#### COMPANY COMMANDER

#### HELICOPTER UNITS

#### TACTICAL BRIEFING ON HELICOPTER UNITS

Having a helicopter will speed up deployment of units and make movement much easier across the tough terrain of the area. Later the ability to strike at enemies will be a major asset. Most helicopters are able to carry some sort of weapons, and this combined with tactical mobility can be very useful. Like fixed wing aircraft, the price of these units gets to be very high, and the major advantage may lay in being the first rather than the best. The greater the abilities of a faction, the faster it should grow. The missions that can be attempted are wide, from emergency resupply, covert insertion and casualty evacuation to full scale airmobile attack. Helicopters bring a third dimension to a battlefield and enable forces to be projected further from their normal area of operation. Several helicopters might enable a commander to establish and maintain bases hundreds of miles away, or the establishment of an airbase where larger aircraft can be operated from. Helicopters give the commander with imagination the ability to exploit his daring to the full.

| Unit Designation            | Boeing CH-47 Chinook |                               |       |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Country                     | USA                  |                               |       |
| Base Price                  | 1200                 |                               |       |
| Base TTC                    | 1000                 |                               |       |
| Crew                        | 3                    |                               |       |
| Cargo Capacity (Lbs)        | 14356                |                               |       |
| Casualty Capacity (Sect)    | 4                    |                               |       |
| Unit Weight (Lbs)           | 22450                |                               |       |
| Road Speed (mph)            | 115                  |                               |       |
| Travel Range (Miles)        | 229                  | Helicopter Sling Weight (Lbs) | 28000 |
| Communication Range (Miles) | 50                   | Pylon Load (Lbs)              | 0     |
| Ground Crew Req             | 1                    | Pylon Amount                  | 0     |
| Runway Length Needed        | 1                    | Cargo Cap (Squads)            | 5     |
| Defence Strength            | 2                    | Combat Supply (Pts)           | 14    |

One reconditioned Boeing CH-47 Chinook heavy lift helicopter. This famous twin rotor helicopter has been central to many western armies over the last 40 years because of its ability to move large quantities of men and material into battle in a single delivery. Its underslung load capacity means it can bring in heavy weapons and equipment. It is fairly robust and can take battle damage and still deliver. Due to the cost it is not expected that many factions will will have them but the tactical advantages will become plain.

| Unit Designation            | Aerospatiale SA-316 Al | louette III                   |      |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------|
| Country                     | France                 |                               |      |
| Base Price                  | 221                    |                               |      |
| Base TTC                    | 660                    |                               |      |
| Crew                        | 2                      |                               |      |
| Cargo Capacity (Lbs)        | 1650                   |                               |      |
| Casualty Capacity (Sect)    | 0                      |                               |      |
| Unit Weight (Lbs)           | 2520                   |                               |      |
| Road Speed (mph)            | 115                    |                               |      |
| Travel Range (Miles)        | 308                    | Helicopter Sling Weight (Lbs) | 1650 |
| Communication Range (Miles) | 50                     | Pylon Load (Lbs)              | 325  |
| Ground Crew Req             | 1                      | Pylon Amount                  | 2    |
| Runway Length Needed        | 1                      | Cargo Cap (Squads)            | 0.5  |
| Defence Strength            | 1                      | Combat Supply (Pts)           | 7    |

One reconditioned Aerospatiale SA-316 Allouette III light helicopter. Originally manufactured in France, most of those available to Arms Dealers are made by Hindustan Industries in India. The model is capable of carrying rocket pods and gun pods and anti tank missiles as well as 5 men. This makes it suitable for inserting recon teams into enemy territory, air recon, artillery spotting or escorting other missions as a gunship. For the price, a very good investment. The two Pylons can mount AS-11 ATGM, SU-11 Gunpod, HL-7-80 Rocket Pod or AGM-122 Sidearm.

| Unit Designation            | Aerospatiale SA-330 Pu | ıma                           |      |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------|
| Country                     | France                 |                               |      |
| Base Price                  | 950                    |                               |      |
| Base TTC                    | 920                    |                               |      |
| Crew                        | 2                      |                               |      |
| Cargo Capacity (Lbs)        | 7200                   |                               |      |
| Casualty Capacity (Sect)    | 1                      |                               |      |
| Unit Weight (Lbs)           | 7795                   |                               |      |
| Road Speed (mph)            | 159                    |                               |      |
| Travel Range (Miles)        | 313                    | Helicopter Sling Weight (Lbs) | 7055 |
| Communication Range (Miles) | 50                     | Pylon Load (Lbs)              | 0    |
| <b>Ground Crew Req</b>      | 1                      | Pylon Amount                  | 0    |
| Runway Length Needed        | 1                      | Cargo Cap (Squads)            | 1.5  |
| Defence Strength            | 2                      | Combat Supply (Pts)           | 6    |

One reconditioned Aerospatiale AS-330 Puma medium transport helicopter. The Puma has proved to be a versatile and reliable work horse. It has a good cargo capacity as well as a useful underslung lift capability. It has been designed with combat survivability in mind and is a valuable addition to any faction.

| Unit Designation            | Westland Wessex |                               |      |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|------|
| Country                     | UK              |                               |      |
| Base Price                  | 444             |                               |      |
| Base TTC                    | 715             |                               |      |
| Crew                        | 2               |                               |      |
| Cargo Capacity (Lbs)        | 4000            |                               |      |
| Casualty Capacity (Sect)    | 1               |                               |      |
| Unit Weight (Lbs)           | 3767            |                               |      |
| Road Speed (mph)            | 132             |                               |      |
| Travel Range (Miles)        | 390             | Helicopter Sling Weight (Lbs) | 3990 |
| Communication Range (Miles) | 50              | Pylon Load (Lbs)              | 0    |
| Ground Crew Req             | 1               | Pylon Amount                  | 0    |
| Runway Length Needed        | 1               | Cargo Cap (Squads)            | 1.5  |
| Defence Strength            | 2               | Combat Supply (Pts)           | 8    |

One reconditioned Westland Wessex helicopter. This unit has served many countries for many years and has become available as they have been retired. It has the ability to carry an underslung load or troops a good distance and survive to get them landed. It is usually unarmed but machineguns can be added as door mounts for ground fire suppression.

| Unit Designation            | Mil MI-8 Hip |                               |      |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------|
| Country                     | Russia       |                               |      |
| Base Price                  | 760          |                               |      |
| Base TTC                    | 800          |                               |      |
| Crew                        | 2            |                               |      |
| Cargo Capacity (Lbs)        | 6000         |                               |      |
| Casualty Capacity (Sect)    | 2            |                               |      |
| Unit Weight (Lbs)           | 16007        |                               |      |
| Road Speed (mph)            | 142          |                               |      |
| Travel Range (Miles)        | 280          | Helicopter Sling Weight (Lbs) | 6600 |
| Communication Range (Miles) | 50           | Pylon Load (Lbs)              | 400  |
| Ground Crew Req             | 1            | Pylon Amount                  | 2    |
| Runway Length Needed        | 1            | Cargo Cap (Squads)            | 2.5  |
| Defence Strength            | 2            | Combat Supply (Pts)           | 10   |

One reconditioned Mil MI-8 medium transport and light attack helicopter. This unit is a useful addition to any faction, giving relatively cheap airmobility and light attack capabilities. It is a rugged and reliable aircraft that can take damage. It has the ability to carry rocket pods and gunpods as well as anti tank missiles.

| Unit Designation            | Mil MI-2 Hoplite |                               |      |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|------|
| Country                     | Russia           |                               |      |
| Base Price                  | 340              |                               |      |
| Base TTC                    | 544              |                               |      |
| Crew                        | 2                |                               |      |
| Cargo Capacity (Lbs)        | 2000             |                               |      |
| Casualty Capacity (Sect)    | 1                |                               |      |
| Unit Weight (Lbs)           | 5218             |                               |      |
| Road Speed (mph)            | 120              |                               |      |
| Travel Range (Miles)        | 105              | Helicopter Sling Weight (Lbs) | 1760 |
| Communication Range (Miles) | 50               | Pylon Load (Lbs)              | 165  |
| Ground Crew Req             | 1                | Pylon Amount                  | 4    |
| Runway Length Needed        | 1                | Cargo Cap (Squads)            | 1    |
| Defence Strength            | 2                | Combat Supply (Pts)           | 4    |

One reconditioned Mil MI-2 Hoplite Light Utility Helicopter. The Hoplite is a light helicopter capable of deploying a single squad or a small amount of supplies or weapons. Fire support for landings is possible by mounting up to 4 rocket pods, 4 AT-3 Sagger Missiles or 4 machineguns. A further 2 machineguns can be mounted as door gunners. A Hoplite carrying weapons cannot carry cargo. The unit is very vulnerable to ground fire as it has little in the way of armour.