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The following is a transcription of a Mata'an inter-galactic explorer's report after tracing delta waves emanating from the surface of a small lifeless planet in the 48<sup>th</sup> Sector, 9<sup>th</sup> Quadrant (the Milky Way). The small planet, with its one satellite moon was once called Earth. The transcription, as is the Mata'an custom, has been loosely translated into an ancient Earth language, English, and left behind near the explorer's landing site. The year of this event, had it been plotted on an Earth Gregorian calendar, is approximately 3400 A.D. By the Mata'an calendar – or what could be interpreted as such – the year is 7.82 of Gnu'k.

### Transcription –

...7.82, 9920:

The surface is chuffed. Graduated platforms ascending to entrance of a large ceremonial chamber. What appears to be skeletal remains, similar to those found on n'Or in the 46<sup>th</sup> Sector, 10<sup>th</sup> Quadrant. Structures very close in form – same carbon measure from 46/10. Skeletal structures, both whole and fragmented, are strewn about in all directions – ubiquitous...

Entering ceremonial chamber. fine, white powder coating all of area. Sending reading on Mark. 3-2-1. Sent. Interior of chamber, cavernous... Containing walls fortified with ridges of irregular size and shape and color. Small, thin tiles – fragile to touch – cover floors. Markings etched in tiles. Larger tile, encased in crust. Similar markings, styled differently. (Cryptograph deciphering markings. Sending image of encased tile. Sending image on Mark 3-2-1...

### Image Scan (Grainy and nearly unreadable) –

[unreadable] *our fathers brought forth on this [unreadable] a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men [unreadable] equal.*

[considerable portion unreadable]... *we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this [unreadable], under God, shall have a new birth of [unreadable] – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth..*

1.253 nantercs into chamber. Small capsule, four degrees on parc, .0029 nantercs in height and .0078 in length. Container of some type. We are attempting to open container and extract contents.

Scanning contents. Sending image on Mark 3-2-1...

**Image Scan** (The image is a U.S. military photo showing the utter annihilation of an Iraqi armored division at the start of the Gulf War in March 1991 A.D.)

(Cylindrical device, .000037 nantercs from image. Engaging...Appears to be audio transmitter.

Delta wave source. Initializing audio frequency configuration...Sending on Mark 3-2-1...

**Audio Configuration** (Several minutes of static, until faint music heard followed by barely audible lyrics.)

*"...And where is that band who so vauntingly swore  
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,  
A home and a country should leave us no more!  
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.  
No refuge could save the hireling and slave  
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave..."*  
[audio transmission runs out; turning back to static feed]

❖ The statement of Explorer Squadron Leader:

We, the Mata'an, are, and have been peaceful people for a million of this ill-fated planet's years. We have left the scourge of war at the wayside. And it is because of this that we have prospered. We have no need for addresses or proclamations to or for that which, by our very make up, know to be right. We have explored a multitude of lifeless planets, and have found that greed, lust, and - most of all - hate have been the seeds of destruction and watered with ignorance and apathy. Love one another, deeply. This report has been left to you, who follow behind us, as a reminder of what was (and what surely will be again on this planet; if intemperance, concupiscence and hate is not washed away). We do not want to be left to be the only explorers of this vast Universe that is our Mother-father...

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