The JA A-16 Aristocrat proved initially tough but yielded to an instructive “pattern word” variation. The ciphertext ending *BEVUJTFU *H *IGUZA strongly suggests a given name. An extended hunt of seeking out the eight letter patterned first name in my special ledger of potentially useful words produced the first name and subsequently allowed placement of sufficient plaintext letters to provide a solution. (Editor’s Note: Pattern word list at http://www.design215.com/toolbox/wordpattern.php provides but one name fit in its 12345674 pattern list.)

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Gimme a Break – SO Aristocrats (may be digraphs / trigraphs) (1) unless otherwise stated
A-1, the (2), A-2, that (2), the (2), A-3, that (2), the, A-4, that (2), A-5, the (3), A-6, not (3), that, the, A-7, the, you (2), A-8, is a, A-9, my (2), the, A-10, little, A-11, the (2), A-12, the, you (2), A-13, *Rome, A-14, always (2), A-15, into, it is, th (2), A-16, wood, A-17, th (3), the, A-18, it, the, A-19, *Russian, A-20, and, are, A-21, her (3), A-22, around, A-23, e (8), A-24, bats, lynx, stag, wolf, A-25, at, logs, to.

Gimme a Break - SO Patristocrats (may be digraphs / trigraphs) (1) unless otherwise stated
P-1, the (2), P-2, greed, the., you (2), P-3, the (3), P-4, it (3), P-5, that, the (2), P-6, th (3), the, to (2), P-7, the (3), P-8, no (3), P-9,ess (2), the, P-10, all, the(2), P-11, you (2), P-12, debt (2), P-Sp-1, it (4), to (2), P-Sp-2, LGVM = over.


SO X-7. ??? K2. Inquiring mind. (112) (English key) ALTIOGQKVP = verstandig G-MAN

SO X-10. Latin Complete Columnar. Photon theory, First Century BC. Devious constructor has penned a Complete Columnar Construction which will fit Periods 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 for openers. Try Period 8 with columns 8 and 2 leading the solving matrix beginning. BION
SO E-1. Complete Columnar Transposition. Period Seven with columns one and five start. DOPPELSCHACH

This Morse Code driven cipher has four separators – 0, 1, 4 and 7.

SO E-9. Baconian. Wartime censor anecdote. (or) ANGO-KA
Do not let the short crib lead you to dismay. The crib will fit in only one place, near the end of the construction.

SO E-12. Quagmire I. Not only a statesman. BION
Third President of the United States.

SO E-15. Foursquare. Bison. (most flamboyant f) COLD DUCK
Break crib as follows - m os tf la mb oy an tf - only one ciphertext location fit with digraphs five apart (AC).

SO C-14. Base 13 Multiplication. (Two words, 1-0.) THE DOC
First word is eight letters in length, beginning with “C” and ending with “R.”

SO C-Sp-1. Logarithms. (No word, 0-9) MARSHEN
Webster defines a logarithm as the exponent (power) to the base that a specific number must be raised to produce a given number. This construction is stating that the Log of digit “GO” = “T” and will produce the number FLING. We need only to run through double digit numbers representing “GO” to determine what power will produce the number FLING. Keep in mind that the last digit of FLING (G) and the first digit in “GO” (G) must be the same number. Try “GO” as 12 and 13 to the fourth power to determine what generates like values for “G.” Continue this process analysis for the problem’s second equation.

SO C-Sp-2. Addition. (Two words, 1-0.) APEX DX
First word is seven letters long, beginning with “C” and ending with “E.”

SO AC-1023. ??? Mystic chants. (124) (FSI) LIONEL
Here’s an opportunity to solve an Analyst Corner cipher very familiar to you. It’s a Patristocrat.

ND X-10 French Railfence. Grin. (est-2) RIG R. MORTIS
Four rails, no offsets.

ND E-2 Ragbaby. Tree dwellers. (of south) GGMA
Continent and countries are proper nouns.

ND E-5 Gronsfeld – Period Seven, OZ THE RAT
ND E-6 Beaufort – Period Eight

ND E-7 Amsco. Snopes.com says 40-50 feet. (YUWB) Period Five begins “The….” COLD DUCK

ND E-8. Route Transposition. Prediction. (would) BION
UL, Zig Zag diagonal in, UR, Reverse spiral out.

ND E-10. Monome-dinome. Goodfellow’s conceit. (reason) TSIOLKOVSKY
Side digits, 0, 7. Crib position, 18.

ND C-13. Base 15 4th root. 1st word, 7 letters begins with C, ends with Y. 2nd word begins S ends K. OOBOO

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