**BRIEFING** DOSSIEROperation: Header FistLhad Sector Background The Lhad Sector, in all respects, is backwater. Until recently, the Alliance has only taken the most marginal of interests in this area of the Galaxy. One system, Grym Α, is moderately inhabited, and provides a small industrial and agricultural output, enough that it produces a fair amount of export

used

for our services. The Empire has taken little notice of this sector, as well. Much of the area away from Grym A has been charted, but not explored surveyed within recent memory. Nonaligned interest is similarly low; there's simply not that much out there. Recent events, however, have drastically changed the Alliances' attitude toward the sleepy sector. Several monthsago, a heretofore unknown

Library, based in the Cytrelloe system, began a huge data dump into open comm lines. Built before the Clone Wars, no one is sure why this automated action occured, but the result was that we suddenly gained a huge amount of information thought lost. Most of the data was garbled or fragmentary, and unfortunately, the Cytrelloe Library went through a complete (and irrevocable) shutdown

after its transmission. As you probably already expect, new information came to light about Sectors and the Systems they contained. Lhad drew great interest because of one particular System: **G**gollek (pronounced ĞOALlek) Built long before the Clone Wars, the information showed this system to be an industrial powerhouse. Analysis revealed that, at full output, Ggollek's industrial output matched nearly 25%

of the

Alliances' total current capability. rich prize indeed. one worth investigating immediately. This investigation is even more urgent in that the data exhumed from the Library also reached Imperial ears, and they, too, would also desire the Ggollek System's treasure. Operation Header Fist was quickly created. As most of our squadrons are assigned on important assignments elsewhere, the reserves have been called

into action to meet the Operation's goals. 7th Tactical Starfighter Wing, Blue Squadron, has been deployed to Grym A's main starport, Ellison. Conditions are crowded, but sufficient. Blue Squadron must work quickly and efficiently to secure Ggollek, and, if it is still of use, to defend it if neccessary. Phase One: Establish Perimeter Dystrasha EpsilonThe first goal of Operation Header Fist is to

extend a defensive and informationgathering perimeter in the Dystrasha Epsilon system. If Imperial involvement imminent, already present, it is important that we move the fight away from Grym A. Secondly, this forward position will allow us to keep a closer eye on Ggollek. Dystrasha Epsilon is the perfect place. The system consists only of its red supergiant, and the immense Oort

cloud characteristic of such stars. The Oort cloud provides ready concealment for Early Warning sensors and longrange probes, as well as forward supply depots. While the Prong star systems will be unsurveyed, they are easily scanned from Grym A (unlike Dystrasha Epsilon, another side effect of red supergiants)

Detailed briefings for the first part of the Operation will be provided at mission

time. to defend it