

To Whom It May Concern,

I was highly disappointed to receive an official request from the Sphere of Research and Intelligence asking for proposals on fleet composition. The files I left behind include extremely detailed notes on this very subject for the incoming leadership team. Since it seems they are incapable of understanding such a detailed document, I will attempt to summarize the full report in this memo.

The SRI's fleet must be built with the type of tasks they will be asked to undertake at the forefront of any plan. These forces will be called upon to recover resources, data and personnel far more than being asked to outright destroy and/or kill enemies. However, with the Clan withholding valuable monetary resources the SRI must focus on multi-use vessels over those with specialized roles.

First the SRI fleet must have a ship large enough to act as a rallying point and as a place for the command staff to guide operations. Cruisers sized vessels, while powerful, are too large and garner too much attention to be of use to the SRI. In the place of a larger vessel a *Raider I*-class corvette will serve as a much better "flagship". The *Raider*-class of ships was specifically designed for field work similar to that of the SRI.

While the *Raider* is a well rounded vessel that is capable of both defending itself and possessing a wide variety of ordinance, it will still require support. A squadron of T-70 X-Wings will give the SRI forces a craft capable of simultaneously being a space superiority fighter while still packing a sufficient punch to assist the *Raider* in assaulting hardened targets such as larger ships, space stations and planetary defenses.

The SRI also requires a sturdy ship that is able to safely ferry troops both planetside and onto disabled craft in space. A flight of ETR-3 escort transports will fill this role admirably but also can assist with the assault of fortified positions. The transports will not be effective against enemy fighters but can assist with in assaulting heavily armored or shielded threats alongside the heavy laser turrets of the *Raider* corvette.

Investing in different units means that if required the SRI naval forces can be split for different purposes. For example, half of the X-Wings could be sent with the ETR-3s to assault a fortified location on another planet while the remaining X-Wings join the *Raider* corvette on a diversionary attack. If the funds were all allocated to a larger or better equipped "flagship" insufficient credits would remain to purchase supporting vessels. SRI naval forces must have the flexibility and adaptability to perform multiple roles.

This is merely an overview of the intensive strategic analysis completed by myself and the droid, Kilo. Feel free to waste your time considering other options, but do not make the mistake of choosing one of them.

Kind Regards,
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