

ROMULAN HISTORICAL TIMELINE

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NOTES: "AS" stands for Diane Duane's "After Settlement" Romulan calendar from THE ROMULAN WAY. This is tied to the arrival of the Departed fleet in the Romii (128 Trianguli) star system, and is provided for convenience. THE ROMULAN WAY also gives Vulcan dates, based on the fan-derived calendar inspired by TAS "Yesteryear," for the early events in Romulan pre-history. These are not included in this document. Also, discrepancies between the Romulan and Gregorian calendars (length of year, month, etc.) are as a rule ignored unless they are significant for a given entry, per common fandom practice.

most human ôGCö stands for Terran Gregorian Calendar year as commonly used by cultures within the Federation.

"cXXXX" stands for "circa XXXX" (approximate date)

order: Reference materials take latest-printed precedence in the following order: on screen, canon, semi-canon (not canon but referenced on screen), licensed, and fanon. This timeline does not quote fanon sources unless the material in question cannot be found in any "real" source. In cases of conflict, though, I tend to go with what to me seems to be the most consistent material in terms of this work as a whole. Fanon material is not considered in cases of conflict due to its non-official status. Licensed material always has weight over fanon, as Paramount actually gave permission for its creation (even though, in the strictest sense, it is not canon). I for one don't give a flip about the whole canon/fanon argument but there are those that DO; hence my approach. It also seemed the best way to stay in synch with the various "official" (canon and licensed) materials.

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I do not consider either STAR TREK: FIRST CONTACT or the ENTERPRISE to be canon, despite anything that the STAR TREK copyright holders licensees have said since they were produced. Brannon Braga is on as saying that FIRST CONTACT established a new continuity. Since draws directly from the events of FIRST CONTACT, then it is part of continuity and not part of the classic TREK timeline per se. All wedge it in, despite its many contradictions, are just sad attempts retro-engineering on the part of their supporters. I know that I the majority of classic TREK fandom in this matter, and will ignore of newer ENTERPRISE fans that rail against this decision. You have and its a decent one, but it's not real TREK insofar as continuity it's best to keep it that way. Therefore, you will find few anything from ENTERPRISE in this document, save those items and might have been common to both the classic TREK and ENTERPRISE continuities.

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I leave it to fellow Romulan fans and future readers to suggest the original TOS/TAS/TMP scope of this work.

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Source listings are arranged alphabetically by their abbreviation. in no way determines precedence in terms of reference for this work the groups in which they fall. On screen sources have the greatest fanon sources the least.

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On screen sources:

DS9	STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE television
ENT	ENTERPRISE television series
STx	STAR TREK feature films (from #2 up)
TAS	STAR TREK: THE ANIMATED SERIES television
TOS	STAR TREK: THE ORIGINAL SERIES television
TMP	STAR TREK: THE MOTION PICTURE feature film
TNG	STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION television
VOY	STAR TREK: VOYAGER television series

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Canon sources:

D9TM	DEEP SPACE 9 TECHNICAL MANUAL (Drexler)
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	STC	STAR TREK CHRONOLOGY (Okuda), 2nd edition
edition	STE	STAR TREK ENCYCLOPEDIA (Okuda), 3rd
Semi-canon sources:		
(FASA)	FASA	STAR TREK: The Role-Playing Game materials
Goldsteins)	SFC	STAR TREK SPACE FLIGHT CHRONOLOGY (The
	SFTM	STAR FLEET TECHNICAL MANUAL (Schnaubelt)
	STM	STAR TREK MAPS (Bantam Books)
Licensed sources:		
(Decipher/LUG)	LUG	STAR TREK: THE ROLE-PLAYING GAME
Bureau)	SFB	STAR FLEET BATTLES RPG (Amarillo Design
(Activision)	SFC	STARFLEET COMMAND series of videogames
	TRW	THE ROMULAN WAY (novel by Diane Duane)a
Johnson)	TWF	THE WORLDS OF THE FEDERATION (Shane
Fanon sources:		
Chronology v1.7	BT#	THE BEST OF TREK #1 & 2 (TREK magazine)
(Mandel/Johnson)	Dxn	James Dixon's Integrated STAR TREK
	EOM	USS ENTERPRISE OFFICER'S MANUAL
	FRS	FEDERATION REFERENCE SERIES (Sofia)
	FSC	FEDERATION SPACEFLIGHT CHRONOLOGY (myself)
	Mas	Masao Osasaki's STARFLEET MUSEUM website.
	Min	STAR TREK Minutae website
(Mandel/Palestine)	MRM	STARFLEET MEDICAL REFERENCE MANUAL
	Ros	Alex Rosenzweig's revised canon timeline
(Mandel/Drexler/Flannery)	SFH	STAR FLEET HANDBOOK
edition	STC	STAR TREK Concordance (Trimble), 2nd
	STM	STAR TREK Maps (New Eye/fanon consortium)
	Swf	Swift's modified SFC chronology (fandom)
unpublished)	Timo	HISTORY OF THE UFP STARFLEET (Salmoneli,
timeline	Tor	Brad Torgerson's modifed FASA ST-RPG

(Other sources as noted in text)

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Events within the scope of my research

AS	GC	Event (and reference)
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-millions top of of years highly ago - of the of this existence. Azar forms, and they once		The Azar, a humanoid lifeform native to the Diodor system, reach the the evolutionary latter. Along the way, they have developed a advanced and sophisticated civilation and technology, altering parts sector of space in which Diodor is located to suit their needs. All they will leave behind, once they transmigrate to the next plane of existence. The catalyst for this event is their own sun going supernova. Those who survive the process become godlike, multidimensional energy take it upon themselves to care for the worlds left behind where held sway. (LUG)
???	???	"According to Romulan mythology, the Vhorani created the Vulcan/Romulan species at Vorta Vor and charged their children with a mighty task: to one day rule the stars. They set their children on a fiery, desolate world with few of the elements necessary to life, to teach them an important lesson - survival of the fittest. These ancient ancestors fought many battles over land, food, and water. Natural selection winnowed out the weak, and the strong survived." (LUG) [NOTE: It is the opinion of most experts on the subject that the Vhorani of Vulcan and Romulan legend were Sargon's people - TOS "Return To Tomorrow." Spock noted that the actions of Sargon's people would explain many things about early Vulcan history - and by association, the Romulans. The second

candidate for such would be from the work of Professor Galen - TNG

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??? For many centuries the Vulcans live as a savage, bloodthirsty people, with clan fighting against clan for what few resources were available on their homeworld. During this early primitive time they develop legends of their gods - those who supposedly brought their people into existence at Vorta Vor. Ket-cheleb, the god of war, is their chief. His wife is D'era, the Endless Sky - a figure that would feature prominently in the culture and religion of the Romulans millennia later. (TOS, TAS, STV, LUG)

????- As the millennia passed, the clans consolidated into rival city-states.

c120 Eventually, the city-states united into leagues - and in time, nations.

BC Yet still Vulcan held on to its savage ways. In the end, as on Terra, there were but two great nation-states on the planet vying for dominance, each with its array of allies - and a small number of what was left over, who wanted nothing to do with either side and desired only for peace. (LUG, TOS)

If the quite detailed accounts of Vulcan history are factual, then the Vulcans developed interstellar spaceflight and began colonizing nearby worlds not long before the start of the Hundred Years War. Two oft-cited examples of the veracity of the legend are the ruins on Debrue (first classified as proto-Romulan, but many now believe are proto-Vulcan) and the farlight ships of the Journey. The latter is the more concrete of the two, for in its case actual evidence exists - the wrecked ruins of a large Vulcan colony ship on one of the moons of Romulus. The Romulans claim that this was one of the ships used in the great Journey, and there is no reason or evidence to doubt their claim. (TNG, TRW, LUG) <FSC>

c120 The Hundred Years War on Vulcan begins. It is a fight between two rival

BC factions: one espousing logic as the path to nirvana, and the other

as "Q" espousing more traditional means. Centuries later, the entity known
species will claim that a "self-destructive stunt" by a member of his own
ignited this war.
(VOY "Death Wish")

68 BC Birth of Surak on the planet Vulcan, as the light from the Orionis
Nova is seen in the sky. (TRW)

c40?BC Surak begins to preach his philosophy of logic, ushering in that
period on Vulcan known as the Time of Awakening. The Romulans will later
refer to this as the Renunciation. (LUG)

Sometime over the next two decades, Tellus of Vulcan will compose an
epic poem named The Way of D'era. It is a clarion call to those Vulcans who
espouse the traditional, emotional way of life as opposed to Surak's reform
efforts. The Vulcans who trumpet this way of life soon become known as the
Followers of D'era - or sometimes the Disciples of Tellus. S'task is one of
these, and soon rises to become the movement's leader. (TRW, LUG)

23 BC Radio signals from an approaching starship (later discovered to be
an Orion pirate raider) are detected on Vulcan. (TRW)

22 BC The Vulcans have the first encounter in their recorded history with
an intelligent, off-world species -- who, unfortunately for both
parties, turn out to be Orion pirates. The Orion ship lands, stuns and kidnaps
most of the official Vulcan delegation sent to greet them, and kills the rest.
Surak escapes capture, having not been present due to travel difficulties
in reaching the landing site.
(TRW, which gives the GC dates of 18-19 January, 22 BC)

The Hundred Year War comes to a sudden stop as both factions of
Vulcans come together in an effort to defeat this new outworld threat.
(VOY "Death Wish," implied)

During this time, later known as the Ahkh, the Vulcans become
divided in how they choose to respond to the Orions. A small but emotional group
that

opposes Surak's teachings on logic chooses to repel them with a combination of traditional weapons and psionic techniques. By the end of the year, all that remains of the Orion presence on Vulcan is a wrecked spaceship in the desert just outside of the city of Te'Rikh. (TRW)
[NOTE: TRW says it happened the following month, March 22 BC. Per the same source, all fighting was over by November. I tend to discount part of TRW's version, as it gives the Orions cloaking technology, and this contradicts TOS "Balance of Terror." In the Berman-Braga continuity of ENT, though, it might have been supplied by the Suliban.]

During this time, open riots erupt on Vulcan as the more militaristic Vulcans clash with Surak and his pacifist brethern. A leader named S'Task emerges among the militarists. (TRW)

7 BC S'Task and his followers, having decided that they can no longer peacefully co-exist with the adherents of Surak, name themselves the Declared and pledge to follow him in leaving Vulcan to seek a new home among the stars. This will later become known in the annals of both the Vulcans and Romulans as the Journey. S'Task suggests that all who join the Declared donate all their worldly goods to support their great cause. (TRW)

Tellus of Vulcan, composer of The Way of D'era, joins the Declared. He will accompany them off-world on the Journey and be one of the ones who makes it to their new home on Romulus. The philosophy he espouses, which is named after his epic poem, The Way of D'era, will forever shape the culture and lifestyle of the future Romulans. (LUG)

"When the ancient Vulcans turned their backs on their legacy [that of the Vhoranni], embraced a false philosophy, and quenched the fire that burned in their hearts, those who understood their [true] destiny fled to the stars. These future Romulans could no longer remain on Vulcan, the world of their testing, and instead ventured into the Endless Sky." (LUG)

AD 11 By this date the number of the Declared has reached five percent of the total population of the planet Vulcan. The limited number of ships available to make the Journey, plus waning of early excitement, will ultimately reduce the number of Declared to a more manageable number. (TRW)

25 The first of 17 "fartravel" vessels of the Declared, Rea's Helm, leaves Vulcan orbit and begins a three month tour of its solar system on a slingshot trajectory into interstellar space. It will be followed in the months and years to come by the Warbird, Starcatcher, T'Hie, Pennon, Bloodwing, Corona, Lance, Gorget, Sunheart, Forge, Lost Road, Blacklight, Firestorm, Vengeance, Memory, Shield, and others. (TRW)

55 The fartravel ships of the Declared reach 88 Eri, the original target of the Journey. No habitable planets are found after a thorough search of the system. The Declared resume the Journey, this time bound for 198 Eri. (TRW)

c.56- Seven ships of the Declared - Pennon, Starcatcher, Bloodwing, Forge, Lost 532? Road, Lance, and Blacklight - are lost in the event horizon of a newly formed black hole not far from 197 Eri. All seven ships are lost. (TRW)

The surviving farlight ships of the Declared reach 198 Eri. Again, no habitable planet is found suited to their purposes. Demoralized both by this and the lost of the seven ships at the black hole, the fleet remains in the 198 Eri system for the next 3 1/2 years. A great debate eventually breaks out within the fleet as to whether or not to continue, but S'Task eventually prevails. The binary star 440 Trianguli is picked as their new target, and the surviving Declared resume the Journey. (TRW)

Upon arriving at 440 Trianguli, two ships - T'Hie and Corona - are lost to the Iruhe, a local species capable of destroying minds. The rest of the Departed fleet flees the system at high speed. (TRW)

c110 Dissident elements, under the leadership of Admiral Debrune, break away from the main fleet of the Departed in the ships Firestorm and Vengeance, seeking their own worlds to settle. Over the next two centuries these two ships will plant fledgling colonies on such worlds as Draken IV, Yadalla Prime, Barraut II, Barradas III, Calder II, Dessica II, Jollan IV, and "a handful" of others. Quoting one source, "These settlements rarely lasted for more than a few generations, and many left their ruins abandoned, hiding the secrets of ancient proto-Romulans. To this day there are rumors of forgotten planets that contain descendants of these proto-Romulans: peoples who did not develop into the Romulan culture as we now know it, and either developed their own cultures or retained the early Vulcan lifestyle."
(TRW, LUG - date adjusted)
[NOTE - 105 years after the Journey begins, per THE WAY OF D'ERA]

c215 All of the remaining ships of the Departed fleet are caught in a freak wormhole and hurled a great distance into interstellar space. They survive the trip with minimal damage and loss of life. Once they get their bearings, they find that they are now so far from Vulcan that it would take a lifetime, literally, to return. (LUG, retconned)
[NOTE - 190 years after the Journey begins, per THE WAY OF D'ERA.]
Its account makes the trip half as long as TRW; hence the retconning. As I interpret this, the trip through the wormhole put them over halfway to Romulus. Firestorm and Vengeance were not far behind and eventually follow them through the wormhole. This helps explain how these two ships eventually caught up with the others. It is also possible that a true time/space warp was involved, throwing the Departed some two to three centuries into the future, and thus also aiding in reconciling the TRW and LUG materials. LUG uses the wormhole in a quite different manner, instead postulating a "Vulcan-Romulan War" that I simply cannot accept, based on what on-screen data is available. That's why I find the idea of the time/space warp more appealing]

370 Boradis III is used as an outpost by the DeBroon, who are thought to be a

proto-Romulan people. (TNG "Gambit" Part 1)

[NOTE - DeBroon = DeBrune, admiral of the breakaway fleet. More evidence that

a time warp might have been involved at some point during the Journey.]

c400 At some point during the Journey, Tellus the philosopher is asked, "If we are

no longer Vulcan, then what are we?" His response will become known as the

Four Virtues of the Way of D'era, and becomes the stuff of Romulan legend.

According to Tellus, they were the Chosen of the Vhoranni, destined one day to find their new home, Vorta Vor. Only by following the virtues of devotion, alliegance, discipline, and fidelity could they find it - and keep it.

(LUG, TRW)

[NOTE: In the LUG supplement THE WAY OF D'ERA, the question is worded, "What

is a Romulan?" The authors apparently forgot that the ships had not yet

arrived at their destination, so they couldn't have been called Romulans yet!]

533 By this year, only four ships remain in the Departed Fleet: Rea's Helm,

Gorget, Vengeance, and Firestorm. (TRW)

The Departed fleet arrives in the 128 Trianguli system. There they finally find what they have long sought: a binary planetary pair, much like Vulcan and Charis, both being habitable worlds. In fact, the temperate climate of the smaller world is far more friendly than that of their ancient home on arid Vulcan. They decide to settle on this world and travel no more.

(TRW, TWF, FSC)

According to at least one account, the fleet of the Departed is first attracted

to the 128 Trianguli system by radio signals that turn out to be from the world

later called Remus, orbital twin of Romulus. (LUG)

0 AS 534 The Departed begin disembarking from their farlight vessels and settle on

their new homeworld. (TRW)

The Departed name their new homeworld ch'Rihan in their native Vulcan dialect.

Its nearby planetary companion is named ch'Havran. Tellus the philosopher

bestows another name on their new homeworld, however - Rom'lass. This will

be translated into the Latin word Romulus in years to come, and it will be

this name by which the planet will be best known.

(TOS "Balance of Terror," SFTM, STM, TRW, SFH, TWF, FSC)

[NOTE - The homeworld of humanity also has two names: Earth, the common name;

and Terra, its formal name. Most people call it Earth, but the proper formal

name in the world of the space sciences is Terra. This is my attempt to

reconcile the FASA and LUG materials.]

There are seven settlements in all on the surface of Romulus. Each of these

will eventually become known as the Seven - the oldest cities of the Romulans.

They will be the first city-states, and will also be the captials or major

cities of future Romulan nations. They are Caranam, Portora, Kanassarum,

Labasasz, Dinalla, Pulla'd, and Farrad. Much of their original walls and

architecture will be preserved in the centuries to come - so much that their

residents can easily point out parts of the original cities to visiting

tourists. (FASA)

"Early Romulan development bears a marked resemblance to Terran Greek city-states.

particular that of Sparta. Romulan city-states evolved, simply because they

were the best way to survive." (FASA)

The Romulan "After Settlement" calendar begins this year. According to

Romulan lore, it began with the first footfall of the first of the Departed

on the surface of ch'Rihan. (TRW)

[NOTE - FASA data suggests that the Romulan year is shorter than Terra's. The

stairways of the city of Caranam, which were built when it was founded, are

said to be 3000 years old in STIII's time. Need to compare with other sources.

Am making them equal for convienence in this document, but noting this for

possible future corrections.]

The period covering the next 3 1/2 decades (AS 1 - AS 560), from the date that the Romulans first settled on their homeworld to the death of Tellus, will be known in Romulan history as the Founding. During this time, the presence and wisdom of Tellus will help settle many a dispute among the rival clans and factions as they seek to found a new world in their own image. (LUG)

1 AS 535 End of Year One of the Romulan "After Settlement" calendar. (TRW)
start of [NOTE: As in "completion of the first year of settlement," not the said year. See entry for 0 AS/AD 534 for further clarification.]

The city of D'Sivas is founded on Romulus by the Farrad. This will become the first capital of the united planet in centuries to come, as well as the first home of the Romulan Senate. It will be one of the most ancient and beautiful cities on the planet, and is considered the "first city" of the Romulan people. <Tor, adjusted>

3 537 The city-states of Labasaz and Portora wage war over soft-metal deposits. The results are inconclusive. (FASA)

4 538 By this time the Departed have split into two groups: the Travellers, who leave the ships for ch'Rihan; and the Ship Clans, who elect to remain aboard the farlight vessels. (TRW)

By this date the last of the Travellers have left for ch'Rihan, leaving only the Ship Clans behind in their vessels. (TRW)

The cities of Calanista and Manasam are settled by the Caranad. (FASA)

25 560 Death of Tellus the philosopher on Romulus, at age 300. (LUG, date adjusted)
Also [NOTE - 25 years after the end of the Journey, per THE WAY OF D'ERA. says he see entry for AD 215 with regards to obvious calendar issues. LUG implies that a died 215 years after the Departed left Romulus, which strongly time warp was involved at some point if one is to reconcile LUG with TRW.]

This year marks the beginning of the Clan Wars on Romulus. With the death of

Tellus armed strife breaks out on Romulus before the end of the year. "They fought and argued over who should lead, and bloody battles the likes of which had not been seen since Vulcan tore at the heart of the Romulan unity." The Clan Wars will rage in one form or another for "over a century." (TRW, LUG - date adjusted)
[NOTE - 25 years after the end of the Journey, per THE WAY OF D'ERA]

560- Among the events that will take place in the next three decades, as part of the Clan Wars, are the following: the Battle of Xolleni Pass, the Gilgamma Massacre, and the Joranj-Zorek Wars. Armed strife will dominate the surface of Romulus for the next century or so. (LUG)

It is probably during this time that the city-state of Portora will attempt and fail to conquer their nearest rival, Caranam. In future years, the great storyteller L'Reanas will compose a ballad about this event, in which he says that the battle raged for 17 hours with the Caranams outnumbered 100 to 1, but that they stood and fought "as one." To this day the stones of the T'Wakkan section of the ancient Caranam city wall remained stained with the dried blood of scores of Portoran Romulans, mixed with some from Caranam, who died in this great battle. The stains have been preserved as a lasting memorial to the defenders of Caranam. (FASA)

60 594 On this date, Councillor T'Rehu of the nation-state of Elheu raises an army of conquest. Elheu will wage war against its neighbors for the next twelve years. (TRW)

72 606 T'Rehu receives the Chancellorship of the Grand Council of the nations of ch'Rihan under threat of force; i.e. her nation's army and her alliance with the Star Clans high overhead. A disgusted S'Task will walk out on her, and she will swear that he will never do so again. (TRW)

The ascension of Chancellor T'Rehu does little to stop the Clan Wars on the surface of Romulus. While relative peace prevails wherever her armies hold

sway, as well as those of the stronger nations, fighting still continues in regions outside their spheres of influence.

78 612 Over 1500 die as famine strikes the southern continent of ch'Havran.
(TRW)

T'Rehu has the 248-year-old S'Task assassinated when he attempts to walk out on her a second time in the Grand Council of ch'Rihan. She takes the title of Ruling Queen and declares that the Rule of Women has begun on her world. (TRW)

96 630 T'Rehu is overthrown in a coup led by elements from the eastern nations. These will form a new government, which eventually serves as the basis for the future tricameral system of the Romulans. (TRW)

c680 The last of the Clan Wars is fought sometime around this date. From this time forwards, wars will be fought by one Romulan nation against another. (TRW, LUG)
[NOTE: LUG says the Clan Wars lasted for "over a century." This puts the end of the clan wars almost a half-century after the assassination of Chancellor T'Rehu. There are no other data points off of which to bounce this save the first recorded instance of Romulan nations fighting each other, which won't take place for another half-century. LUG implies that such happend but never comes out and says this directly, only that "the fractured Romulan nations began to reunite" as the idea planetary union began to take hold.]

201 735 The nations of Labasasz and Portora make contact and combat over soft-metal deposits. The results are inconclusive. <Tor, adjusted>

c250 c784 By this time, the power and influence of the Ship Clans has dwindled to practically nothing and contact is lost with them, as the technology of the ships breaks down or falls into disrepair. Few are left alive who know how to work it and even fewer who know how to repair it, and the numbers of these Clans will dwindle with each passing year. Over the next century, the Ship Clans will eventually die out or their few survivors will migrate to the surface. (TRW)

c300 c835 The first of the old farlight vessels of the journey falls from orbit due to lack of crew and years of neglect. All of them will eventually fall over the next century. (TRW)

One of the derelect farlight ships crashes onto the surface of one of ch'Rihan's nearby moons. Its wreckage will be rediscovered centuries later by the Romulans and preserved as a monument to the Journey. <FSC>

c460 c1030 On Romulus, the city of Ranassa has risen to prominence as the capital of the nation-state of Portora. Likewise, Timuraasz has become the captial of the nation-state of Dinalla. <Tor, adjusted>

508 1043 By this date, the Romulans have deployed their first satellite and warning defensive system for their homeworld. This will be maintained, expanded, and upgraded considerably over the next millennium. (TRW)

It is also around this time that the Romulans begin to rediscover the lost science of manned spaceflight. (TRW, implied)

c560 c1130 The cities of Calanista and Manasan, which will become prominent in the planet's future, are founded by the nation-state of Caranam. <Tor, adjusted>

c1350 Founding of the Imperial College of Sciences on Romulus, the forerunner of the Romulan Astrophysical Academy. (LUG)

c1705 Jo'rek, descendant of Tellus, begins his ascendancy to power. (LUG, retconned)
[NOTE: LUG says he was the grandson of Tellus but this is impossible once its dates are reconciled with those of TRW and FASA. Once this is done, Jo'rek turns out to be his great-great-great-great-great grandson, assuming an average Romulan lifespan of 200 years, give or take a "great." That's why I changed the reference to read "descendant."]

1787 Vaonus of the nation of Calastina on Romulus postulates that Remus is habitable. This study marks the beginning of the Romulan Age of Discovery. Although there are legends of life on other worlds, the study by Vaonus is

the first time that scientific evidence is put forth to support this. (FASA)

1792 The nation of Dinalla puts the first Romulan payload-carrying rocket into the atmosphere. This is the first time in the planet's history that a rocket had been used in such a manner - thus paralleling rocketry development on other worlds. It should be noted that some of the ancient records credit this achievement to L'Tokus, one of the chief scientists of Dinalla. (FASA) <Tor, adjusted>

1793 The nation of Timurassz launches the first successful payload into orbit around Romulus. (FASA)

1796 Dinalla puts the first Romulan into orbit. (FASA)

1797 The space race between Timurassz and Dinalla precipitates a war that quickly escalates. Other nations are drawn into the conflict, as each fears the inevitable superiority that a nation that masters space travel would have over its neighbors. Two other nations, Labasasz and Caranam, were close to achieving spaceflight on their own before being also drawn into war - the first world war that Romulus has seen since the planet was settled. The Romulan World War will go on for the next three years. (FASA)

1800 The Romulan World War grinds to a halt this year, with all sides so depleted in resources that they are unable to continue. Negotiations begin to bring a formal end to hostilities. (FASA)

The great statesman L'Deus of Portora appeals to his fellow Romulans to pool their limited, war-decimated resources in order to again reach the stars. After seven months of vain efforts, he finally gives up in disgust. At the same time, the negotiations among the warring factions break up, having ended in stalemate. (FASA)

1802 The Conference of Portora finally results in a formal negotiated end to the Romulan World War. L'Deus is invited to participate but refuses, still

disgusted at the way his proposals was treated five years before.
Oddly enough, one of the proposals of the conference is for the signatory
nations to pool their remaining resources into a common space program, not
unlike but on a far lesser scale that which L'Deus had originally
championed. (FASA)

The Treaty of Kanassarum marks the official end to the Romulan World
War.
(FASA) <Tor, adjusted>

A mere two months after the conference, the nation of Dinalla
attempts to launch the core for a new semi-permanent space station into orbit.
The craft explodes on the pad due to inferior fuel, destroying its payload.
(FASA)

1803 One-world government is achieved on Romulus. The actual debate
lasts for about four months, resulting in the Romulan Confederation, or
Bresasm Rom'lnz in the majority dialect. The event is documented with the signing
of the D'Vatta, or Great Treaty. L'Deus is appointed as the first Imperial
Praetor, who according to legend only accepts the post after he is convinced
that it is his destiny. As expected, one of his priorities will be to both
champion and support the Romulan international space program. (FASA,
modified)

[NOTE: "Praetor" is the official title of the head of the Romulan
government,
per canon sources. Some semi-canon and fan sources use Emperor.
The two positions should be considered one and the same for research
purposes, even though the titles convey different meanings in Federation Standard.
Some civilian researchers have chosen to use "proconsul" for the
Confederation Era rulers and "praetor" for the Empire Era rulers of Romulus, to help
distinguish between the two, but this is not a standard practice.]

Jo'rek, descendant of Tellus, is the leader in the planetary
unification movement. He is the one first offered the praetorship, but declines
in favor of L'Deus. This is an astute political move on his part, in order
to gain

support among his opponents. Jo'rek instead serves as L'Deus's
chief minister,
and later succeeds him as the second Romulan praetor.
(LUG, date and data adjusted)
[NOTE - Date considerably skewed in order to match FASA's]

One of the traditions that L'Deus will establish as first Praetor of
Romulus
Praetor's
needs of
equipped
as a
place of retreat and introspection. (FASA, somewhat modified).

[NOTE - My modifications are inspired by how the Imperial Palace of
Japan
came about and is set up - simple buildings within a grand estate,
meant to
remind the nation's ruler that humility is also a "divine" trait.]

Due to its location, close to the planetary equator and ideally
located near
critical natural resources, the nation of Kanassaurm is chosen for
the site
of the new Romulan space effort. (FASA)

Kimara codifies the teachings of Tellus and his later followers into
what is
known today as the Way of D'era. This document will serve as the
cornerstone
of Romulan planetary religion, culture, and philosophy.
(LUG, date adjusted)
[NOTE - Happens in same year as achievement of planetary unification,
per THE
WAY OF D'ERA]

1804 The first manned flight of the Romulan Confederation is launched.
Work
also begins on its first permanent orbital space station. (FASA)

The ancient city of Kanassarum, with its nearby resource of raw
minerals
and a large industrial and technological base, becomes the main
space center
for the fledgling Romulan Confederation. Its first task will be to
lay the
groundwork for the eventual jump to Remus, orbital companion of
Romulus.
(FASA)

1812 By this date a new and larger orbital space station has been
established for

Remus, the Romulan space program's next major effort: the exploration of its orbital neighbor. (FASA)

Later that same year, the first unmanned Romulan space probe lands on Remus. (FASA)

1818 S'Tanet becomes the first Romulan to set foot on Remus, the sole pilot of a manned exploratory probe. Her adventures on the planet later become the stuff of legend and lore, but at least this much of the many stories are true: she discovered a world that was not only habitable in places but had its own indigineous life forms as well. (FASA, modified to take the NEMESIS movie into account)

1819 A temporary research station is established on Remus at Levitasz, the site of S'Tanet's historic landing. It will be abandoned within a year, for reasons that have never been revealed. (FASA, modified to take the NEMESIS movie into account)

1820 A large manned orbital station is built by the Romulans in Reman orbit. This will serve in future years as the jumping-off point for future explorations of the Reman surface. (FASA)

1821 Seven manned and 36 unmanned landings are made on Remus over the next 8 years. Also, a number of bases are established for purposes of mapping, testing, and research. Like the one at Levitasz, these will not last more than a year, and the Romulan records remain silent as to the reason why. (FASA, modified to take the NEMESIS movie into account)

1829 Adrennan, the first Romulan base that will last more than a year, is established on the surface of Remus. It is a heavily militarized installation that eventually grows into the first permanent colony site. The first group of 37 Romulan settlers also move in during this year - mainly wives, children, and other relatives of the soldiers at the base - arriving aboard three shuttles from the orbital station. In official records, they serve in various support roles to help maintain the base. (FASA, LUG modified to take the NEMESIS movie into account)

America. [NOTE - Historical parallel with Jamestown during the settlement of
is what It can be safely assumed that the heavy militarization of Adrennan
not saved the base from attacks by the native Remans, although this is
as taking recorded in official Romulan records, per NEMESIS. LUG dates this
dating, place only nine years after planetary unification. I go with FASA's
history.] as its account seems more consistent with other data points in the

Romulan At the same time that the Adrennan base is established, a large
surface of military force under the command of Admiral Valdran lands on the
- the Remus. Its goal is to conquer the planet's native humanoid species
problems Zelvorians, as they call themselves, who are responsible for all the
takes all that have stymied previous Romulan settlement efforts. The conquest
As the of two months, after which the Zelvorians are completely subjugated.
expansionism, old adage goes, "The Zelvorians were the first to fall to Romulan
provided an ideal but not the last." (FASA, LUG - date adjusted)
the FASA [NOTE: I put this here because the establishment of Adrennan
base from which to mount the conquest of Remus. Such is implied in
materials, and fits nicely with LUG's.]

Founding of the colony of Biscæ, located near large mineral
deposits in the continent of Alluram. It will succeed, and eventually become the
planetary capital. (FASA)

Sometime within the decade, the cities of Rinum and Biscæ are
founded on Remus.
located on the Rinum will be the chief starport city of Remus, while Biscæ -
continent of Alluram, will be the planetary capital. (FASA)

c1830 Probably around this time, the Imperial College of Sciences
relocates to a large space station in orbit around Romulus. It is also renamed at
this time, taking on its current title - the Romulan Astrophysical Academy.
(LUG)

The port city of Rinum is established on Remus. It is destined to
become the

Romulus major port planetside, and will eventually surpass even Karnassum on itself as the chief starport in the Romulan star system. (FASA)

Sometime within this decade, the site of the first Romulan landing on Remus will be used for the founding of the colony city of Levitasz. It will succeed, and in future years the landing site of S'tanet - and its memorial - will be one of the city's major tourist attractions. (FASA)

1840 The moons of the planets D'lanam and Ulunam are found to be rich in raw minerals. The Romulans immediately establish mining colonies and massive mining works on all of them. (FASA)

c1840 What will later become known as the Jubal Sector is the first to be colonized to by the fledgling Romulan Star Empire. Discovered are several habitable worlds, c1870 along with several others that can be terraformed to fit Romulan needs. (LUG)

Eight more cities are founded on Remus to deal with the planet's rapidly expanding population of Romulan colonists. Those native Zelvorians that still survive are forced into the countryside to fend as best they can, save for those few who are willing to serve the planet's new masters. The names of the new Romulan colony cities on Remus are Shanerea, Hetharri, Yenallan cit(FASA, LUG)

c1840 The first interstellar expeditions by the Romulans are launched from the city of Rinum, located on Remus. (FASA)

c1840 The planet of S'Latias is the first world beyond the Romulan star system to be visited by the Romulans. They find it lifeless and uninhabitable; however, its c1850 second moon has a thin atmosphere and mollusk-like life. They name it S'Tanet after the first Romulan to set foot on Remus, and a Romulan colony will eventually be founded there. (FASA)

The Perhonies star system is the next visited by Romulan explorers. They find a habitable planet "in an earlier stage of development than Romulus," but it has no higher-order life forms of any kind. It is quickly claimed in the name of the

Empire. (FASA)

The Nabatha colony is established on Remus. (FASA)

c1850 The four chief worlds of the Jubal Sector - Justarus, Quatel, Hybera, and Ustullan - are all colonized around this time. (LUG)

c1850 Several expeditions are launched coreward by the Romulans in search of new worlds to to claim in the name of the Empire. This marks the beginning of a period later

c1860 known as the Romulan Age of Expansion. This will end once the Romulans encounter

the Klingons. (FASA, LUG - date adjusted)

[NOTE - LUG dates this as starting only a year after the conquest of Remus.

I go with FASA's dates, as they fit better with other data points in the

history. Once you adjust the LUG dates for this period, though, they fit

fairly well with the FASA timeline]

c1855 Bisciae is made the captial city of Remus. (FASA)

[NOTE - FASA says 40 years or more after the founding of the first Romulan

colonies on Remus, but also puts it before the conquest of Gowarth.

I have gone with the sequence, rather than the stated date, in order to reconcile this with parallel data from LUG.]

1861 The native humanoid species of the planet Gowarh, the Buquret, are discovered

and subjugated by the Romulans during their early colonization drives. They

are the first aliens to be conquered by them. (FASA, LUG)

According to official Romulan records of the Buquet conquest, the Buquet "were

much more advanced but hardly as peaceful. The Buquet shot the first Romulan

scout ship out of the sky, and gave quite a fight in the defense of their

homeworld. A fierce people whose warrior drive exceeded that of the Romulans,

it was only the Romulans' greater resources and technology that won them the

day." (LUG)

The world of Quatel is home to a native humanoid species, barely out of its

own Ice Age, which is quickly subjugated by the Romulans. The Quatellians

upon "the
Quatellians
their
Romulan
Romulan
and
demand
sale

offer no resistance; instead, they are fearful and look with awe
great gods from the sky." By the end of the 23rd century the
will be thoroughly integrated into the Empire, and quite content with
lot of being the "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for their
masters. Many will also go offworld to work as domestic servants in
households in many worlds across the Empire. Quatellian gemstones
jewelry, noted for its excellence and fine workmanship, will be in
almost everywhere, and the wealth they earn from the manufacture and
of these also helps them remain content with their lot. (LUG)

c1865 Among the other species conquered by the Romulans during this time
are the
other's throats,
atomic.
in the face
wholesale
headquarters
three
ancient hatreds
albeit as
benefited

Xhuj and the Noulleri, who when first discovered "were at each
engaging in all manner of warfare from covert to overt, chemical to
Their hatred for each other was so great that they could not unify
of interstellar opposition, and continued on their path towards
destruction. The superior Romulan forces destroyed the military
of both species and removed their threat to each other. Within
generations of oversight on the Xhuj-Noulleri homeworld, their
existed only in legends and the two lived together in harmony -
Romulan vassals." (LUG)
[NOTE - intended to tie in with the TNG statement that some cultures
under Romulan oversight and supervision.]

1875 By this date the Romulan Confederation has colonized 27 worlds lying
in the
region of
by the
in this
direction]

general direction of the galactic core. (FASA)
According to one legend, a long-range Romulan expedition to the
space later known as the Treaty Exploration Territory is wiped out
Andorians around this time, thus discouraging further such efforts
direction.
(novel THE DEVIL'S HEART)
[NOTE: Might explain why the Romulans never expanded in this

c1897 Start of the Romulan Civil War. This is sparked by growing dissatisfaction with government policies regarding its new territories and who should control them. It begins with a failed coup attempt, after which the involved factions begin openly using their private armies and what government resources they control against each other. (LUG, modified)
[NOTE: Three years prior to the founding of the Empire, per THE WAY OF D'ERA]

A successful military coup on Romulous this year overthrows the current praetor and his government. There will be civil war on the planet and on its neighbor, Remus, for the next three years, leaving the Empire in the care of its regional governors. The factions fighting each other are known as the Traditionalists and the Young Militarists - so called because of their political leanings. (LUG)

Some of the battles fought by the Young Militarists over the next three years will be so remarkable that their tactics will still be analyzed in Romulan military training even in modern times. (LUG)

c1900 The undeclared civil war at the heart of the Romulan Star Empire ends this year with the assassination of the current praetor and the ascension of Admiral Valkis (a descendant of Tellus) to the praetorship. A native of Remus and leader of the Young Militarists, Valkis appoints many of his fellow admrials, generals, and other military leaders to the new Imperial Senate along with leaders of the Traditionalist families. This wise compromise gains him enough support among his old foes to end the fighting, ensuring a quick recovery for both sides. (LUG)
[NOTE - THE WAY OF D'ERA states this took place 350 years after the conquest of Remus; however, this is at odds with the FASA calendar. I have moved the dates for the civil war and the ascension of Valkis back so as to be in accordance with the FASA dates. Otherwise, the ascension of Valkis and the establishment of the Empire would happen three decades or so AFTER the Earth-

Romulan war!]

The Romulan Confederation changes its name to the Romulan Star Empire, or

Latasm Stelai Rom'lnz.

(FASA, SFTM)

[NOTE: This marks the end of the Confederation Era and the beginning of the Empire Era, according to some historians of Romulan culture.]

Around this time the Romulan Confederation has expanded to 73 colonies and

27 other worlds subjugated by direct conquest. (FASA)

It is around this time that the poet Japell composes the Tel'laa'vor, the great epic poem that details the early history of the Romulans - from the

Great Schism on Vulcan, through the Journey and arrival on Romulus, to the conquest of Remus and the early decades of Romulan expansion among the stars.

In future years it becomes required reading at all schools, and every Romulan child will know the gist of the tale of the Tel'laa'vor by heart.

It will inspire many other artistic works. Almost all Romulans treat its tale of their past as gospel - if not divinely inspired - and its narrative of their history will rarely be questioned. In later years a dramatized version of the Tel'laa'vor, the Romul'aad, will be performed as part of the annual celebration commemorating the First Footfall of the Departed on ch'Rivan.

(LUG, TRW)

The Imperial Academy of the Arts is already in existence by this date, located

in the city of Kromtar Trel.

By this date the planetary government of Romulus has a new capital city -

Val'danadex Trel. Over the following centuries it will grow to become the largest metropolis on the surface of Romulus. (LUG)

It is probably around this time that the Romulans quit using most of the spaceport

facilities at Kanassarum on Romulus. This is due largely to two reasons. One,

most of the "action" with regards to space exploration has moved off-world. Two,

it has become more practical to build and park starships in orbit rather than to land them. What port facilities at Kanassarum are maintained are largely for shuttlecraft and small ships. Most of the rest of this historic facility is eventually turned into a museum. (FASA)

1904 According to Romulan records, they are attacked at this time by the Corillians, a spacefaring civilization previously unknown to them. The Romulans suffer heavy losses in this initial encounter. The result is a six-month war, which the Romulans will win by sheer numbers. The Corillians, who are technically more advanced but less numerous in population, are the first spacefaring culture to be conquered by the Romulan Star Empire. (FASA)

1904 Learning from their war with the Corillians, the Romulan Star Empire begins an 80-year period of consolidation and strengthening of its exsiting borders. Only a handful of exploration efforts are carried out during this time - all of which are directed spinward. (FASA)
[NOTE: One might call it the Second Age of Expansion]

c1940 Sometime during this era, give or take a decade or two, the ancestors of the Kassus family will conquer the worlds of Devorren and Kallor, "bringing them into the Romulan fold." (LUG)

Also, around this time, a massive defense complex and supply base is built by the Romulans in order to better control and coordiante the Empire's activites in its newly acquired territories and colony worlds. Originally known as the Southern Defense Complex, it will be renamed the Central Defense Complex once the Klingons are encountered and a second such complex built to help defend against them. (FASA)

1971 The Romulans colonize the planet Ysail.
(TOS novel HONOR BLADE by Diane Duane, author of THE ROMULAN WAY)

c1990 At this time, the Romulan Star Empire has 216 colony worlds. (FASA)

II and The Romulans conduct their first survey of the planet Delta Kindah find it inhabited. The Romulans debate the significance of these findings

for several years before deciding on a colonization-by-force effort.
(FASA, implied) <Tor, adjusted>

2000 The second Romulan scout ship to visit Delta Kindah, the L'Sattak, finds the planet already occupied by the Klingons. First contact between these two interstellar powers is short-lived, with the Klingons promptly blasting the Romulan ship out of the sky after it fails to surrender. The L'Sattak is destroyed, but not before it sends an emergency signal to the "colonization" fleet that was 20 solar days behind it. (FASA) <Tor, adjusted>

A Romulan task force obliterates the Klingon garrison on Delta Khindah II, claiming prior ownership from a previous planetary survey (whose ship the Klingons had conveniently destroyed). This incident kicks off the First Klingon-Romulan War. (FASA)

2003 Kingon forces crush Romulan resistance at two key border outposts, forcing a Romulan withdraw from the disputed border areas. The Romulans take heavy losses in the fight; however, Emperor Kahless is killed as he leads his forces in the final offensive. With him ends the revived House Riskadh and brings to a final end the First Line of Klingon Emperors. (FASA modified)

The First Klingon-Romulan War grinds down over the next three years. Klingons become too absorbed in their own internal problems to press the border issue, yet the Romulans are unable to regain their lost border outposts.

Infrequent skirmishes will still be fought along the border for years to come.
(FASA) <Tor, adjusted>

1474 2009 The Romulans once again resume their exploration and colonization efforts. This time, however, their efforts are directed rimward - towards the area of space later known as the Triangle - or the Avastam, as they will term it. This marks the beginning of a 40-year period of cautious expansion for the Romulans back towards the Klingon Empire. (FASA)

c1475 c2010 It is probably around this time that the Romulans begin work on the Southern

Defense Complex - the second of two massive defense complexes within its space.

These are in essence heavily industrialized and fortified worlds completely

controlled and operated by the Empire's military arm - designed to supply, control,

and coordinate Romulan colony worlds and activities. Like its predecessor, the

now-renamed Central Complex, the Southern Complex has its own extensive network

of defensive systems and its own garrison fleet to protect it against any attack.

Two more will later be planned - one beyond Kalabestaz and one near the Triangle -

but no actual work will have begun as of 2300. (FASA)

c1499 c2034 The Romulans develop workable artificial gravity systems. (LUG?)

1514 c2047 The Nausicaans are given spaceflight technology by the Romulans. (LUG, Ros)

[NOTE - Possibly to help them against the Klingons?]

c1490 c2045 It is probably during this time that the Romulans encounter the Taurhai, and

are stopped from expanding along the spinward side of the galaxy.

The Taurhai

effectively form the "back wall" of the Empire. (LUG)

1516 2049 End of the Romulan expansion effort towards the Klingon border. The unclaimed

space between these two interstellar powers will become known in spacer's slang as

"the Triangle" due to its shape on a star map. To the Romulans it is known as the

Avastam (lit. "the Wedge"). It is an area where no major interstellar power holds

sway, and where dozens of smaller powers fend for themselves while caught between

the proverbial rock and hard place. Both the Romulans and Klingons will tolerate

the existence of the Triangle for a variety of reasons - not all benevolent.

(FASA)

1528 2051 At least one of the new Nausicaan raiders will make it as far as the Sol System,

setting up a hidden base and preying on local Terran vessels. Its origins, along

with those of its crew, will remain a mystery to humanity for a century.

(Swf, modified)

1537 2069 The last of the Earth-Kzin Wars ends in utter defeat for the Kzinti. The

subsequent Treaty of Sirius deprives them of their once-vast
interstellar empire and turns its keeping over to the United Earth. This newly
acquired space is called the Treaty Exploration Territory, and vastly expands
the borders of the still-young Federation. Unknown to them, it also
expands the sphere of influence of the United Earth to the edges of Romulan-
controlled space. (TAS "The Slaver Weapon," STM, FSC, Ros)
eventually [NOTE: Important in establishing how the Federation and humanity
encountered the Romulans.]

c1540 c2075 By this time tensions between the Romulans and Klingons have
escalated to the point that an undeclared war is being fought between their border
fleets. Many skirmishes are fought within the Triangle and on its edges.
This will escalate to the point that the Klingons will have to withdraw their
token forces from Rigel the following year to aid in the effort - leaving
it open to subsequent annexation by the Terrans and their allies years
later. (FASA, STM implied)

1541 2076 The Klingons withdraw their symbolic forces from Rigel because they
are needed to reinforce the border with the Romulans due to growing tension and
incidents. The Orions are not sorry to see them go. They throw their Klingon
"governor" a farewell party that will be the stuff of legend within the tales
of his House in years to come, although word of it can never be officially
released for obvious reasons. (FASA modified plus some conjecture on my part)
Orion slaves [NOTE: I threw this in here because of Ford's reference to female
explain how within the Empire in "The Final Reflection." I wanted a way to
official certain Klingons found out about the allure of Orion women when the
reports claimed the Rigel system had little of value per FASA.]

1549 2084 Armed with Romulan technology, warlord Rr'tak'ma creates the short-
lived Nausicaan Empire. (LUG, Ros modified)
Romulan [NOTE: Mine is the surmise that Rr'tak'ma's success was due to
intervention]

1554 2089 The Federation first encounters the Vegan Tyranny. (Blish, Dxn, Ros)
from [NOTE: The subsequent war with the Vegans will keep the Federation
some exploring the newly acquired Treaty Exploration Territory for quite
decades.] time - thus keeping them and the Romulans apart for the next few

2124 The Romulans develop a fusion-powered FTL drive not unlike that
developed on many other worlds. (Min)

2129 The Romulans establish a small colony on the planet Chaltok. (Min)

1597 2132 The United Earth starship UES Carrizal is sent on a long-duration
surve mission to explore the outer rim of Federation Territory. Among the star
systems it intends to survey are the Tomed, Zeta Reticuli, Cheron, and Romii
systems.
(Min, adjusted)
[NOTE: Min's date pushed back six years to better fit with TRW and
making some allowance for travel times, early Federation warp drives, and
the large stellar distances involved.]

1599 2134 The Carrizal enters the Romii star system as part of its routine
survey and contact mission, and almost immediately discovers it to be
inhabited. It
and beams somehow evades the Romulan satellite warning and defensive system
radio first contact messages to both Romulus and Remus. The fearful
and xenophobic Romulans do not respond. The Carrizal then scans both
worlds from orbit and then departs the system, leaving the Romulans
thoroughly shaken. They promptly decide to take action so that such an
incident will never happen again. (TRW)

1600 2135 The Romulans establish a colony on the planet of Sotarek. (Min)

1602 2137 The United Earth starship UES Balboa enters the Romii star system,
following up on the survey reports of the UES Carrizal. It is accompanied,
from a distance, by the UES Stone Mountain, which has remained outside the
system "in case something goes wrong." It does. The Balboa is promptly
destroyed by the massed fire of particle beam cannons from "at least fifty"
newly

the built Romulan vessels. The Stone Mountain, promptly responding to
attack Balboa's distress signal, is so severely damaged in the subsequent
having that its entire crew dies within minutes - the ship's atmosphere
of the vented into space from multiple hull punctures. This was the intent
both Romulans all along, as it turned out, who had planned on capturing
resulted in ships and were chagrined when their initial attack on the Balboa
successful, its destruction. Their attack on the Stone Mountain is more
hailed though, from their point-of-view. The lifeless wreck is promptly
and the down to the surface of Romulus, its techonolgy reverse-engineered,
remains of its crew thoroughly studied. (TRW, FSC, SFB)

The Romulans establish a large colony on the planet Qualor II. (Min)
[NOTE: Qualor II first mentioned in TNG "Unification"]

1606 2141 The Federation's new starbase program officially kicks off with the
completion of Starbase 1 at the exact stellar center of Federation territory.
From this year onward, 1-2 more starbases will be built every year at
strategic points in Federation space, culminating in Starbase 10 -- the last
completed before the war. The program will not resume until after war's end. (SFC,
FASA, SFTM)

1608 2143 A Vulcan explorer ship, the T'sannu, disappears on a mission to the
Romii star system. It will not be learned until after the war that it was
shot down and studied by the Romulans. (Min, adapted)
sundered [NOTE: Thus explaining how the Romulans learned that their long-
sent enemies, the "logical" Vulcans, were part of the same group that had
T'sannu the Carrizal, Balboa, and Stone Mountain. In my interpretation, the
drawing was sent by the Vulcans after they had studied the Carrizal reports,
Mountain.] their own conclusions from the loss of both the Balboa and Stone

with each According to some historians, Vulcan and Romulan ships will clash
Romulan War" other repeatedly over the next ten years. This so-called "Vulcan-

achieves little save to prove the growing hostility of the Romulans towards anyone, even their long-sundered kin. Little, if any, of this ever appears in official records of other spacefaring cultures of the region in this era. (LUG, heavily modified)
[NOTE: Roughly 300 years after the founding of the Empire, per THE WAY OF D'ERA. Once the dates are reconciled with FASA's, this "war" falls nicely into the period of conflict immediately preceeding the Romulan War. To that end I have retconned LUG's data, making this a side conflict that both sides kept out of the limelight, each for their own reasons. It also fits nicely with some of the data from the STAR TREK Minutae website for the same reason. LUG's "wormhole war" went pretty much into the dustbin, where it belongs]

1609 2144 A military coup overthrows the current Romulan government. Valkis XIV is deposed and assassinated. Karzan, a puppet of the military, is named Praetor. The Romulan colony worlds of Chaltok and Sotarek, supporters of Valkis, are occupied and placed under martial law. The new government promises a return to the old ways, waging war without end against the new threat posed by the humans of Earth and their Vulcan allies.
(Min modified, LUG heavily modified, SFTM)
[NOTE: Praetor Karzan comes from SFTM.]

The Terran ore carrier SS Atlas is attacked by parties unknown, its crew killed, its cargo stolen, and the ship destroyed in an effort to hide all traces. After it fails to arrive at its destination, the Terran agricultural colony in sector 5D, the Atlas is listed as missing.
(SFC, FASA, FSC)

The Terran freighter SS Muleskinner disappears without a trace while on a supply run through the outers edge of Federation space, a victim of the Romulans - possibly for the same reasons as the Atlas. (SFC, FASA)

At a special session of the Romulan Senate, the Romulans discuss the recent forays of "strange" starships into the Empire. At first some believe this to be a Klingon deception, but newly decoded data from the T'sannu seems to

prove otherwise. It appears that these newcomers, the Terrans,
together with their old enemies, the Vulcans, are expanding their territory in the
direction of the Romulans. Remembering their dealings with the
Corillians and Klingons, and over the objections of Praetor Karzan, the Romulan
Senate votes overwhelmingly in favor of war. No negotiations of any kind
are to be attempted in the meantime, in the hope that the sudden and abrupt
destruction of any intruding Terran ships might force them to abandon the
border. The piracy ruse will be continued until the Romulans have built up
overwhelming strength along the border for an out-and-out offensive deep into the
heart of Terran space. Karzan has no choice but to go along with his
generals, knowing from his intelligence reports that his people are willfully
committing themselves to a grand war that they could very well lose,
given the sheer volume of space involved, should it last too long.
(SFC, FASA adapted, Min adapted, SFTM adapted, FSC)
[NOTE: I am drawing a deliberate parallel between Karzan and a
famous figure from Earth history -- Admiral Isokoru Yamamoto, Imperial Japanese
Fleet, World War II.]

1610 2145 The recorder marker of the SS Atlas is successfully recovered from
its wreckage by the Terran cruiser USS Intrepid (Messier class). It
contains not only a complete transcript of the attack but the first image
ever recorded by a Terran starship of a Romulan vessel - including its
distinctive "bird-of-prey" markings on its lower hull. It will
later be established that the Atlas was destroyed for accidentally
wandering into Romulan territory. (SFC, FASA modified) <FSC, Timo>
The civilian freighter SS Amaretto, operating within Federation
territory, is attacked by "pirates." It is severely damaged but neither destroyed
or captured. Instead, it is rescued by a squadron of four Federation
destroyers that happened to be in the area at the time and responded to its
distress call.
The "pirates" immediately break contact and flee the scene without a
fight, ignoring all hails and successfully escaping pursuit.

1611 2146 Tranome Sar, the first forward outpost in the Romulan Empire's
planned war of
(Min) conquest against the Federation, is established as a military colony.

The Delta VII colony is wiped out by the Romulans (SFC, FASA)
era.] [NOTE: First of several major Romulan massacres in the pre-war

Federation A total of 36 unarmed warp-driven message probes are launched by
establish starships into the uncharted space beyond Delta VII in an effort to
No some means of communication with the "pirates" plaguing the border.
FASA) contact is made, and none of the probes are ever recovered. (SFC,

1612 2147 The Dinai Station Massacre. All inhabitants and visitors at a
Federation border space station are killed "by persons or persons unknown," the
station's cargo stores looted, and the station itself stripped of all items of
value.
The lifeless hulk is then left adrift. (ENT novel #3, adapted)

1613 2148 Humans establish a permanent trading colony on Rigel IV, at the very
edge of the Federation Treaty Exploration Territory. [SFC, STM, FASA, LUG]

1614 2149 Starbase 10 is completed by the Federation (TOS, SFC/FASA modified)
operations [NOTE: SFC and FASA claim that Starbase 3 was the main base of
"The Deadly against the Romulans. This would actually be Starbase 10, per TOS
document.) Years" and as shown on the charts of STM. It is so adjusted in this
The Romulans launch their first early Warbird and Snipe class craft.
(SFB)

1615 2150 Unknown to the Federation, the Romulans cross their shared border
and establish a secret outpost on a barely habitable planet in a nearby
star system. The planet will later be named Charvon (Federation Cheron),
after the Romulan general who will claim it in the name of the Empire after
the war begins. In the meantime, it becomes the main supply base for all of
the so-called "pirate" activity that takes place along the border for the
next 12 years. Its existence will remain hidden from the Federation until
the

outbreak of the war. (SFC, FASA, SFC, Min modified) <FSC>

Terran The Romulans lay a minefield around Charvon just in case any stray ships stumble onto their hidden base. (ENT, modified)

halted due Construction of Starbase 11 in Federation space begins. It will be to the outbreak of hostilities with the Romulans. It will not be completed until after the war.

1616 2151 On May 4, the spaceliner SS Diana is hijacked by "pirates," later learned to be a Romulan raiding party. They massacre all 200 passengers and crew, killing them to the last man, woman, and child. Even pets are killed -- in the event that any might be sentient and thus testify to the act. The ship stripped of anything salvageable, and the corpse-laden wreck set adrift. This is held second only to the bombing of the Alpha-Omega as the worst Romulan atrocity in history committed against the Federation. (SFC & FASA modified) <FSC> [NOTE: Adjusted one year from FASA date to better fit with canon dating.]

1617 2152 Several programs that are part of the Federation's Galactic Cultural Exchange program are postponed indefinitely, due to both lack of interest and "the fear of pirates attacking shipping" in the Treaty Exploration Territory. (SFC, FASA)

base for The planet Devron is occupied by the Romulans as another advance their planned war against the Federation. (Min)

Charvon. A Federation patrol ship blunders into the Romulan minefield around the ship. The ship receives a message in the clear warning them away, and that system has been claimed "in the name of the Romulan Empire." The ship is eventually able to clear the minefield and leave the system unscathed. This is the first official contact that the Federation has with the Romulans. The encounter does much to explain the so-called "pirate" activity that has been happening on the border of the Treaty Territory for the past decade. (ENT "Minefield," but adapted for this timeline)

Romulans - [NOTE: First official communication EVER that Earth has with the
whose without them destroying the recipient, of course - regardless of
chronology or continuity you're following.]
have [ASIDE: The Terranglo universal translators at this point appear to
Terranglo been translating Romulan, based on archaic Vulcan, into its nearest
equivalent - which was Latin. Both sides, Terran and Romulan,
quickly picked up on the historical and cultural parallels between the Romulans and
the culture of ancient Imperial Rome on Earth. Thus, Romulan terms are
almost always translated into their Latin equivalents even today, and even
the Romulans encourage drawing the parallels between their culture and
Earth's Rome. All this because of a chance quirk in a universal translator
in 2152! My interpretation, anyway]

The first Gorn-Romulan War begins. [SFB]
Starfleet's 155 Combat Squadron is caught in a surprise Romulan
attack on the still-unfinished Outer Sector Defense Outpost 4. The Romulans
leave the unfinished base alone to concentrate on the starships docked there,
and manage eleven of the squadron's twelve vessels before they withdraw.
Romulan losses were believed to be "very light." The only survivor of the sneak
attack is the badly damaged Cavalry class destroyer USS Carronade. (SFC, FASA)

1618 2153 New Year's Day celebrations on Earth are rudely interrupted by new
of the loss of the 155th Combat Squadron. Shortly thereafter, the Carronade
arrives in Earthspace, her damaged hull bearing witness to the ferocity of the
attack. Even more important are the ship's sensor logs and eyewitness
testimony of the crew, along with its intercepts of Romulan subspace battle
communications. For the first time, Starfleet now has a clear picture of who, what,
and where the Romulans are. (SFC, FASA)

Romulan The United Nations Star Fleet of Terra goes on alert because of the
This is threat existing at the edges of the Treaty Exploration Territory.

of the the first time that the whole fleet has gone on alert since the end War with the Vegan Tyranny. The fleets of its allies are likewise mobilized. (SFC modified, FASA modified, STM, EOM, FSC)

another Near the end of the year (December), the Romulans secretly establish advance base in the Tomed system. They now have a line of advance bases all along - and sometimes just inside - their shared border with the Federation. (Min)

1619 2154 Federation history records its first disappearance of a Federation-registered craft in the Cicadia sector, in the vicinity of the Taurean system. At the time, the disappearance is attributed to the Romulans. No one will notice, for the next century or so, that these disappearances will recur, like clockwork, every 27.346 solar years. (TAS "The Lorelei Incident")

1620 2155 The Gorn lose the first Gorn-Romulan War in a crushing defeat, that later human historians will dub "Gorn-Shima." Also, by this time, there is a state of effective detente with the Klingon Empire. The way is now clear for the Romulans to focus all their strength on attacking the Federation. [SFB, FASA] <FSC>

to go to Treaty Exploration Territory border sectors 1-4 and 7-10 are forced incursions. Code 1 Alert status due to a sharp increase in "pirate" border (SFC modified, FASA modified)

destroyed by The newly built Starbase 10, located in the Delta II system, is a Romulan sneak attack involving seven cruisers. The local sector fleet that was supposed to be protecting the station, the 159th Combat Squadron under the command of Tonsum Han, is instead out "on maneuvers" conducting war games exercises. Commodore Han is court-martialed and drummed out of the service over the debacle. (SFC/FASA, modified per canon) [NOTE: According to TOS "The Deadly Years," Starbase 10 was the closest to the Neutral Zone.]

vessels Starfleet orders a Mobilization Alert of all its forces, with combat
Transport deployed to their forward stations. As part of this, a Zone of
being supplied Escort is established in the Treaty Zone, with military escorts
begin to all vessels carrying "priority cargoes." Federation patrol ships
Zone, to act taking up picket positions along the extreme edges of the Treaty
 as a tripwire in the event of war. (SFC, FASA) <FSC>

Romulan ships Starfleet's new stance garners almost immediate results. Two
The are intercepted and surrounded by Starfleet's 123rd Combat Squadron.
self-destruct, Romulans wait for them to close for a boarding action before they
other taking out four Starfleet destroyers with them and damaging several
will be to surviving ships. As a result of this, Starfleet's standing orders
capture. destroy any damaged Romulan ships without any attempt at boarding or
face-to-face. This will help prevent the two sides from ever officialy meeting
 (FASA modified)

 The Romulans begin mobilizing their fleet. (TboT#1, modified)
action?] [NOTE: Starbase 10 attack meant to blind Federation to this

made to go to At a high-level meeting of Earth and its allies, the decision is
attacks. war with the Romulans should they fail to cease their unwarranted
 (FASA modified)

situation" is The first comprehensive report on the Romulans and the "Romulan
universities put together by Starfleet Command, in conjunction with leading
especially with and scientific versions. There is much that remains lacking,
made public, regards to the Romulans themselves. A slightly edited version is
Starfleet with all of the intel gaps intact - plus a few redactions to protect
 interests. <FSC>

===== THE ROMULAN WAR (i.e. the Earth-Romulan War, "the War," et al
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[NOTE TO SELF: Use dates developed for FSC Volume 7 and Supplements
B1 & B2

for the war whenever possible, but subtract two years to match canon dates.

Other dates from FSC B1 and B2 can probably be left as is, with the occasional concession to the Okuda dating scheme.]

1621 2156 By this date, the United Earth Starfleet has lost 15 of its most powerful military starships to Romulan ambushes and sneak attacks - eleven older Messier class cruisers, and four of the newer Triton class. Another fifteen UES craft of smaller classes, along with a larger proportion of Andorian patrol ships and Tellarite merchantmen, have either been destroyed or captured and stripped of anything useable. <Timo>

The Federation starship Endeavor encounters a Romulan craft "in the open" at Gamma Hydra IV. (LUG)

On 16 June, a lone Romulan cruiser in the Eta Leonis system is intercepted and given a warning of impending war, then allowed to go on its way unmolested. (FASA modified)

Start of the Romulan War, which will last for four years - 14 October 2156 to 12 September 2162, Terran Gregorian calendar. (TOS "Balance of Terror," "The Enterprise Incident;" TNG "The Neutral Zone," "Unification;" SFTM, SFC, LUG, FASA, et al.) [NOTE: Canon dates, per the Okuda chronology. For those who prefer the old-school fandom interpretation, see my own FSC, Supplement B1, "The Romulans (Part 1)."]

The opening act of the Romulan War is the destruction of the Terran Cavalry class destroyer UES Patton, which had been on picket duty and just happened to be in the path of the invading armada. The Patton is promptly destroyed, but not before it manages to send a short distress signal - thus alerting Terra and its allies to the Romulan invasion. (SFC modified, FASA modified, FSC)

A Federation fleet which had been dispatched to deal with the Romulan base at Cheron is itself surprised by the Romulan's massive invasion fleet. The

humans are no match for the Romulan's massed firepower and all of their ships are destroyed in a matter of minutes. The Romulans then proceed with their invasion of Federation space. (LUG)

Federation forces defending the Treaty Exploration Territory are split in two by the Romulan massed wave offensive, consisting of "several thousand" ships of all types. Romulan forces promptly split in two. The bulk of the fleet continues its drive to the Federation inner systems, while a second group under the personal leadership of Fleet Commander Decius pursues what is left of the Federation's border fleet. His ultimate target, and their desperate destination, is the Rigel system - the nexus of commerce and trade for that part of space for millenia and key to Romulan designs in holding on to their conquests. (SFC/FASA, TRW) <FSC>

The strategic location of the Triangle, a pocket of space adjoining the borders of the Federation, the Romulans, and the as-then-unknown Klingons, first gains Federation interest during the war. Starfleet Intelligence picks up numerous communication intercepts from that region, leading them to believe - and correctly, as it later turns out - that the Romulans are using the Triangle as a key supply area for their invasion forces. (FASA modified)

The fourty-odd Siebel class troop transports built for the UES "proved themselves in assorted support roles during the Romulan War [but] ... seldom saw the kind of action they had been designed for ... ground combat played a minimal role in the Romulan conflict in any case." <Timo> [NOTE - This is an uprated version of ENT's main titles "delta transport." Included for those who wanted it represented in this timeline.]

1622 2157 The main Romulan invasion fleet is halted just short of the vital Federation inner systems in a three-day slugfest later dubbed the Battle of Hell's Gate, so named for the spectacular system of nebulas in which the battle was fought.

ships are The Romulans are forced to retreat once all of their major capital
destroyed, depriving them of command and fleet control capabilities.
<FSC, Mas modified w/ permission>

Romulans A number of outdated Djartana class destroyers help to hold the
these at Pallas XIV. This will be the only major combat action in the war
slow and obsolete vessels will ever see. (FASA modified) <Timo>

"cylinder Also making their debut at the Battle of Hell's Gate is the humans'
fact fully ship fleet." These deceptively simplistic-looking vessels are in
rapidly armed, armored, and warp-capable warships, designed to be built as
the Romulans as possible. Their presence helps turn the tide of battle against
Romulans will and force their eventual retreat. This is the closest that the
during the ever come to the Federation's inner systems. Their heyday will be
permission> Romulan War, after which most will be scrapped. <Mas, modified w/
permission>

Treaty The Battle of Rigel stops the Romulans in their drive to tear the
keeps the Zone borders wide open. Unknown to Terra and her allies, it also
- as Klingon Empire, then unknown to them, from being drawn into the war
it lies in the unexplored space beyond the border at Rigel.
(SFC modified, FASA modified, FSC)

1624 2159 The Battle of the Clouds. Admiral Larson's task force stumbles
across a major Romulan supply base, previously undiscovered, in the
Triangulum Australe region of the border. Hidden inside a series of dense
nebulas (i.e "the clouds") it is the Romulan's key point of resupply and
repair for that part of the occupied zone. It also catches dozens of
Romulan warships docked at the base, either being repaired or loading
stores. In the violent battle that follows, the base and almost all Romulan
ships present or in the area are destroyed, with only minimal losses
sustained by Larson's forces. Many later historians will see this as the
turning point of the Romulan War. (FASA) <SFC, Timo modified>

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Among the UES starships lost in the Battle of the Clouds are the Messier class cruisers Halsey (CA-141) and Yamamoto (CA-147). Their other sister ship in the fight, the Gorshkov (CA-143), survived its escort frigate. <Timo modified>
[NOTE: Timo's take on the battle is, well, unique, but I have ship names and some of his ideas.]

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The last major battle of the Romulan War is fought at the planet Cheron as it is mistranslated by the Federation), so named after the commander who first captured it for the Empire. Almost all Romulan present are wiped out in a fierce firefight with a fleet led by Admiral Alexander Hamilton, commanding the Marshall-class destroyer Hannibal. The way is now open into the heart of the Romulan Empire, Hamilton's own losses are too heavy for him to press immediate (SFC, FASA, FSC)

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minute." (LUG)

The Romulan account of the Battle of Cheron reads quite differently that of the Federation. "Human trickery lured the Romulan fleet and obliterated it with overwhelming force warped in at the last minute." (LUG)

formally ends

The Treaty of Alpha Trianguli, negotiated by subspace radio, the Romulan War.
(TOS "Balance of Terror," TRW, SFTM, FSC)

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The signing of the Paris Charter revamps the Federation into the confederation as we know it today.
(TNG "The Drumhead," "The Outcast")

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Not all human prisoners are returned at the end of the war. A small significant number are secretly retained. Their children will be Romulans. Some are genetically modified to resemble them, although retain their weaker physical structure. From these come both the "prince" and "princeling" stocks of the Romulan aristocracy and the best Federation undercover operatives.

FRONTIER) (novels THE PRICE OF THE PHOENIX, THE FATE OF THE PHOENIX, FINAL

redefined The Qualor system becomes part of the Federation as the border is
habitable by creation of the Neutral Zone. In years to come, its only major
world, Qualor II, will become a major Starfleet storage depot.
(TNG "Power Play," "Unification")

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c2161 "The Federation Wars ended, the Romulan Praetorial system is
rearranged,
-2200 establishing a council of representatives and a less-centralized
power.
in The council will rule for nearly 40 years, during which the Romulans
cultures will know prosperity and scientific advancements will be unmatched
their history. The standard of living will improve, Romulan
will flourish, and there will be talk of approaching the U.F.P. to
open relations. But during this period the Romulans will be
attacked by a civilization on the opposite side of U.F.P. space (the Gorns?) and
(too sudden, heavy losses will be suffered. The council will be blamed
and much peace, not enough preparedness). The council will be dissolved
the Praetorship re-established, with one individual again in power
[GN 3].

1627 2162 By July of this year, the period of withdrawal by the Federation
from the new Neutral Zone as declared in the Treaty of Alpha Trianguli comes to
an end.
Zone. If From this time forward, no Federation warship may enter the Neutral
terms of it does so, it can be attacked and destroyed without warning per the
the treaty. (SFTM, FASA)

Starfleet's chain of manned and unmanned outpost and monitor
stations along the Federation side of the Neutral Zone becomes operational. (FASA)

The Klingons resume raids on the Romulan border, with the latter
weakened by its long struggle in the Romulan War. (FASA)

Over the next decade or so, the Klingons and Romulans will wage an
undeclared border war. The Klingons are trying to take advantage of the war-
weakened

Romulans in an attempt to expand their empire. They underestimate the Romulans, however, and suffer some severe initial setbacks. Among these is the loss of the Othan system, which is occupied and ruthlessly exploited by the Romulans. It was said (and still is by the Othans) that the Klingons fled the system, leaving Otha Prime wide open to invasion. It is something that the Othans will never forget. (LUG, modified)

1628 2163 Assassination of former Federation Senator Abraham Dannon, the man who helped negotiate the Treaty of Alpha Triangui. (FASA)

1630 2165 A new class of Romulan sub-light shuttle enters service. [SFB, adjusted]

1631 2166 Starbase 12, the first Federation starbase built after the end of the Romulan War, enters service. Its first commander is Admiral Uttan Narsu. (TNG "Power Play")

1633 2168 The rebuilding of Starbase 10, destroyed just prior to the start of the Earth-Romulan War, is completed. (SFC/FASA, modified per canon)
[NOTE: According to TOS "The Deadly Years," Starbase 10 was the closest to the Neutral Zone.]

1635 2170 By this date, 17 Federation vessels have penetrated the Neutral Zone for one reason or another, and none have returned. All are presumed destroyed. It is thought that the Romulans have established a series of border outpost stations like those deployed by Starfleet along their side of the Neutral Zone, which warn of intruding ships and direct Romulan warships to intercept them. (FASA)

1639 2174 The Second Gorn-Romulan War begins. The Romulans are at a decided disadvantage, since their warp drive technology has not advanced much beyond that used during the Earth-Romulan War due largely to economic reasons. (SFB)

1640 2175 The Cataract class cruiser enters service. (Mas)

1643 2178 "On the outskirts of Romulan space, the Romulan cruiser "Scorah" under the command of Primus Oran, takes aboard a Gullrey spacecraft. The Rey emotion-projecting abilities drive the crew insane. The entire ship is

lost with all hands except for Subcenturion Valdus Ionis Zorokove
who escapes by life pod."
[TOS novel "The Great Starship Race"] <Dxn>

1644 2179 The Gorn use specially trained deep-penetration commando groups,
called Vanguard Teams (in Standard Terranglo) to sabotage or destroy most
Romulan warp drive research facilities. These efforts are for the most part
successful. As a result, the Romulans continue to lag behind all
other major spacefaring races in the Alpha and Beta quadrants that possess
faster-than-light technology. (SFB)
A Gorn Vanguard Team manages to destroy a major warp research
facility on the Romulan homeworld. As later reported by Romulan dissidents,
"upwards of 10,000 people" are killed in the blast, and the conducting of such
research near major population centers is quickly outlawed. This is a major
setback for Romulan warp research. Although it resumes within a few years,
it will never be able to build a workable matter-antimatter containment
system, like those used by their neighbors, until they gain access to Klingon
technology in the late 23rd century. <Dxn>

1645 2180 The Gorn win the Second Gorn-Romulan War. (SFB)

1648 2183 First contact occurs between the Romulans and the inhabitants of the
planet Gullrey. "The results are disastrous." (novel THE
GREAT STARSHIP RACE)

1649 2184 The Romulans perfect a new type of magnetic bottle containment for
their faster-than-light drives. This will be used in all Romulan FTL
engines until more advanced types are obtained from the Klingons.
(LUG, modified, date adjusted)
[NOTE: 41 years after re-establishing contact with the Vulcans, per
THE WAY OF DERA. Fits fairly well with Masao's and SFB's postulations on
the state of Romulan warp technology around this time. Recovery from the
Vanguard Team attack?]

1651 2186 It has been reported that even by this date the Romulans had never
bothered with the possibilities of Q-ships - armed vessels disguised as
merchantmen -

deeming them a dishonorable way to fight. (SFB implied)

1653 2188 As part of a special side protocol of the Treaty of Alpha Trianguli, the Federation is forced to end its archaeological expedition to Temaris IV by this date. Temaris IV now lies in the Neutral Zone. The expedition was investigating the remains of an advanced civilization that once existed there - a civilization that might have had something to do with the mysterious black cylinder-shaped probe that showed up on the edges of Federation space twelve years ago, then went inert after recovery - a probe that appears to have originated in the Small Magellanic Cloud outside the galaxy. (SFC, STIV, TOS novel "Probe") <FSC>
[NOTE: I first surmised in FSC that the SFC's mystery probe and the Whalesong Probe were sent by the same civilization. They were identical in all but relative sizes. This surmise has been generally accepted by fans since I first made it. This note is a logical extension of that surmise.]

Neutral Zone, The planet Charlemange (Aquila Scorpi IV), located within the is settled by Federation dissidents who reject the treaty with the Romulans. (FASA)

1655 2190 An interplanetary war in the Beta Cersus system, located within the Neutral Zone, threatens to draw in both the Federation and the Romulans. Both sides dispatch fleets to the area, although in the end neither gets involved. This incident will spur the Federation to fund a new wave of shipbuilding for Starfleet. (FASA)

1656 2191 The Romulans wrest control of the world of T'lach Kor away from the Klingons and turn it into a Romulan colony. <Dxn>

1657 2192 The Battle of Gestho involves a nearly successful attempt by the Klingons to attack and capture a Romulan station on an asteroid within the Omega Chottag system. Superior Romulan reinforcements eventually win the day, but not before the base is briefly occupied by the Klingons. <Dxn>

1659 2194 This year will mark the brief Romulan-Tholian War. It is the only time that these two powers will wage war on each other. The Romulans are the ones who provoke the war, and they are also the ones who abandon it within the year.
(SFB)

2195 The Romulans provoke the Third Gorn-Romulan war by attacking a Gorn outpost.
(SFB)

2197 The first major wave of Federation settlers to enter the Triangle begins.
(FASA) <Tor>

2219 Klingon activity along its shared border drops off appreciably. At the time,
-2223 the reasons for this are not understood. Later, Romulan spies within the Federation will report that the Klingons are involved with the Kinshaya in what will later be known as the Demon War. (FASA)

2201 Ending of the Third Gorn-Romulan War. (SFB)

2203 A young Romulan female named Dellas is born within the Empire. While still in her childhood, her entire family will be wiped out in a purge. Dellas grows to adulthood on the harsh penal world of Barbaros IV. Enlisting as a common soldier in the Romulan military, her unique background gives her the drive and ambition necessary to overcome her past and rise rapidly through the ranks. Some historians in later years will credit Dellas with the founding of the Tal Shiar, the Romulan government's most notorious black ops organization of the 23rd century. (novel ASSIGNMENT ETERNITY)

2220 The Romulan "Cracker" class cruiser enters service. It is believed, and later confirmed, that the warp drives used in this new type of starship are based on a stolen Federation design. <Mas>

The Romulans conduct their initial survey and colonization of the Tiber Sector. It contains 11 star systems, 5 of which have habitable planets. All of these will be settled by the Romulans, and their rich mineral and biological

equal resources will allow them to grow at such a pace that they will soon
tradition the Romulan home systems themselves in wealth and prestige - if not
important and history. The first of these worlds to be settled, and the most
in years to come, will be Tigelis VII. (LUG)

The Tiber Sector will also shortly become home to one of the
strongest and longest-lived space pirate operations inside Romulan borders, with
its main base located somewhere within the asteroid belt of the Roulean
system. (LUG)

The Klingon-Romulan border changes slightly. (FASA)

2211 The Romulans make several "intrusions" across the Neutral Zone as a
means of testing Federation resolve. Speaking on behalf of Vulcan,
Ambassador Sarek advocates peace. (novel THE ROMULAN WAY, per Eckert).
with FASA [NOTE: Eckert's date has been pushed back two years to better fit
positing data regarding the changing of the Klingon-Romulan border, and LUG's
of the Romulans being of an expansionist mind at this time.]

2224 Admiral Kethas, one of the few Thought Admirals (grand strategists)
within the Empire, is assassinated for collaborating with the Romulans. His
adopted son, although innocent of any wrongdoing, is forced to renounce his
father's house and adopt a new name. His new name is Krenn, a name that will make
itself known in the annals of the Empire within two decades. (FR modified)

2225 First border incident with the Romulan Star Empire in decades near
the Næderial system on the shared border between the two interstellar
powers. The thlog pagh Assault Fleet provokes the initial incident. (KA
modified)

Captain Chang, now in command of his own starship, "fights
brilliantly" against the Romulans as part of Lorak's vaunted Hegh yan Strike Fleet. His
actions will earn him several commendations during what the Klingons come to
call the N'derial Campaign. (KA)

2226 Open hostilities formally begin between the Klingons and Romulans
along their

shared border. The Romulans will lose many border systems to Klingon forces over the next few years due to the inferior warp technology of their starships.

(KA)

The Klingons conquer Beta Thoridor. (LUG)

2235 By this time Chang has succeeded Lorak as commander of the Hegh yan Strike

Fleet, fighting the Romulans and keeping Klingon borders secure. Lorak, in the meantime, has won himself a seat on the High Council. (KA)

2240 The Romulans invent the plasma torpedo, which will serve as the basis for all of their subsequent heavy weapons technology. <Tor>

2242 The Romulan F-2 Type 1 repair station enters service. (FASA) <Tor>

2243 The Romulan CS-2 Type 2 Graceful Flyer enters service. (FASA) <Tor>

The Klingons encounter cloaked Romulan ships for the first time. The Romulans have only just recently perfected the cloaking device, and is testing in in combat for the first time. <Tor>

2244 The Romulan S-3 gunboat enters service. In later years, it will be remembered primarily as being the design basis for the Klingon "Bird of Prey" frigate. (FASA) <Tor>
[NOTE - The Bird of Prey looks as it does because it was originally intended to be a Romulan vessel, per the STIII preproduction data. FASA retained this idea with its S-3 gunboat class, and it still fits well enough within "canon" materials to let it be.]

2245 The Romulan V-1 Vadaso Stelri class cruiser enters service. (FASA) <Tor>

2246 The Romulan T-2 Death Talon destroyer enters service. (FASA) <Tor>

2247 A squad of Romulans is involved in a terrorist incident on Vulcan itself, although this knowledge is suppressed by the Vulcans for reasons of their own. (novel VULCAN'S FORGE)
[NOTE: Suppressed for obvious reasons]

The Romulan V-4 Wing of Vengeance class starship enters service. (FASA) <Tor>

2248 The Seldonis IV Conventions on the treatment of prisoners of war is successfully negotiated by both the Federation and the Klingons. Although not a signatory at first, the Romulan Star Empire will eventually sign onto these by the end of the 23rd century. (LUG)

2250 Based on the results of successful combat operations against the Klingons, the Romulans begin a fleet-wide refit of their starships with the cloaking device. (FASA) <Tor>

Cloaked Romulan vessels begin practicing penetrations of Federation space across the Neutral Zone. Their official orders are only to observe; however, the occasional act of piracy is overlooked so long as its source cannot be traced. Many a Federation civilian starship will disappear along the edges of the Neutral Zone over the next two decades, usually a lone freighter or transport enroute to an isolated colony or border station. Their ultimate fates will remain mysteries for years. (FASA) <Tor>

2251 The Romulan S-4 Swiftwing enters service (FASA) <Tor>

The Romulan V-4 Type 2 class starship enters service. (FASA) <Tor>

2252 The Romulan P-3 Caladan class starship enters service. (FASA) <Tor>

2253 The Romulan J-4 class starship enters service. (FASA) <Tor>

The Romulan V-5 Skyfire class cruiser enters service. (FASA) <Tor>

2254 By this time, Klingon Thought Admiral Krador zantai Rrilac has distinguished himself in battle against the Romulans. He forms "a relationship of mutual respect" with General Moroch sutai Lackoi. (FASA) <Tor>

A second wave of settlers and traders from the Federation sweeps into Triangle space. This results in the largest trade boom in the region's history, which remains unmatched to this day. (FASA) <Tor>

The Romulan H-5 class starsihp enters service. (FASA) <Tor>

2255 In preparation for an all-out war with the Federation, the Klingons convince the Romulans to lend them aid and assistance in the founding of the Chal

survive the colony. Its genetically engineered population is designed to
or aftermath of the total destruction of a planet's surface by natural
artificial means, either on the planet or from orbit.
(novel THE ASHES OF EDEN)

starship This year marks the first sighting of a Romulan Graceful Flyer class
edge of by the Federation, as reported by a defense monitor satellite on the
the Neutral Zone. (FASA) <Tor>

2256 The Romulan I-4 class starship enters service. (FASA) <Tor>

2258 The following clases of Romulan starships enter service: J-8, V-8.
(FASA) <Tor>

results 2259 The end of the current tensions between the Federation and Klingons
enter in a new period of expansion for the Triangle. Federation ships now
problem for this area for the first time, officially - providing yet another
Romulan designs on the area. (FASA modified)

2260 The Federation Star Fleet sends a task force of five Larson class
destroyers on a sweep along the edge of the Neutral Zone towards the Triangle.
This is in response to a number of complaints from Federation citizens over
the past decade or so regarding mysterious ship disappearances and presumed
pirate activity. The Larsons will be close to completing their mission
when they will vanish in a previoiusly unexplored sector of space at the tip
of the Neutral Zone, near the Triangle. Not long after communications are
lost, a massive search-and-rescue effort is conducted by Star Fleet. All
that is ever found of the task force is a badly damaged warp nacelle from
the U.S.S. Alesia (NCC-4354), adrift in an asteroid cluster. The Federation
suspects that the Romulans ambushed the task force and destroyed it, but
never finds any direct proof. (FASA) <Tor>

2261 Birth of Saavik, the child of both Romulans and Vulcans, on the
planet Hellguard near the border of the Neutral Zone. <Dxn>

2262 The Romulans clentize Gentara (LUG)

2264 Romulan explorers arrive on Tedegarr, homeworld of the Tarquin. They occupy the planet, claiming it in the name of the Empire. The Tarquin, who are a cultured people akin to those of Earth's Italian Renaissance, as a whole do not mind the occupation, so long as they can continue to pursue the arts and liberal sciences in peace. Eventually, though, a small but highly vocal and active resistance will spring up - in the best liberal tradition, of course, which the Romulans will continually try and fail to stamp out by means of brute force. One of the Tarquin's few advantages is that they are natural empaths, and this allows the resistance to feed off the Romulans' more violent emotions and channel their own aggression against them.
(LUG)

2266 TOS "Balance of Terror" takes place. The Romulan vessel involved is the Nhorazz, flagship of the Praetor's personal fleet. (LUG)

2267 The Federation first learns of the existence of Vulcan-Romulan hybrids.
(novel DEBT OF HONOR)

The Romulan R-4 class starship enters service. (FASA) <Tor>

The Romulan V-1 Vadaso Sterli class cruiser enters service. (FASA)
<Tor>

The Romulan M-4 Wing of Justice class starship enters service.
(FASA) <Tor>

The Romulan V-9 Night Flyer class starship enters service. (FASA)
<Tor>

2268 In the first official operation of the Tal Shiar, the Romulans devise a means of traveling in time. This is a Tal Shiar operation, hidden deep in Romulan territory at a cloaked planet known in Federation Standard as Deployment Base Alpha. Despite the high level of secrecy that surrounds the operation, the Federation learns of its existence - and with the assistance of "powers unknown" to the Romulans, manage to destroy the time-travel project.
(novel ASSIGNMENT: ETERNITY)

known that While it is unknown exactly when the Tal Shiar was founded, it is
patron of its first chairman, already in place by this date, was the official
the Qellar family. (LUG)

the beginning The Treaty of S'marba is signed at Villiam III. This event marks
Romulan of the Klingon-Romulan Alliance. A technology exchange ensues, with
technology in the cloaking devices exchanged for advanced Klingon warp drive
TOS, TAS) form of some 120-odd "used" D-6 and D-7 battlecruisers. (KA, SFB,

of the The Klingons are not the only ones exchanging starships as a result
group of Treaty of S'marba. The Romulan cloaking devices come mounted in a
Klingons Romulan S-3 gunboats. The type was specifically requested by the
Prey" because of its striking likeness to their old Rotah class "Bird of
design basis frigates from the 22nd century. These will in turn serve as the
for a new generation of Klingon Birds-of-Prey.
(STIII preproduction notes, FASA)

one of [NOTE: The Rotah design is from ENTERPRISE. Its inclusion here is
Berman-Braga the few "parallel" events that have been carried over from the
clear up alternate timeline. The reason for this inclusion is to hopefully
where the a long-standing continuity issue going all the way back to STIII,
like, and Klingons were using a vessel that was intended to be, was named
similar looked like a Romulan design. Answer? The Klingons already had a
copied and design, liked what they saw, procured them under the treaty, then
think. enhanced it. This happens in real life more often than you might
Soviet-era weapons, for example]

Federation. The Orions "expose" the new Klingon-Romulan alliance to the
over the This is in apparent retaliation for Klingon actions against their ships
past few years. (SFB modified)

service. The Romulan V-6 S'ten Vastam ("Gallant Wing") class cruiser enters
(FASA) <Tor>

service. The Romulan V-8 Mandukam ("Vigilant One") class gunboat enters
(FASA) <Tor>

technology) enters The Romulan War Eagle (Warbird converted with Klingon warp
service by the end of the year. (SFB)

This is Klingon D-6 and D-7 battlecruisers are confirmed in Romulan service.
one of the results of the Treaty of S'marba.
(TOS "The Enterprise Incident," TAS "The Survivor")
[NOTE: TOS visuals are of the D-7 Klolode class, TAS of the D-6
Raxor class.
Per fandom sources <Jak>, the Romulan collectively group these under
the name Hakyll.]

Klingon The first of the V-11 Vas'Kalabam ("Stormbird," i.e. K6R and K7R)
battlecruiser conversions enters service by the end of the year.
TOS "The Enterprise Incident" takes place.

alive by Commander Dion Charvon Nek'thea is the first Romulan ever captured
Starfleet. (TOS "The Enterprise Incident")

conducting The Romulans retaliate for the capture of Commander Nek'thea by
promptly raids into Federation space in the direction of Tau Ceti. Starfleet
responds by correctly predicting when and where the next raids will
take place and are there in overwhelming force to meet the Romulan raiders.
Only a few escape despite their cloaks, and the Romulans retreat behind the
Neutral Zone again to lick their wounds. (LUG)

2269 The first of the Romulan Stormbird conversions of their new Raxors
and Klolodes enters the service of the Star Empire. Theoretically it is more
powerful than a Klingon K't'inga, although its conversion origins and fragile warp
engines means that theory does not often translate into practice. The
Romulans will continue using the design for several more years until they are
capable of building their own uprated starship designs. (FASA modified)

gain The Klingons and Romulans sign a second joint treaty. The Romulans

planet bases coreward of the Triangle. The Klingons gain a mineral-rich
best of the within the Triangle itself. Both sides feel they have gotten the
deal, although time will side in favor of the Klingons. (FASA, SFB)

Romulans. A joint accord is signed by the Federation, the Klingons, and the
(TOS novel THE TRELLISANE CONFRONTATION)

peace," as Establishment of the colony on Nimbus III, the "planet of galactic
eventually winds a joint effort by the Klingons, Romulans, and Federation. It
up a failed effort. (STV)

sister of TOS novel NONE BUT THE BRAVE, featuring Commander Mirek Charvon,
Dion Charvon Nek'thea. <Eckert, adjusted>

TOS novels KILILNG TIME and the PHOENIX duology <ECKERT, adjusted>

2270 The Klingons demand ownership of Dumok'azen, a mineral rich war on
the border of both empires. The Romulans are not about to let them have it.
Instead, they use the dispute as a pretext for launching a new war against
the Klingons.
(LUG, but moved back a year to better fit with KA)

catching its The Romulans launch the chuDegh Offensive against the Klingons,
captains border fleets completely off-guard. Many starships and experienced
military are lost by the Klingons in the initial confusion. General Chang,
Imperial advisor to Councillor Lorak and defacto commander-in-chief of the
fleet, orders units pulled from the Federation border to counter the
Romulan attack. (KA)

rapHogh in A tactical error on the part of Brigadier thlhb puts the starship
conflicts of the grave peril during the Battle of D'drazal V, one of the key
atmosphere of chuDegh offensive. His order for his ship to fly through the
due to the gas giant while cloaked at high speed almost cripples the ship
the part lack of sufficient power for the ship's shields. Quick thinking on
knocked off of First Officer Gorvalth saves the ship; however its mains are
Brigadier line in the process, leaving it immobile and vulnerable to attack.

thlhb promptly insults the honor of Chief Engieer Poktarl for allowing "his" ship to be crippled so badly. The insulted Poktarl, not waiting to hear thlhb's tirade on the intercom, races to the bridge and assaults thlhb in a traditional Klingon rite of challenge even as the Romulans begin to press an attack. The duel rages while First Officer Gorvalth does what he can to defend against the Romulans with only the limited power available. Poktarl kills thlhb and assumes command just as the rapHoch begin suffering major damage from the Romulan assault. To his new crew's surpris Poktarl not only saves them but destroys the attacking Romulans as well, displaying an amazing tactical genius that had been hidden behind his formerly lowly status. Over the next few months General Chang will learn of Poktarl's talent and tap it in in order to stop the chuDegh Offensive and cutting the Empire's losses to an "acceptable" level. (KA)

Comander Nek'thea is dishonored and demoted (TOS novel BLACK FIRE)

2271 The Klingons stop the Romulan offensive and serve them a decisive defeat at the Battle of Klach D'kel Bracht. The counterattack is planned by General Chang. Kor, now a commodore, is in command of a D-5 at this battle and cheers once victory becomes apparent. Even so, the new Klingon-Romulan border is fixed in favor of the Romulans, with several key Klingon border systems lost. It will take years of fighting to reclaim them. Kor will ride the crest of victory to become a Klingon fleet commander with jurisdiction over several squadrons operating near the Triangle. (KA, FASA, DS9)

Romulans In apparent retaliation for their losses at Klach D'kel Brakt, the also repaint begin deploying captured Klingon ships within the Triangle. They action is many of their own KR-series conversions in Klingon colors. The hopefully meant to confuse Klingon forces operating within the Triangle and grow and trap and destroy them. The "Stolen Heart" fleet will continue to

operate with suprising effectiveness against Klingon forces within the Triangle for the next two decades. (FASA)

The L-13 class battleship Kel ri'nada, lead ship of its class and accompanied by six destroyers, is heavily damaged in an unprovoked attack on a Romulan border fleet. To add insult to injury, a Klingon fleet sent to rescue it also falls victim to the Romulans, who succesfully tow away a damaged Jul'kar class battleship that had been part of the Klingon reinforcements. The commander of the Kel ri'nada is promptly sacked and sentenced to a penal frigate on the Cardassian border "... where (according to reports) his eventual death was swift and inglorious." The only positive outcome of this battle is development of the Triangle Gambit, in which a lone capital ship (such as an L-13) is used to bait an ambush of enemy forces. (FASA modified) <GKF>

2272 Starfleet units "intrude" into the Triangle for the first time at the open invitation of many of its transport and freighter captains, much to the irritation of Klingon and Romulan forces who have until now run amok in Triangle space at their leisure. (FASA)

2273 A third Klingon-Romulan treaty is signed. The Romulans gain access to advanced Klingon disruptor technology and mining equipment. The Klingons get examples of some of the Romulan's newest starship designs. Of the greatest interest to them is the S-11 scout, which is strongly reminiscent of their own famed "Bird-of-Prey" from over a century ago. They immediately begin adapting the design, working on several different (and sized) "homebrew" versions for use in Imperial service. (FASA, ST3, TNG)

A side protocol of this treaty grants the Romulans the C-9 dreadnought veQlarch. It will be the largest starship ever sold to the Romulans by the Klingons before the complete collapse of their alliance. (SFB/SFC modified) <GKF>

2274 The Torana Conflict breaks out between the Klingons and the Romulans when

of the negotiations break down in a dispute over two border worlds. Most Klingon capital ships in the area are destroyed or crippled within months by a successful Romulan offensive, almost overwhelming the nearby Graltha Shipyard. The modular design of the new pIH class frigate allows it to be both repaired quickly and built in record numbers, helping to partially offset capital ship losses. This sudden swelling of frigates will help slow the Romulan offensive, allowing Klingon reinforcements to turn the tide of battle later in the year and force a Romulan retreat. (KA) against Admiral Kanieda begins his legendary search-and-destroy mission Romulan forces operating within the Triangle. (FASA)

2275 The resolution of the Torana Conflict finds the Klingons and Romulans both agreeing to take one each of the two border systems in dispute, thus bringing an end to the fighting. It is considered an honorable resolution by the Klingons, given their staggering losses at the onset of the conflict. (KA)

2282 The Qabjech Expeditionary Fleet is launched. Its aim is to expand the Empire's holdings near the galactic rim in the Beta Quadrant. The four-year mission is marked by numerous conflicts and two major engagements each with the Romulans and Sha'kurian.

2283 An attempted Romulan invasion of Federation space fails thanks to the intervention of a Star Fleet task force led by the heavy cruiser U.S.S. Republic (NCC-1373-B). The day of the thwarted invasion will be known to historians on both sides as the Day of the Eagle. (SFB) [NOTE: Modified slightly, as the original starship Republic - the training ship on which Kirk served - had long since been scrapped by that date.]

2287 Romulan Ambassador Caithlin Dar is among a group kidnapped by terrorists from the planet Nimbus III. Hijacking the Federation starship Enterprise (NCC-1701-A), which had ostensibly come to rescue the hostages, the terrorists manage to pilot it past the galactic barrier to a planet that

claim
to what
they claim to be the home of the Supreme Being of the Universe. The
is eventually disproven, and Ambassador Dar's report of travelling
she claimed to be the legendary "Vorta Vor" is suppressed. (STV)

2289 The Organian Conflict is brought to an end by the return of the
Organians
in tow.
force
misinterprets
the
the
themselves, with a battlefleet of the Interstellar Concordium (ISC)
The Organians have asked the ISC to intervene on their behalf and
peace between the Federation and Klingon Empires. The ISC
their mission as forcing peace on all parties the region, including
Romulans, Gorn, and other major interstellar players. This marks
beginning of the War of Pacification. (SFC II modified)

2290 The major powers of known space form a temporary alliance for the
common good
to their
in so direct
and successfully repulse the ISC. The frustrated Organians withdraw
homeworld, deciding to never again intervene with galactic affairs
a manner. (SFC II modified)

2291 The ISC are beaten back to the fringes of the galaxy from whence
they came.
Federation,
intervene on
two-year
every major
eventually
The Klingon Empire seizes the opportunity to strike at the weakened
who had bore the brunt of the war against the ISC. The Gorn
the Federation's behalf. This incident marks the beginning of a
long conflict later known as the General War, since it involves
most of the minor powers in known interstellar space. This will
end in 2293, once the last of the ISC fleets leaves known space.
(SFC II modified)

2292 The Romulans are found to have supported the Klingon offensive of
2291 and
leader of
becomes
Gorkon
armistice
modified)
are struck a retaliatory blow by the Gorn Hegemony. Melkor, the
the Klingon civil war of 2287, is killed when his base of operations
the target of a successful Romulan offensive. The chancellorship of
is thus reaffirmed. Gorkon immediately negotiates a cease-fire and
with the Gorn, thus enhancing his own personal prestige. (KA, SFC II

In response to the ascension of Gorkon, the Romulans cut off all formal ties with the Klingon Empire. All Klingon ships are immediately expelled from Romulan territory. Those that fail to leave Romulan space by the appointed time are immediately destroyed. (LUG, modified)

2293 Following the signing of the Khitomer Accords, the Romulans again retreat into self-imposed isolation - for the time being. (ST VI)

It is around this time that the Romulans begin colonizing what will be known as the Othan Sector - so named for the small interstellar power which once dominated and controlled the area. A proto-Klingon people, possibly descendants from a lost Klingon colony ship, the Romulans will have considerable trouble "pacifying" them in the years to come. In fact, the Romulans will never completely conquer the Othans - a fact of which the Klingons will use to their advantage in the years to come. (LUG)

2295 Word reaches the Klingons that the Romulan government has collapsed, and a fierce civil war is being fought between rival factions. This apparently has something to do with the exposure of Romulan involvement in the assassination of Klingon Chancellor Gorkon in 2293. The Klingons are in no position to take advantage of this due to the Praxis Event; thus, a great opportunity to deal the Romulans a possibly fatal blow must be allowed to slip by. (FASA, ST6)

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2311 The Tomed Incident marks the beginning of an extended period of Romulan isolationism that will last well into the 24th century. The incident is provoked by Romulan claims that the Federation is developing cloaking technology in violation of existing treaties. (TNG 126, V 107)

2313 Battle of Chi'tan (DS9)

2344 The Romulans attack Narendra III. (TNG "Yesterday's Enterprise")

2346 The Romulans attack the Khitomer colony. (TNG, DS9)

2364 The Romulans end their self-imposed isolation. (TNG "The Neutral Zone")

2366 Admiral Alidar Jarok defects to the Federation. What might have been an intelligence and public relations coup is largely offset by the fact that his superiors had been aware of his plans for quite some time, and had been feeding him false information in order to minimize the impact of his defection. Jarok eventually commits suicide. (TNG "The Defector")

2367 There is a Borg incursion into the Diodor sector on the Romulan frontier. (TNG "The Best of Both Worlds")

The Borg incursion is stopped by the transmigrated Azar, who destroy the Borg ships - after it wipes out the native reptillian humanoids of Prosenna - by creating a powerful subspace inversion. The surviving Borg calculate that the odds of their being able to successfully conquer the sector, given such a threat, are too great to attempt and go elsewhere. (LUG)

2368 The Romulans attempt and fail at a covert invasion of Vulcan. (TNG "Unification")

2369 Vice-Proconsul M'ret defects to the Federation, along with two of his aides. (TNG)

2371 In light of the Dominion threat against the Alpha and Beta quadrants, the Romulans conclude a secret treaty with the Federation. This allows for the exchange of advanced sensor and weapons technology between the two - including the use of Romulan cloaking devices on Federation ships. (DS9)
[NOTE: TNG "The Pegasus" revealed that Federation Starfleet vessels by law and treaty were prohibited from using cloaking devices. The need to combat the Dominion set up the casus belli necessary to lift those restrictions.]