



## Morrow Project Intel Section: General Briefing Series SLAVERS

### Transcript of Interrogation Log/Audio #34129

**Subject:** Slaver #7 - Identified as "Anna"

**Present:** Douglas, Mark G and Rodriguez, Carmen S (MP Specialty Team AL-TB-61)

**Anna:** "Slavers"? No we're not Slavers..... The New Confederacy call us "Human Traffickers" – when they bother to try and enforce the business. I like "Trafficker". More accurate and it sounds better.

**Douglas:** Why is it more accurate?

**Anna:** Because we don't turn people into slaves. We transport people with no future, no food, no land... nothing. We take them from where their life has no value to a new place - somewhere they have a chance to get food, shelter, maybe even an education.

**Rrodriguez:** Please explain how their lives are valued and why you need nets, tranquilizer guns and other capture gear.

**Anna:** Valued? You've seen the villages around here. Inbred, pathetic people, scratching a living from poisoned soil. Most of their children die before they get to the age of 7. They SELL us their children – because they can't feed them – but the New Confederacy can. If they get fed – that means value for these people.

As for the tranks...We usually take the teenagers and some of them don't want to go. Sometimes the village sells us their neighbours – maybe there's a dispute over something – maybe they're criminals. We don't care . But sometimes they escape. Then we capture them. It's that simple.

**Douglas:** Please describe the usual process for obtaining one of the people you "traffick"

**Anna:** Wait. You think we wander around taking people. Don't you? How stupid do you think we are? We'd get killed if we had to attack to get merchandise – and probably damage the merchandise. Think about it. What's smarter? Find some desperate hellhole that can't support the people that live there – and give them a solution. Or search the countryside waving a big net – hoping to find something that's worth selling – but won't kill you in the process.

**Douglas:** The process?

**Anna:** OK. Er....regular visits. Every other full moon... that sort of thing. Something that farmers can keep track of. Some places we visit more often in winter – no food means more business.

The villages select the people they're selling – they make the deal and if we take the merchandise - we give them food or sometimes some other stuff like gunpowder or medicines.

**Rodriguez:** What is this selection process?

**Anna:** Like I said. We don't select – except to say yes or no to a deal. Usually it's teenagers – the ones who are causing trouble. But sometimes it's other undesirables – we had a few from

one village that disagreed with the Preacher. Sometimes it's a feud. Sometimes they even volunteer – especially if it's been a really bad harvest.

**Douglas:** Why would someone volunteer to be a slave?

**Anna:** You keep using that word. They're "indentured" not slaves. They get a day off each week – which is more than they'd get on their dirt farms. They can even earn money and buy their contract. Sometimes we even bring people back – or carry letters – or gifts - from people in the NC back to their home village.

**Rodriguez:** And how often does this happen? Returns and Gifts?

**Anna:** Er...Sometimes a landowner releases a few people on his deathbed. Last-minute sentimentality is fashionable in the New Confederacy. But letters and gifts are not rare. We usually have a few to carry on each trip. It's good business. People don't like to think they've dropped their friends, neighbors or family into some deep pit.

**Douglas:** How many of these letters and gifts are genuine.

**Anna:** All of them! We're businesspeople. We depend on our reputation. We're not going to risk losing suppliers by trying to make up lies.

**Rodriguez:** And how many "buy their contract"? What is that process?

**Anna:** OK. Not many. Maybe one in a thousand get enough money to do it. They all 'sort of' get money – but they have to pay off debts for housing, food, medical expenses – and these can be inherited. I've met people who have to pay off the debts of their grandparents. But I've also met one man who did get enough to buy out himself and his family – he's a chef. You know a fancy cook. The process is simple - you just have to pay the contract-holder what you owe. Some cheat, but most landholders are honest about it.

**Rodriguez:** Is landholder a legal term?

**Anna:** Yeah. Anyone who owns land is allowed citizenship. Anyone who leases land from the owner is allowed citizenship – Both are landholders. Everyone else is either a family member of a landholder – or a contract worker.

**Douglas:** Are you a landholder?

**Anna:** Yes. I lease some land. In about 7 or 8 years I should have enough to buy some.

At this point the interrogation was temporarily concluded

NOTES: Further investigation is obviously required. Are the processes described by "Anna" widespread? We also have reports of slavers kidnapping people for sale to the New Confederacy and the Kentucky Free State. We also need further information on the institution of "indentured worker" within the New Confederacy