



SCP-6262

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Content Warnings

References to war, civilian death.

NOTES:

Removed references to "the subject" to remove confusion.
Replaced with SCP-6262

Added additional dialogue for 6262 when it stopped to let passengers off.

Daisy Note: Some lines have been modified to remove a bit of US-centrism in regards to the bombing of Hiroshima in WW2. I felt it added a bit of depth to the Foundations iffy ethics to have 6262 convince the higher ups to let it stay by having chosen not to intervene in a controversial wartime tragedy resulting in a city's worth of civilian casualties.

SC.1 - INTRODUCTION

NARRATOR

Item Number: SCP-6262**Object Class:** Esoteric**Secondary Class:** Thaumiel**Disruption Class:** Dark**Risk Class:** Notice**Special Containment Procedures:**

SCP-6262 inhabits the city of Daegu (*Tay-goo*), Republic of Korea, and as such the city is to be considered its containment area. An ultra-low-power GPS transceiver with no less than six months of available backup power is to be fitted to SCP-6262, with appropriate methods for recharging the power bank as necessary.

The GPS transceiver is to maintain unbroken contact with the Foundation monitoring station in central Daegu, which is to alert containment teams if unusual behavior is detected. Foundation agents liaise regularly with SCP-6262 as part of the containment procedures of other objects, reconnaissance, normal debriefings, and other activities, though should no such opportunities present themselves for whatever reason, agents should maintain contact with SCP-6262 at least once a week.

Ordinary civilians who have held conversations with SCP-6262 are not to be made aware of the abnormal nature of their conversation. Passengers disembarking the bus will be scanned for possession of unauthorized knowledge, and amnesticized if necessary.

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Only one instance has been recorded of SCP-6262 disseminating sensitive information (See Incident 6262-1). No Foundation employees of clearance level above 1 are to embark SCP-6262 without prior written authorization from a Level 4 employee or higher.

SCP-6262 has shown a high degree of compliance with the Foundation, and forcible capture and/or detention is considered a last resort in the case of acutely hostile behavior or other risks as they may present themselves.

Proposal to Revise Containment
Procedures 01/12/2019 REJECTED

Staff Note Posted by Senior
Researcher Sorensen 01/12/2019

SORENSEN

I know I just got reassigned to 6262, and it's a lot to take in at first, but we're really just letting it drive around on its own whim? This thing represents what, a quarter of Foundation offsite backup in Korea, regularly interacts with the public, and has the capability to spill the beans whenever it wants and we're just trusting it not to do that? I'm putting in a formal proposal to revise the containment procedures on file for 6262.

We can use it as an on-site shuttle for Site-19 or hell, one of the Asian sites if it wants, but we can't just let it drive around a population center like this. It knows too much. Far, far too much.

NARRATOR

Reply from Dr. Cosmo Kemp, SCP-6262
Containment Team Lead, 01/13/2019

KEMP

(Actor note: emphasize the bolded "is")

KEMP (cont'd)

It's been driving around for over sixty-five years now. It probably knows just about everything there **IS** to know. We've demonstrated that it knew state secrets back in the '40s and there's still never been any sort of information leak that we can trace to anywhere near it.

I agree with you that the containment procedures for this object seem overly lax, but it's quite honestly self-containing. It's better, **for the Foundation**, to have a highly sentient, mobile, autonomous, and, **most importantly**, free method of offsite backup instead of trying to stuff this thing in a box like the rest of them. If it wants to drive in a circle around Daegu (**Tay-goo**) day in and day out, we're going to let it.

NARRATOR

Description: SCP-6262 is an entity taking the form of a bus or other means of mass-transport, recorded since 1950 in various parts of primarily Eastern Asia. SCP-6262 currently resembles a multicolored Neoplan Skyliner bus with "DAEGU CITY TOUR" printed on the exterior, along with images of unconfirmed origin.

The bus is registered to the Daegu Tourism Association, who retain records detailing the purchase and ongoing scheduled maintenance of the bus. SCP-6262 drives a route consistent with that developed by the Daegu Tourism Association, driven by any of a number of employees that seem unaware of the subject's sapient nature. It has been demonstrated, however, that SCP-6262 is capable of independent locomotion.

As of the time of writing, SCP-6262 is known to have shape-shifted six times, all of them resembling a bus of real make and model.

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NARRATOR (cont'd)

It is understood through conversation with SCP-6262 that it is capable of shape-shifting into any form of transportation, though prefers buses as transporting civilians is one of its pastimes. This behavior, through extensive analysis and testing, has been deemed safe and is to be allowed to continue unimpeded.

SCP-6262 Appearance Log.

A general record of the subject's form and whereabouts has been kept since its initial discovery in 1950, with specificity and completion of archives increasing as technology improves and resources become more abundant. At no point in the subject's history has it been considered a threat, aside from a minor scare at the time of initial discovery.

The Foundation initially became aware of SCP-6262 after folklore began to circulate within Tokyo regarding a "friendly bus" that shared "polite conversation" with its occupants. It is thought that post-war improvements in communication led to the subject's discovery, a theory supported by the subject's own claim that it had been operating "for many years" and "in many places" prior to its discovery by the Foundation, though it refuses to divulge further information.

Upon entering SCP-6262, occupants will have polite, telepathic conversation with the bus, to a level that is comfortable for the passenger. People who do not normally partake in conversation will report a quick exchange of pleasantries, while those who tend to converse more deeply report on discussing topics such as the history of transportation, East Asian culture with a particular focus on the city in which SCP-6262 currently resides, popular media, and other topics.

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NARRATOR (cont'd)

Participants generally do not consider the telepathic conversation abnormal and will refer to it as "a nice talk with an old friend", or other similar descriptions. It is only when made aware of the bizarre nature of the conversations that participants will begin to consider the encounter strange.

SCP-6262 is capable of absorbing, parsing, and storing knowledge from its passengers, including knowledge not explicitly revealed to it. The subject is either incapable of, or does not desire to, store duplicate knowledge and so most knowledge-gathering within the last ten years has been primarily about life experiences, instead of concrete facts.

It has been demonstrated that SCP-6262 does not "know everything", as it were, though its catalog of knowledge is extensive. Consistent cooperation with the Foundation has led to the subject's status as a Failsafe Knowledge Center (FKC), an archive to be used to back up and store critical information in the event of a K-class scenario.

As part of its duties as an FKC, SCP-6262 is permitted to store knowledge regarding sensitive Foundation operations, accomplished by allowing Foundation personnel of high security clearance level to board under supervision.

SCP-6262 has contributed extensively to Foundation containment and testing operations, suggesting revisions to containment procedures and pointing out previously-unknown anomalous properties of cataloged objects. In two separate cases, SCP-6262 has offered an explanation for objects thought anomalous, confirmed through testing by Foundation personnel, and led to the declassification and removal of those objects.

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NARRATOR (cont'd)

Despite possessing knowledge of a vast quantity of sensitive information, SCP-6262 has maintained a near-perfect track record for not divulging this information to unauthorized parties. Even in cases where the subject's choice to divulge such information might save lives or ensure its own self-preservation, it has elected to remain silent (see interview snippet 6262-5A)

Interview Snippet 6262-5A

SFX: fumbling with a recording device

KEMP

Ah, there we go. My elbow slipped from the window and ended the recording.

SCP-6262

No problem, doctor.

KEMP

Now, I know we've discussed this topic in the past, but it's something I need to have recorded for posterity. The shot-callers are, once again, coming up my ass wondering why we're letting you roam about the streets carrying an appreciable amount of highly classified Foundation knowledge. Hell, at this point, you probably know more than I do, so I can understand their concern, but I'd like you to tell me about the Manhattan project to set their minds at ease.

SCP-6262

You keep a secret and everyone always wants to know why you kept it, huh?

KEMP

That certainly is the case.

SCP-6262

I was operating in Hiroshima in the months preceding the atomic bombing, and on the day of as well.

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SCP-6262 (cont'd)

My route at the time, as I was working for the municipal transit service, took me past what I gather was a house inhabited by a U.S. spy.

Thinking back I'm not quite sure if he was a spy, or some sort of diplomat, or something like that, but I do know he did have a fair bit of knowledge about Department of Defense activities at the time. Sorry, excuse me.

(SFX: Bus breaks squealing, passengers depart)

SCP-6262 (cont'd)

So, from my usual hobby of knowledge-gathering from this guy as he rode on my bus every day, I became aware of the Manhattan Project and, in the weeks leading up to the attack, the chosen target of Hiroshima. I know he was aware as well, because the last I saw of him was on August first.

KEMP

And you told nobody.

SCP-6262

Correct.

KEMP

Why not? You could've saved hundreds of thousands, and I say this as an American. If nothing else, why didn't you act in self-interest?

SCP-6262

(Chuckle)

Disregarding the question of if anybody would've listened to a bus telling them their city was about to be struck by some sort of mythical super weapon, I simply didn't feel it was my place to divulge that information. It's not like it would've clearly saved the world, or anything like that, and I just chose to spectate.

NARRATOR

End of Snippet.

SCP-6262 first came into possession of classified Foundation knowledge as a consequence of its effects when its anomalous properties were first identified. Foundation researchers and other personnel in possession of such knowledge, upon first boarding the bus, report the subject as taking great surprise and interest in the knowledge it had gleaned from them, and stopping its route for six hours to filter through the new information.

Subsequent conversations with SCP-6262 report its great delight and willingness to assist in operations should it be allowed to learn more about the Foundation and its activities. By the time this effect was even identified, SCP-6262 was in possession of such a wide breadth of classified knowledge that any sort of informational breach would've constituted a breaking of the veil. Information security procedures have since been updated accordingly.

LEVEL 5 CLEARANCE REQUIRED.

SFX- Typing as clearance is entered and accepted.

Incident 6262-1

Incident 6262-1 constitutes the only known information leak originating from SCP-6262, the circumstances of the leak allowing the subject to be forgiven. During a catastrophic containment breach of SCP-[REDACTED], a powerful computer-borne cognitohazard was disseminated across major news websites, social media networks, and [REDACTED].

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The unprecedented strength of the cognitohazard prevented containment teams from adequately re-establishing control, and an emergency internet blackout was ordered across southern Japan to prevent the further spread of the effect.

SCP-6262, operating in Niigata (**Nee-gah-tah**), Japan during the breach, was aware of the credentials and access requirements to impose the blackout, but Foundation employees on board the bus at the time were too affected by the cognitohazard to take appropriate action.

SCP-6262, recognizing the potential impending catastrophe, told the access credentials and procedure to a civilian who was on board at the time, and happened to have a high enough cognitive resistance to the effect to adequately access the computer network and impose the blackout himself. After the larger situation was brought under control, the civilian was screened, amnesticized, and released. SCP-6262 was not punished for this leak.

Document 6262-2
Staff Note - Posted by Dr. Cosmo Kemp
05/16/2019

KEMP

SCP-6262 has maintained a stellar track record for the safekeeping of Foundation information, contributions to containment procedures, and other operations. Consequently, I am recommending that the subject's file be reclassified from SAFE to THAUMIEL.