

THE TACTFUL ASSASSIN

THE FRONT PAGE

I can't believe that I may actually get this off on time. Things have been crazy around these parts of late. Mind you I haven't put too much into this issue. A problem on the horizon is that I have projected a due date for July 21. That is the date that we will be leaving for my siter's wedding in Portland and from there we move straight away to the BMW MOA National rally in Durango Colorado. We wont be back until about August 5. The other deal is that I will be in Victoria marking Provincial Examinations until July 13. The only realistic solution seems to be to shorten the deadline until Monday July 17. You all would have to get your orders in on time (which you seem to be doing fairly regularly) and they will need to be by MAIL because the fax is at school and I wont be there. Let me know what you think. Unless I hear something better, I'll go with it.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE:

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GAME OPENINGS:

Mensa #49 will run in TTA. Fred Davis jr tells me that Berry Renken and Ward Valentine are signed up so far. We await the other 5 but some times these game fill quickly.

Regular Diplomacy: Have 6 (Wiedermeyer, Gesell, Sorfleet, Renken, O'Reilly, Milewski); Need 1. BRIT SEASONS

Regular Diplomacy: Have 3 (Sorfleet, Wiedermeyer, Power); Need 4. AMERICAN SEASONS Wi&Sp; Su&Fa

Gunboat Diplomacy: Have 3; Need 4. This game will be played WITH press. BRITISH SEASONS Sp&Su; Fa&Wi

Gunboat Diplomacy: Have 2; Need 5. This game will be played WITH press. AMERICAN SEASONS Wi&Sp; Su&Fa [If no preference stated, I'll put you in the closest to full.]

Ninjistic Dip: Have 1 (Renken); Need 6. AMERICAN SEASONS; extra supports listed after FALL moves. Puzzles will vary in type and difficulty. Don't knock down the doors on this one guys. If some interest doesn't show up in a month then we may withdraw it. Anything else you want?

THE TIP OF THE ICICLE

Vancouver has proposed a by-law that will outlaw any smoking in any public place. The 30% of the population that still smokes is wailing about the loss of their 'rights' and the tyranny of the majority. "Why isn't it good enough to have non-smoking sections in bars?" etc. That is a load of cow manure. There is no justification for someone doing something that directly harms/negatively effects other people around them. Just because 30% of the population thinks that they should be able to travel in excess of the speed limits does not mean that they have the right to do so.

Not only am I fully in support of such laws I think that all smokers should have their health insurance voided and be made to pay up front for any medical care they require. If a person is drunk then their auto insurance is void and smoking is the same thing. Smokers knowingly harm their own bodies and it costs the people of BC \$1 Billion per year in health costs to deal with it. The stupid things should not only be baned from public places they should be done away with entirely.

I happen to be allergic to the crap that is put in the paper of prepared cigarettes and the tobacco as well. Many is the time that I have attempted to frequent an establishment, only to turn around in the doorway, knowing that to stay in there would mean leaving with a headache. I used to think that I got great hang-overs from the booze I would drink a parties. I wasn't until later that I figured out that it was much more the smoke in the room that had done me in. Smoking is the #1 threat to health in the western world and should be recognized as such. It is a tribute to our wonderful system that the economic clout of tobacco companies has forestalled a tobacco ban for so long.

LETTER BOMBS

Ray Grib: Well Eric, now are you convinced that BMW cares about nothing but selling their over-priced, under-technological bikes to rich yuppies? The K75 line was arguably their best set of bikes, but now they have dropped them from their line-up. Obviously because they were more affordable and were better bikes than the 5 figure price tag junk they insist on pedalling now.

ECY: I lament the loss of the lovely 75's, but I do not at all subscribe to the rest of your argument. You must realize that part of the problem is built-in to the Western economy: inflation. All bikes cost more today than they did. Harleys aren't cheap either, and they're really the bike that the yuppies are buying. Quality always has cost more, do you want to ride on Michelin or some Korean copy-cat?

Mensa #40: Tumbling Dice; 1992CB; GAME END

Austria (Glasgow) Stephen sent me a very good, long statement which I was unable to get out of my e-mail box. If I can do so, I will put it in next time. Sorry.

France (Lewis) Is the game over already? And there were so many more plans, etc! For those who would support a numerical rating system for the game of Diplomacy-PBM, how would you apply this idea to M#40?

First, I must commend Stephen Gaddy for his Excellent Strategy and Tactics, clearly the best performer of the game! Thanks Stephen for so many game saving ideas and supports. Deflecting the excellent correspondence of both Peter and Jim G took an outstanding grasp of the board and clear foresight.

France's early commitment to England unfortunately could not resolve all the difficulties in arriving at a more profitable settlement with Germany. As it was, too little too late. Certainly Peter Fuchs deserved better. It was certainly a pleasure meeting you Peter, wherever you are.

Congratulations Dennis for doing so well under those circumstances! It definitely wasn't easy; you deserved a share of the win.

Some saw the game as over in 05 and said so. Others played on without much purpose. It was truly good 'diplomacy' that got E/F a no-lose stalemate line with 16 dots vs 18. No other viable alternatives were available. Anyway, considering the fate of T-G this was a good gain. Some said that 'The Goal of Dip is a solo win' but they seemed to have no whim of an idea how to achieve it. You cannot realistically discount the 'Play by Mail' part of the game and expect a late rally to your viewpoint. But if there is a serious slap at the E/F strategy of 'merely hanging on' then in fairness, look at the A/I/R side as well. There is a big gap between a solo win and a shared 5-way. Who has the onus or impetus then to make it a better 4-way? Only A/T had the clear option to make this giant leap, where were you Mr. Glasgow?

Jim Grose epitomizes what Dip-PBM is all about! He is the best and most frequent communicator. Yes, from the onset to the game's end, with great prospects to almost none, Jim G writes and plays on with style, a powerful diplomatic flare and excellent correspondence. Welcome to the winner's circle, Jim. You truly earned it.

Russia (Grose) I had played with none of you but Jim Lewis before so I saw no reason not to try the northern opening. Mistake! I had counted on Turkey to help me tangle with A-H while Germany and I handled England.

In Fall 01 Turkey ordered A Bul s A-H A Gal-Ruml To no sane person's surprise Aus captured Bul in Sp 02, yet in Fa 03 Tur ordered F Bla s A-H A Ruml Does MIT have a special program for slow learners Julien? A-H and Italy went on to eliminate Turkey.

Germany's collapse might be traced to his failure to notify me of changes to his orders of Sp 03. In 04 and 05 I offered to help Eng drive deep into Ger as a way of revenge against A-H. For some unknown reason he ignored my

letters until it was too late. Why didn't Eng invade Rus beyond StP? Why didn't Fra ally with me and stab Eng around 05? I found these strategies puzzling.

If this game had been FTF I would have been tempted to throttle Stephen Glasgow at several points. From 06 on, however, we agreed to work together and try to build three northern fleets to break the stalemate line. We almost did it. As Jim Lewis pointed out, however, once I had served my purpose I would have been stabbed.

An interesting game. Perhaps the five-way draw means that with two exceptions we were fairly equally matched. Meet y'all again some time! Lastly, thanks to a reliable GM.

NINJISTICS

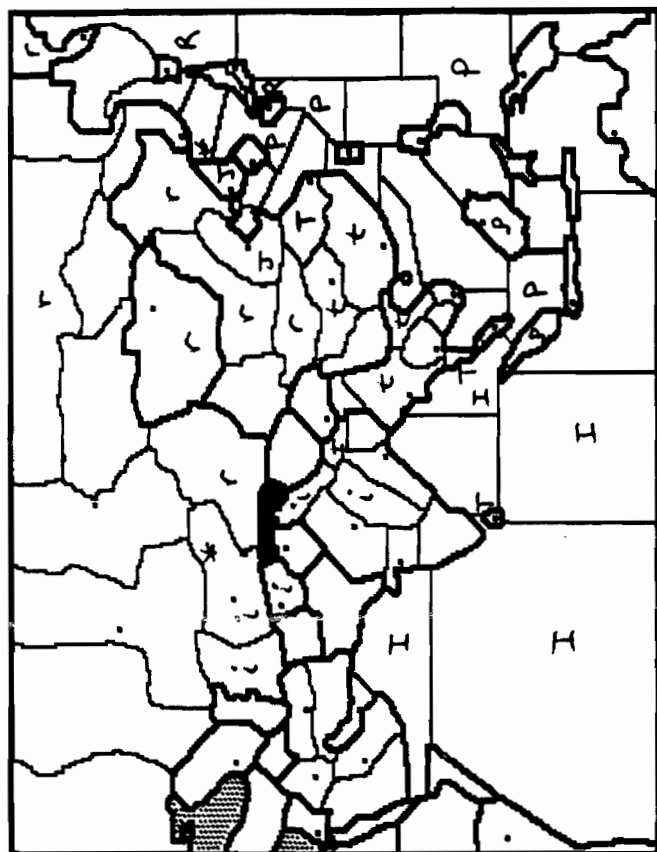
A Dog's Life?

The dog needed more fresh air and so I cleverly strung up a rope between two trees with a lead dangling from it and free to run the full distance between the trees [ignore the fact that it could then be taken around the trees]. "That doesn't really give him much room. Couldn't we double it?" I hear.

Three possibilities presented themselves. I could move the trees apartor, I could double the height above the ground and the length of the lead - alas the lead rope was one foot too short for this and I couldn't really reach high enough. Or, I could use the full length of the lead rope and move the horizontal rope up two feet to give him a perfect square to roam about in. I chose the latter.

How far apart are the trees? Ignore any sagging of the ropes and the dog's height, and just take the end of the lead to the ground.





Moonlight Mile: 1994Beb03; WINTER/SPRING 1906

I incorrectly listed F Pyo(wc) being able to retreat to Kor. Poor fleet, two errors in two turns. It was annihilated.

China (Schultz) **NMR** Re: A Sze (by GM) A Chu H(anni)

I rule that China is in Civil Disorder, therefore the A Chu will disband rather than retreat to Lhasa.

Indo-China (Gautron) B: A Ban, A Sai, F Sha s JAP F Pek
F Ran-~~Mal(wc)~~ A Ban-Ran A Sai-Han A Yun-Chu
A Can s A Yun-Chu A Nep s ISL A Deh-Him
F Cey salutes the Islamic navies.

Islam (Wilke) B: A Teh, F Ara, A Teh-Tkm A Afg-Tas
A Kab s A Afg-Tas A Med s INCH A Nep
F Ada-Tim(IMP) F EIO s F Ada-Tim F Ara-AbS
F WIO s F EIO A Deh-Him

Jap(McK) F Pek-Man F Seo-Pyo(wc) F Yei s F Seo-Pyowc

Polynesia (Dousette) F KyS-Kor F Tai-KyS F Tim-Kar
F CPO-TPT A Sum H A Bor H

Russia (Reynolds) A Tok-Kam F NPO c A Tok-Kam
F Pyo(ec) s POL F KyS-Kor(d. re: Jap, OTB) A CSi H
A Tas H(d. re: Sve, Nov, OTB) A Man s F Pyo(ec)
A Tib-Sin A Kan-Mon F Kyu s POL F KyS-Kor
A Lha-Sze A Inn s A Lha-Sze

Press: Isl-Rus: Sorry, but 13+ is too big for my tastes.
You'll have to answer to me now.

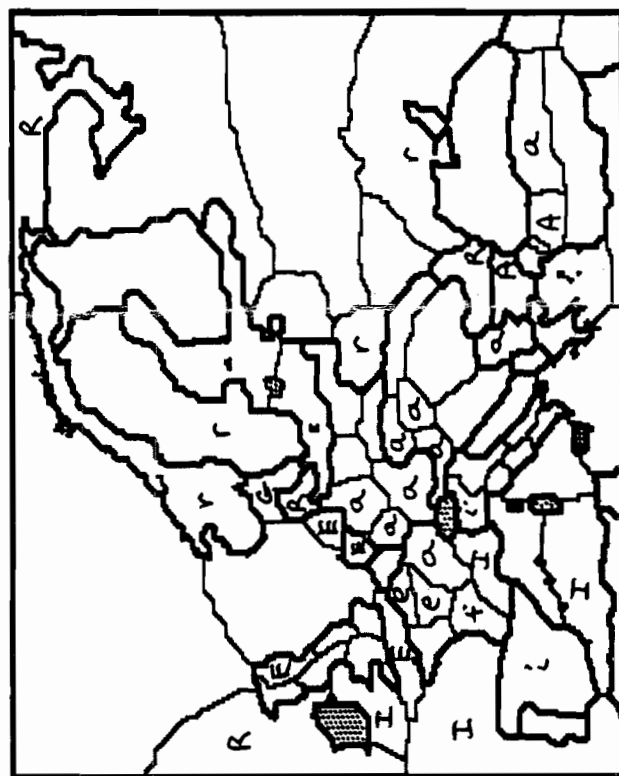
Isl-INCH: Pardon me for being crass - but, poop or get off the pot!

Isl-Jap: Hand in zere, mon amil Je viens pour t'aider.

Isl-Pol: It's now or never.

Rus-GM: Something must be in the water. Jason must have put it there for me to leave myself so wide open.

WE WILL PLAY SUMMER & FALL 1906 NEXT TIME



Beggars Banquet: 1994CC; SPRING 1906

Austria (Sorfleet) A Mun-Bur A Ruh s A Mun-Bur
A Vie-Boh A Tri-Tyr A Bud-Vie
A Boh-Mun A Bul-Ser A Kie-Hol
F Smy-Con F Con-Bul(ec) A Ank H

England (McCabe) F Bel-EngC F Edi s F Hel-NoS
F Hel-NoS F Hoi s F Hel-NoS A Bre-Par
A Pic s A Bre-Par

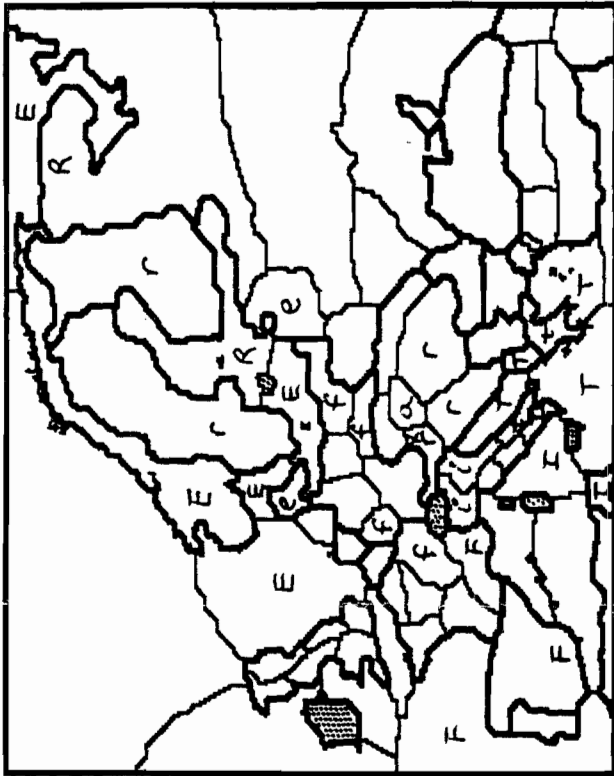
France (Schultz)**NMR** 3rd party orders used: Civil Disorder
A Gas-Par A Bur s A Gas-Par(Annihilated)

Germany (Wilke) F Ska-NoS

Italy (Marcinonis) F MAO-IrS F WMed-MAO
F Spa-WMed A Mar-Spa F Pie-Mar A Vie-Pie

Russia (Gesell) F Bla-Rum A Sev s F Bla-Rum
A Sil-War A Swe s F Den F Nrg-NAO
F Den s GER F Ska-NoS A Nwy H F StP-Bar

Press: G-R: Why do I suddenly see 6th in my future?
WE WILL PLAY FALL 1906 NEXT TIME



Rock and a Hard Place: 1993 Grb32: FALL 1905

Austria (Dr. Watson) A Vie s RUS A Boh-Tyr

England (Armadillo) F NoS-Nwy F Bar s F NoS-Nwy
F Ska s F NoS-Nwy A Den-Swe F EngC-NoS
A Kie-Liv F Bal c A Kie-Liv

France (Spamster) F MAO-Spa(sc) F Bre-MAO
A Pic-Bur A Bel-Ruh A Ber-Pru A Mun-Sil
F Mar s F MAO-Spa(sc)

Italy (S. Spiff) A Ven s A Tyr-Tri
F Nap s F TyS-Ion F WMed-Tun
A Tyr-Tri(d re: Mun, OTB) A Pie-Tyr F TyS-Ion

Russia (Hillary C.) A Boh-Tyr A Tri s A Boh-Tyr
A Gal-Bud A Swe H A Fin s A Swe
F Nwy-StP(nc) F GoB s A Swe

Turkey (Wheeler Dealer) A Ser-Gr G F Alb s RUS A Tri
A Gre-Apu F Ion c A Gre-Apu F Adr s A Gre-Apu
F Aeg s F Ion

Press: Spam-Arm: Welcome home! Dinner at the Moscow Imperial Diner, on October 16th 1906. My Treat!
Spam-Spiff: Your actions are understandable, but the alliance has returned and we want you back. I have 3 fleets to back you up in the Med and I've vacated Munich (I sure hope you moved in).
Spam-Hill & Dealer: You should suffer a blow so great from the Hammer; we're together again: Spiff, Arm & Spammer.
WD-GM: So who was Roxy?
ECY: My habit is not to reveal the identities until the game is finished, unless the ousted player tells me otherwise.

WD-Armor: You're giving my friend trouble, Happy I am not; When your last army leaves the board, You're going someplace Hot.

WD-Spam: Who's side are you on? What are you doing? You change your allies, More than ol' J. R. Ewing!

WD-Spiff: The Russky babe's on your north, I'm on your south; Are those cries of help I hear, Coming outta your mouth?

WD-Hill: A is now your pawn, G is sadly gone; With I and E attacking us, Is it France's side we're on?

Try to reach for England, Stretch out to his Isle; The value to us would be immense, Though it may take a while.

You're on your own up north, I wish that I could reach; Maybe the Frog will turn against England, And become a Brit-dot-sucking-leach.

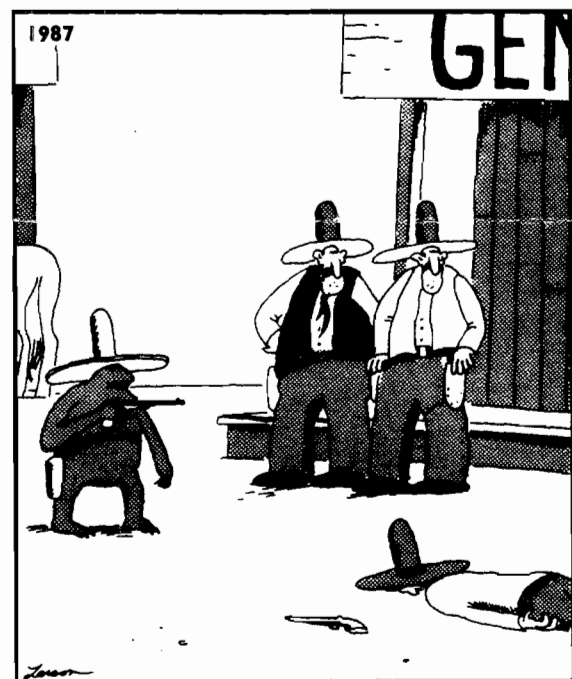
Arm-Spam: Thanks for understanding. You can send your fleets to the Med to Deal with the Wheeler. Bel is yours but I need Hol & Kie to support what I have in action against Hillary in the north.

Arm-Spiff: I want to help you. You can see that by my movements in the north. Spam is now free to support your defense against the southern weed.

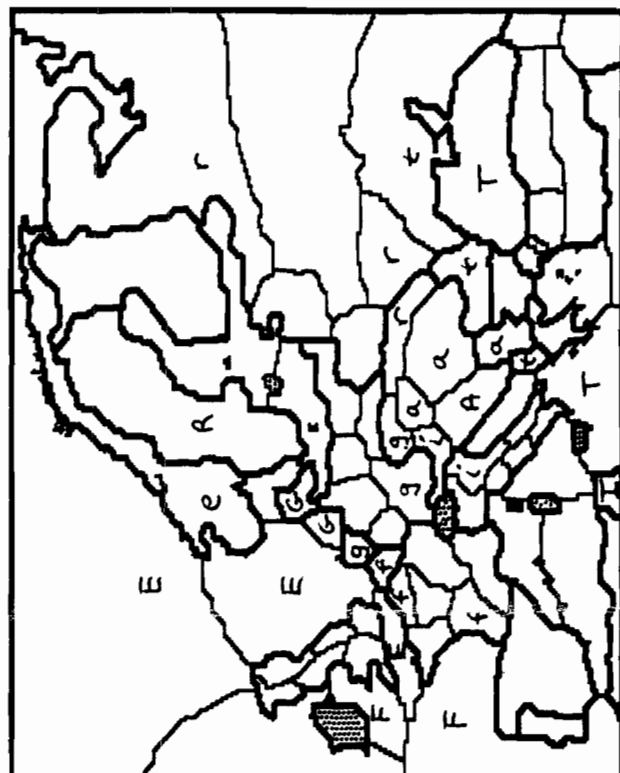
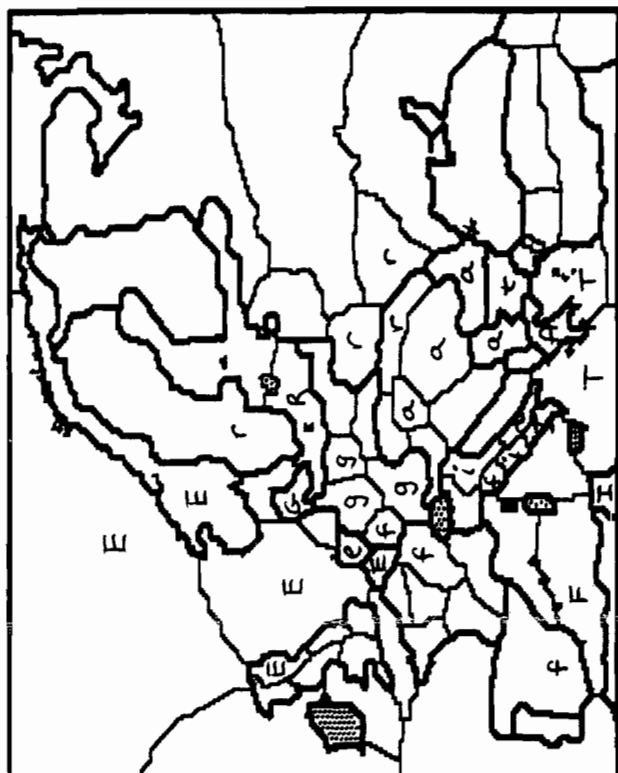
SUPPLY CENTRE STANDINGS FALL 1905

Austria(1):	Vie	+0
England(7):	Hom, Hol, Den, Kie, NWY	+0
France(7):	Hom, Spa, Por, Ber, Bel	+0
Italy(5):	Hom, Tun, Mun	-1/0
Russia(8):	Hom, Rum, Bud, SWE, TRI	+1
Turkey(6):	Hom, Bul, Gre, Ser	+0

WE WILL PLAY WINTER & SPRING 1906 NEXT TIME



"Well, the sloth nailed him. ... Y'know, ol' Hank never was exactly a 'quick draw.'"



Slipping Away; 1994ADrb32; WINTER/SPRING 1903

Austria A Ser-Rum A Bud s A Ser-Rum
 A Vie-Gal A Tri-Ser F Gre H
 England B: F Edi, F Lon. F Nwy H F Nrg s F Nwy
 F Bel s A Hol A Hol s FRE A Bur-Ruh
 F Lon-NoS F Edi s F Lon-NoS
 France A Spa-NAf F WMed c A Spa-NAf
 A Bur-Ruh A Pic-Bur A Pie-Tus
 Germany Re: A Sil. A Ruh-Mun A Kie s A Ruh-Mun
 A Ber s A Ruh-Mun F Den s A Kie
 Italy Re: A Tri-OTB, F Ion-Tun; B: A Rom. A Tyr-Ven
 F Nap-Ion A Rom s A Tyr-Ven F Tun-NAf
 Russia B: A Mos. A Mos-Ukr F GoB-Bal
 A Swe-Den A War s A Gal A Gal s F Rum
 F Rum s TUR A Con-Bul(d re: Sev, Bla, OTB)
 Turkey A Con-Apu F Aeg & F Ion c A Con-Apu
 A Bal H

?-GM: Boy, this no-press stuff is harder than I expected.
 WE WILL PLAY SUMMER & FALL 1903 NEXT TIME

ont: E-F: You don't owe Germany for Bel, you had my support too.

Eng-Ger: Your correspondence had great ideas, but your Field Marshall didn't get the message.

Eng-Rus: You can't fool everyone.

Eng-Itl: You attack your friends and support your foes??

SUPPLY CENTER STANDINGS FALL 1902

Austria(4)	Hom, Ser	+0
England(4)	Hom, Nwy	+0
France(6)	Hom, Spa, Por, BEL	+1
Germany(5)	Hom, Den, Hol	+0
Italy(4)	Hom, TUN	+1
Russia(4)	StP, Mos, War, Swe	-0
Turkey(7)	Hom, Bul, Gre, RUM, SEV	+2

WE WILL PLAY WINTER & SPRING 1903 NEXT TIME

Blinded By Rainbows; 1994CD; M#47; SU & FALL 1902

Austria (Morris) Re: F Alb-Adr. A Vie s GER A Boh-Tyr
 F Adr-Tri A Bud s A Vie A Ser s TUR A Rum
 England (Lewis) F Nrg s A Nwy F EngC s F NoS
 A Nwy s GER F Den-Swe F NoS s F EngC
 France (Burns) F Bre-MAO F MAO-IrS
 A Gas H A Bel H A Pic s A Bel
 Germany (Byrne) A Hol H F Den s F Hel-NoS
 A Boh-Vie A Mun-Boh F Hel-NoS
 Italy (Belfay) F Ion-Tun A Tyr s RUS A Gal-Vie
 A Ven-Tri

Russia (Grib) A War-Ukr A StP s F Swe-Nwy
 F Sev-Bla(A) F Swe-Nwy A Gal s GER A Boh-Vie
 Turkey (Tomlinson) A Arm-Sev F Bla s A Arm-Sev
 A Alb s AUS F Adr-Tri F Aeg-Ion A Rum H

Press: Rus-All: Morris the Cat accuses me of cross-gaming.
 It appears that way you mangy cat because you never even bothered to contact me thus far. My neighbors at least write. Plus I think the lowest form of Dip player is one who drops out of games as soon as things don't go their way, like you did in M #43 and pal Jimbo did in M #44. At least I play to the end of my games win or lose, as a courtesy to all players.

Rus-G&I: Let's try to coordinate better in the future!

Rus-Tur: You'll regret allying with the Cat. He'll probably drop out and desert you by '04.

R-E: You like to whisper rumors in Morris the Cat's ear.

Rus-Fra: Good plan, let's do it!

Rus-AH: May you roll nothing but 7-10 splits from now on.

Fra-Ger: Let's go for a swim!

Fra-Rus: Please, how vulgar! Besides, everyone knows that the French are the world's greatest lovers - why would we waste our time with those British tarts?

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