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TO: The Herald, Church of Alienism
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SUBJECT: Sequoioid Tree Survey

PROSPECTIVE HERALD SUBMISSION
Old Trees as Environmental Recorders

Submitted for consideration by The Herald.

The Institute recently completed a fourteen-week survey involving coast redwood, giant sequoia, and cultivated dawn redwood. The program combined tree-ring work, canopy observations, root-zone geophysics, acoustic tomography, radiographic methods, and historical record review.

Age estimates were treated conservatively. Clonal growth, missing rings, fire scars, and incomplete cores make extraordinary age claims easy to manufacture accidentally.

Even with those caveats, a small number of trees appear substantially older than surrounding cohorts or preserve growth and structural features inconsistent with their immediate environment.

Several of those trees correlate geographically with older classified reports from Soviet and American intelligence archives describing unusual electromagnetic, aerial, or human-observation events. The documents do not prove a relationship; they merely make the coincidence difficult to ignore.

A long-lived tree is a continuous environmental recorder. It experiences the same place for centuries while human observers arrive only intermittently. If Nodal conditions or Veil-related effects are persistent, old trees may record them indirectly through growth, chemistry, structural stress, or root behavior.

If so, exceptional longevity may not be the anomaly itself. It may simply be the easiest surviving measurement of something else.

Further coring has been suspended pending Church review.

Respectfully,
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