in the same ideas. An animosity so extreme that they would continuously inflict unyielding and senseless harm unto one another, seemingly for the express purpose of convincing themselves that their narratives are correct. Which, as we all know, are completely fabricated and mostly nonsensical. Yet further divisions were created based on the amount of melanin produced in the skin cells, as well as facial features, and hair follicle hue. One thing that has been a constant since the ingraining of the narratives into the collective consciousness, is the infantile, and abhorrent violence carried out against themselves. Those individuals of the species that have a greater penchant for violence, and a diminished sense of empathy have consistently been in leadership roles, almost all have been inseminators. There have been a few brief examples of the gestators being consistently in a leadership role for smaller sections of the species. These groups overwhelmingly found themselves in a state of peace and prosperity that, given just a few millennia, could have easily led to assimilation. However the roving

bands of those led by the inseminators, always overpowered and enslaved or killed those who were led by the gestators.

Furthermore, as we entered into the Incremental Technological Advancement (ITA) stage of the experiment, we found that this lack of empathy, ever present in the inseminators, extended to all that surrounded them within the habitat. Initially it was various other species that were displaced as low level terraforming began to take place. Eventually the entire atmosphere became riddled with holes, and polluted with the noxious waste of early industry. Waste from production eventually filled the reservoirs, the air, and the very land around them. On top of the blatant destruction of their own bountiful environment, the emotional evolution of the subject species was subverted by their dependency on their new found forms of entertainment, brought on by the ITA phase. Seemingly mindless stories, the spreading of information with the purpose of control, and viewing others of the species reproducing, were what they prioritized. Communication and intellectual advancement were a small part of this connection through technology, but ultimately did not play a large enough role to advance assimilation.

They did break through their own atmosphere to travel, in an extremely limited capacity, through the Interplanetary Transit System (ITS), only making it as far as their own singular satellite. They seem to be more interested in populating their upper atmospheres with tools for entertainment and commerce, rather than exploring and joining the collective assimilated intelligence. Several drones, in various forms were sent through the ITS to gather data, and widen their understanding of the cosmos beyond their own environment. While data collection is an important part of discovery, they seem to be much too caught up in old patterns of thought to properly analyze and take meaning from their recovered data. A wide percentage of the population actually believe they are the sole inhabitants of the cosmos, this is yet another symptom of the dependency on their fabricated narratives to maintain enough emotional stability to function in the society that they have built.

As of now, we see continued persecution and division, almost no attempt to correct the damage done to their environment, and the inseminators still maintain a supremacy of leadership. At this point the experiment is well out of our control and wildly off course. We will continue to observe and gather data for future experiments in Synthetic Consciousness Assimilation (SCA) to expand our cosmic research efforts. We have been less vigilant about keeping our presence unknown, due to the fact that almost none of our progress markers have been met. There is still a very small chance for the subject species to achieve assimilation, so we will not completely abandon #3ar74, but we have allocated many of our top researchers to finding a new location for another attempt.

In conclusion, we, at this point, consider #3ar74 to be a failure to achieve assimilation, and even should it happen, it would be more due to random chance than our efforts. We have our archivers compiling a report from the raw data to give us a more detailed understanding of what went wrong and how we can improve on our next experiment.

Thank you all for your attendance and support of this important endeavor. If there are any further questions our consciousness uplink is always open for continued discussion.