

*A Private Report to the Privy Council of the Archduchy of Canberry, Emperor of the South
From the hand of Dame Ellissa deMoore-Altronsi, Seneschal of the Duchy of Mortorose in the Grand
Principality of Korflock, at the direction of Sir Reginald Variani-Mortorose, OMD Duke of Mortorose in
the Grand Principality and Counselour unto his Awful Magnificence, the Despot of Korflok*

Your Imperial Majesty and noble lords and ladies:

*At the direction of mi-Lord Duke, I am writing to you to keep you updated on events now unfolding in and
around Holy Cortose, the situation having been previously written to you regarding by his Grace.*

*Firstly let me assure your most Potent Imperial Majesty that this is in no way a disparagement of any
intelligence apparatus you may have in the area, but to supplement their findings with our own, as suggested
by his Grace.*

*Then let me inform you, with your permission, that things have changed significantly in the last 24 hours,
and this report will be teleported directly to our ambassador there with direction to deliver it into secure
hands at your palace as soon as possible.*

*Firstly, a considerable event occurred within the Holy Residence in Holy Cortose in the early hours
yesterday. While no member of our intelligence staff was within the palace, we are able to ascertain that
great violence was done in what appears to have been an attempt to assassinate the Patriarch of Sytry.
Although the Patriarch has not been since seen, we have been assured by trusted sources that he survived
the attempt.*

*Secondly, a certain amount of violence also occurred without the palace, resulting in approximately 8 field
armies of light and medium foot to draw in close to the palace in a series of defensive rings, commanded by
senior Knights of Truth. Those rings remain in place now.*

*Thirdly, two hierarchs exited the palace almost immediately before the rings were tightened and were
subsequently seen with the commanders of the remaining 4 field armies, one light, one medium, and two
heavy foot along with a few dozen Knights of Truth; and*

*Fourthly, those 4 field armies, approximately 28,000 strong counting auxiliaries, along with about 50 or
so Knights and the two hierarchs departed the city, marching southeast toward a passage through the
mountains. No attempt was made by any officers to stop them. This march began at approximately the
second hour after high sun.*

Fifthly, That army entered the mountain pass, but never exited. We did not have rollers in place to observe, although the Grand Duchy of Ergmoth did. We do not have agents well enough placed within the Grand Duchy to be able to determine anything they found however.

Finally, the Knight Commander of the Knights of Truth, who is also overall military commander for Holy Cortose and for the Patriarch of Sytry sent messengers on horse after the departing army in early eventide. Those messengers returned at full dark. The Knight Commander sent his adjunct in to report to the Patriarch or his counselours, and then committed ritual suicide (note: while not unknown this is rare for the Sytryites)

A Note: If you do not receive additional intelligence from us, please inform our ambassador, otherwise his Grace believes it in everyone's best interest for you to continue to be informed.

Respectfully,

Ellissa