

To Lady Nadia Tarayev

Felicitations and greetings.

Their homes and lands are empty, did you say? I find this troubling. I trust you would have spoken of any signs of war or calamity that met your eye, and can only conclude for the moment that this exodus is both irregular and unnatural, should it have taken place. I would have you devote at least a part of your efforts to this.

Of greater, but not overwhelming concern are relations between Al'Daric and Dun Succere. Were their Headmaster to be believed, war may be afoot, and I do not wish to be caught making hasty decisions.

Finally, of least import and left to your discretion are the traders recently arrived on our land. I wish to hear the general mood of what they begin to understand about us, and if this mood tends to the dangerous, that it be subtly corrected. I do not believe that this requires much in the way of effort or agents. If this is untenable with the resources you currently command, I have henceforth decided to increase your organizational budget. The opening moves in the game are the most cautious.

Saints and Angels spare you much rigor of the journey.

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High Chancellor of the Congress of Lords
As dictated to his personal scribe, Stefan Bozar