THE NIGHT AGENT



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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the Night Agent committee, one of political dilemmas, risky espionage, and a cyber attack in the centre of it all. I cannot tell you what will happen by the end of this committee; no one can. All you need to know is that you can influence what occurs, whether that be good or bad is your decision to make.

I have had many thoughts about a crisis committee for years now. I first worked on one about the Canadian parliament, Mario as a spy, then the North Korean cabinet (maybe best I did not follow through with that one). But as I progressed in my thoughts for different committees, two topics remained constant: politics and conspiracies. That is why, when I first watched the show Night Agent, I knew I had to make it into a committee of my own. The show revolves around an FBI agent that works in the White House basement but soon reveals one of the biggest conspiracies in the U.S. government. I worked with this and experimented with other conspiracies, attacks, vulnerabilities, everything. I ended up with what you are about to read now: a devastating breach of security... from the inside. Everyone is equally to blame, or maybe not... but again, that is for you to decide. So you need to remember that what happens next affects you but you can ensure it does not affect you for the worse. Use the background guide, a little bit of research, and best of all, your creativity to uncover the truth. Lastly, I cannot stress this enough, PLEASE use the glossary as you are reading through this document.

For all novice delegates, I am thrilled to have you join the Night Agent committee as your first experience of Model UN. I can assure you that this day will be the beginning of a bigger MUN journey which all starts with an international hack. A hack from the inside that can dismantle the rest of the world.

I cannot wait to see you folks!

Aromal Mihraj

Director of Night Agent

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please check the glossary for all italicized terms.

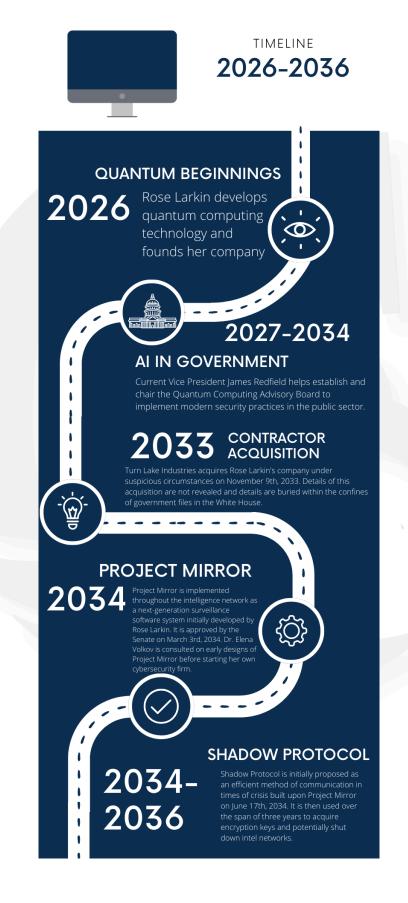
Night Action is a U.S. counterintelligence program within the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that supports "Night Agents," who work as spies to protect the nation against domestic threats. The Night Action occasionally also collaborates with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to neutralize domestic threats on foreign soil. Peter Sutherland, a former Special Agent, is the son of a controversial figure in Night Action's history, making him victim to conspiracies surrounding his involvement with an attack on American soil; one that resulted in countless injuries. After the attack, Peter Sutherland was reassigned to Night Action to monitor the phone in the White House basement, acting as the only direct line of contact between the active Night Agents and the White House.

At 3:17 AM, October 8th, 2036, every screen of the FBI's Night Action division flashed together with one message: "SOVEREIGN FALL INITIATED." Within seconds, six of the most important intel-collecting facilities on the globe went offline. After that catastrophe, Peter Sutherland heard a chilling transmission when the phone rang: leaked encryption keys of deep-cover CIA agents. These encryption keys provide confidential communications, military strategies, intelligence reports, and counterterrorism operations to whoever has access to them. The situation only got worse when Turn Lake Industries (TLI) – a private U.S. government contractor that develops modern surveillance software – called to report that there had been a catastrophic breach on its mainframe. CEO of TLI, Gordon Wick Sr., had been murdered inside his office, leaving only one cryptic message on his screen: "Project Mirror was never about defence." Project Mirror was used by America to store top-secret intel from national and international sources with robust quantum encryption—essentially a way to encrypt data where only the government and secret agents had the keys to access any communication. As Night Action struggles to contain the breach and avoid public hysteria, disturbing patterns arise...

The situation is too complex to be the work of a single person... there must be multiple conspirators working together. International agencies closely track identical assaults against their

own security systems, each of them originating in America. This has prompted many foreign allies, including France, England, Spain, and more, to cut ties with American security standards while this crisis ensues. More disturbingly, *Night Action*'s secret operations within national borders are systematically exposed one by one. A prominent example of this was the Vice President's daughter, Ava Redfield, who had a close encounter with death in what was supposed to be a covert mission which was revealed and compromised. Meanwhile, anonymous sources have sent documents to White House Chief of Staff, Diane Farr, that suggest that *Project Mirror* might have been only a facade of a much greater operation: remodelling global *intel*. As this crisis unfolds, America's intel system hangs by a thread of trust. Someone from the inside is succeeding with a well-planned sabotage. The problem goes far beyond mere trustworthiness; it is also an issue of possible unrecoverable breach of the status quo. Now, why are YOU here? We need you to find a conclusion to this international mess... before it all comes crashing down with the blame and blood on your hands.

Night Agent: Timeline





TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

TOPIC #1: THE SHADOW PROTOCOL

As an addition to *Project Mirror*, the *Shadow Protocol* was made with hopes of streamlining *intelligence* communication during critical situations. However, the protocol has developed into a means that can even shut off global intel grids. There is clear evidence that implies that some officials in the intel complex and foreign allies have approved portions of this protocol without full awareness of its faults. The *encryption keys* of undercover agents were the major consequence of the breach; it is your job to ensure none of our agents or *assets* are harmed due to this immediate risk. As the chaos progresses, there is an important question to ask: was the *Shadow Protocol* created as a safety measure or created to disrupt and shut off *intelligence* networks? If you do not find who is using it for malevolent purposes in time, consequences can be more severe than they already are...

Current understanding points to the conclusion that many intergovernmental agencies supported parts of this protocol without knowing its final purpose. The discovery of backdoors within this supposedly secure system raises fundamental issues of ownership of the master keys to the United States intel complex. Evidence increasingly points to TLI's advanced AI systems operating beyond their intended purposes, and certain access logs suggest high-level authorization from within both the *intelligence* community and the executive branch. While there have been some immediate actions by the agencies to try to contain the damage, evidence suggests the system was designed to hide itself by cluttering its code more effectively each time someone tries to destroy it. Many have quietly raised concerns about whether it is worth it to spend time and effort to find who is responsible. Does it really matter?

The *Shadow Protocol* was assumed to be made for efficient communication, but now it has been used to shut off intel grids and gain access to top-secret encryption keys that directly put CIA agents at risk. If the mole is not found soon, the attacks are almost certainly going to

target those within the government... and perhaps beyond. Finding the culprit takes time away from actually fixing the breach though! The urgency is for you to decide delegates...

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- 1) Who should look over and hold accountable those investigating this breach?
- 2) If we dismantle Shadow Protocol, what message does this send about future security programs?
- 3) Should the Shadow Protocol be completely dismantled, or should it be reformed?
- 4) Who is responsible for this breach? What is their motive?

TOPIC #2: OPERATION CLEAN SLATE

Quantum computing was considered a fad by the government a decade or two ago, but as major *lobbyists* have pushed for its implementation since, the government's security system depends on it currently. With the next leap of quantum computing on the horizon, a chilling possibility emerges: *intelligence* agencies could rewrite digital files across multiple organizations at once. This technology, combined with the stolen *encryption keys*, would allow someone to erase evidence of past operations and manipulate data for their end goal; whatever it may be...

Some of America's top *intelligence* officials have already seen inconsistency within their reports of security, putting America's history of gathering *intelligence* into doubt and despair. Meanwhile, foreign espionage agencies are revoking intel sharing, in fear of collapse, potentially handicapping America's *intelligence*. Without access to records previously shared between American and foreign *intelligence* services, it seems close to impossible to use that information to find the culprits. However, recent research and development within the quantum encryption world has shown that changes in the system are not completely random and follow identifiable trends. While trends are complex, they **are** possible to crack. But, how? This will require a tactical solution and complete collaboration, are you willing to risk working with the moles themselves?

The alarming nature of this crisis we are attempting to solve is only exacerbated when considering this technology can predict how to manipulate history in real time to match fake narratives. This threatens more than just national security; it endangers global stability. Financial markets, diplomatic communications, and the military all depend on trusting digital records. With increasingly greater amounts of agencies finding inconsistencies within their reports, there is a dilemma; every attempt to verify information can potentially destroy other networks, creating widespread distrust and undermining American *intelligence* methods. Is attempting to solve this breach simply doomed to break the current *intelligence* infrastructure further? Even so, delegates must address the crisis that brought the committee together in the first place... right?

Quantum encryption technology which was assumed to be the best modern security system has been compromised. If this issue is not solved, there is a high risk that America's intelligence will never get to work with international parties again. This will inevitably lead to mass layoffs in the intelligence sector. However, delegates must also consider the implications of not pursuing the mole leading to sabotage from within... At the end of the day, it is your call to make.

GUIDING QUESTIONS:

- 1) Should intelligence agencies transfer to non-digital intelligence?
- 2) Should all allied nations be informed of the full extent of the quantum computing breach?
- 3) How do you rebuild a compromised intelligence network without creating new vulnerabilities in the process?
- 4) How do you backtrack this breach considering the trends in quantum encryption?

CHARACTER GUIDE



PETER SUTHERLAND

Night Action telephone operator whose role in the centre of comms has unknowingly gotten him key intel. His problematic family history within the FBI has inherited valuable connections along with toxic weaknesses. New evidence reveals that he has unknowingly taken calls that activate the activity of Shadow Protocol. Wants to find the guilty party at all costs.

Strengths:

- Attention to detail and pattern recognition
- Deep technical knowledge of communication systems
- Ability to work effectively under extreme pressure

Weaknesses:

- Family history creates trust issues with colleagues and superiors
- Limited official authority within the hierarchy
- Willing to operate outside protocol when necessary
- Tendency to become emotionally invested in cases



ROSE LARKIN

Formerly CEO of a tech company and founder of quantum computing that developed the fundamental framework of Project Mirror pre-acquisition of her company by TLI, a move that remains skeptical and random. Theoretical publications on quantum encryption were the backbone of the activity of Shadow Protocol. Published recently out of protection after claims of critical weaknesses within the system that she co-designed. Mostly working alongside Peter with the same objective but with more range in public workings.

Strengths:

- Pioneering expertise in quantum computing architecture
- In-depth knowledge of Project Mirror's foundations
- Ability to identify technical vulnerabilities others miss
- Independent perspective outside government hierarchy

- Resentment over the acquisition of her company
- Limited security clearance restricts access to classified information
 - Is supported by Peter
- More technical than political understanding hinders understanding all factors



PRESIDENT RICHARD
HAGAN

Inexperienced president facing America's biggest-ever intel conspiracy. Formerly Secretary of Defence, bringing his unique experience of moles inside the defence forces. Famed for his cool/calm management of crises, but was increasingly driven to make drastic moves by the scope of activity of Shadow Protocol. Higher control of intel grids that he made accessible only to the POTUS (President of the United States). There are already people speculating that his former defence deals with TLI bias in his choices today.

Strengths:

- Deep understanding of defence infrastructure and protocols
- Ability to make difficult decisions under pressure
- Strong relationships with military leadership

Weaknesses:

- Limited intelligence experience compared to defence
- History of controversial defence contracts with Turn Lake Industries
- Tendency to centralize decision-making within a small circle



VICE PRESIDENT JAMES
REDFIELD

A veteran political operator whose attempted assassination of his daughter has seen him fall under the spotlight of crisis. His far-reaching connections within the intel "apparatus" are relevant; though, new evidence reveals that part of his most trustworthy allies have been breached. Chair of the *Quantum Computing Advisory Board* three years ago, signed off on much of the classified portions of Project Mirror himself.

Strengths:

- Extensive connections in Washington's power structure
- Advanced technical understanding of quantum encryption applications
- Ability to navigate complex bureaucratic obstacles
- One of the best diplomatic executives in the White House

- Personal vulnerability due to the attack on his daughter
- History of approving classified aspects of Project Mirror
- His network of allies has been compromised by the breach



DIANE FARR (WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF)

An extremely talented leader who climbed up the White House ladder by knowing its secrets. Acquisition of the Project Mirror documents has placed her in the role of prospective investigator and subject of interest. With experience managing rollouts of many programs of intel-sharing, she is well-versed in the inner mechanics of Shadow Protocol along with its prospective weaknesses. She wishes to solve the international intel crisis first before anything.

Strengths:

- Strategic thinker with greater political understanding
- Extensive knowledge of intelligence program rollouts
- Ability to coordinate between several government agencies
- Expert at managing information flow to the President

Weaknesses:

- Limited technical understanding of quantum computing
- Sometimes prioritizes political wins over security concerns
- Known for keeping sensitive information from even trusted colleagues
- History of conflict with intelligence community leadership



FBI DIRECTOR JAMIE
HAWKINS

Deputy FBI Chief of Operations and also the immediate boss of Peter Sutherland, on-the-job experience of six months prior to the crisis.

Military background in intel combined with private acquaintance of the Night Agent initiative had him atop a roster of contenders to propose Project Mirror for FBI use. The current running of inquiry of an agency possibly breached on every tier, along with management of his complex history of issues. He wants to support Diane Farr with her efforts but take control of the mission.

Strengths:

- Strong tactical and strategic thinking from military experience
- Clear chain-of-command leadership style
- Excellent crisis management capabilities
- Politically well-connected within defence circles

- Limited experience with civilian intelligence bureaucracy
- Tendency to default to military solutions for complex problems
- Still building trust networks within the agency
- History of conflict with Intelligence Oversight Committees



DEPUTY DIRECTOR
SARAH CROWL

FBI Chief of Counterintelligence
Operations. Decades of experience
along with acquaintance with
America's apparatus of espionage,
but her actions of late have brought
her choices into doubt. She signs on
most critical of the Shadow Protocol
clearances, though claims her
signature is forgery. Intentions are
currently unknown, but she has
vowed to help Rose Larkin with the
operation to find who is responsible.

Strengths:

- Knows most about historical operations within the FBI
- An extensive network of contacts throughout the global intelligence community
- Master of counterintelligence tactics and psychological operations

Weaknesses:

- Extreme operational paranoia developed over decades of service
- Difficulty trusting new technologies and methods
- Known for making decisions without authorization



DR. ELENA VOLKOV

Encryption whiz that was consulted on early designs of Project Mirror previous to opening her own business of cybersecurity. Current exploration of TLI's innovation of quantum computing has her believing that there is much greater behind the tech that hits press reports. Her attempt to caution officials of prospective weaknesses might have triggered the crisis. Her main goal is to ensure no one is affected drastically but also maintain her business model.

Strengths:

- World-class expertise in quantum encryption
- Able to anticipate system vulnerabilities before they're exploited
- Experience working with both government and private sector
- Extraordinarily creative problem-solving approach

- Complicated history with intelligence agencies
- Tendency to work independently rather than collaboratively
- A major reason for triggering this committee with her warnings about system vulnerabilities



GORDON WICK

New CEO of Turn Lake Industries who is still dealing with his father's loss. His close relationship with defence deals and intel activity puts him right in the midst of a crisis, but his increasingly unstable behaviour of late makes him suspect of knowing far more than he is saying concerning the real aim of Project Mirror. His intentions are mainly unknown but said he is willing to provide information as necessary.

Strengths:

- Direct and complete access to Turn Lake's advanced quantum computing resources
- Reasonable knowledge of defence contracts and intelligence initiatives
- Technical understanding of Project Mirror's architecture

Weaknesses:

- Increasingly erratic behaviour since his father's murder
- Personal vendetta potentially clouding judgment
- Limited experience in crisis management



CHELSEA ARRINGTON

A veteran of the Secret Service had identified government system weaknesses. She most recently updated the framework of Shadow Protocol to isolate possible defence actions; however, implementing such measures requires much higher clearance, outside of her purview. Her goal is to end this crisis first and is willing to work with Diane Farr.

Strengths:

- Exceptional threat assessment capabilities
- Practical experience implementing security protocols
- Ability to identify vulnerabilities in physical and digital security
- Extensive field experience in high-risk operations

- Lacks clearance for many classified systems
- Sometimes bypasses protocol when she believes it's necessary
- History of conflict with bureaucratic oversight



JACOB MONROE

A bright veteran of intel business with close ties within government and private spheres. His broker role in relationships of legitimate and secret spheres affords him an awareness of the weaknesses of each realm. New intel reveals that he had identified weaknesses of Shadow Protocol weeks earlier but held on to that information to use it in bargaining. His goals seem to be unclear but he is willing to provide details acquired from international sources at a price.

Strengths:

- Unparalleled network spanning international governments and private sectors
- Deep understanding of intelligence market dynamics
- Ability to access information through unofficial channels

Weaknesses:

- Questionable loyalty and motivations
- Known for withholding critical information for personal gain
- Limited direct authority
- Tendency to create unnecessary complications



JACQUELINE LAURENT

French Intelligence Liaison to the United States, whose government's systems were among the first compromised by Shadow Protocol. Her position gives her unique insight into both American and European intelligence vulnerabilities. Her recent calls for a complete shutdown of intelligence sharing have created diplomatic tensions. Her goal remains to ensure France is not affected by America's security risks.

Strengths:

- Has layered perspective on both American and European intelligence
- Diplomatic skill in sensitive security negotiations
- Deep understanding of international intelligence-sharing frameworks
- Access to European intelligence resources

- Growing reluctance to share information with American agencies
- Pressure from the French government to protect national interests
- Limited influence over American decision-making
- Potential conflict between alliance obligations and national security



DIRECTOR YUKI TANAKA

The architect of Japan's Quantum
Computing defence initiative and
former partner of Dr. Volkov. His
country's advanced initiative and
research might have keys to
unlocking the power of Shadow
Protocol. New measures to restrict
Japanese systems from infected
networks have uncovered new links.
His ultimate goal is to help find a
solution to the breach while
protecting Japan's interests by cutting
intelligence systems progressively.

Strengths:

- Cutting-edge expertise in quantum defense systems
- Ability to implement network isolation protocols quickly
- Strategic approach to cybersecurity

Weaknesses:

- Cultural barriers in crisis communication
- Political pressure from the Japanese government to limit exposure
- Complicated history with Dr. Volkov affecting collaboration



MARIA SANTOS

INTERPOL's Chief of Cyber Operations, managing the global response to the crisis. She uncovered evidence of trends that went far outside America's grids of intelligence. Attempts of identical programs elsewhere obscured her global response. Her main goal is to help America find the culprit in this attack.

Strengths:

- Exceptional coordination of multi-national investigative teams
- Political neutrality makes her trustworthy in many nations
- Advanced understanding of global cybersecurity infrastructure
- Ability to identify patterns across seemingly unrelated incidents

Weaknesses:

- Limited direct authority over national intelligence agencies
- Not many resources due to budget cuts within INTERPOL
- Tendency to prioritize evidence collection over immediate action



An award-winning reporter covered up on Project Mirror for years. His most recent discovery uncovered valuable insight into how Shadow Protocol evolved; sources remain anonymous. His next publication has the authority to reveal facts that will guide the crisis to its conclusion. His main goal is to report on what

Strengths:

- Network of confidential sources throughout intelligence communities
- Public platform that can influence public and political opinion
- Independent of government and/or corporate influence

TOMÁS GREY

happens in the committee to the public within limits to avoid public distress.

- Limited access to classified information and secure facilities
- Potential to be manipulated by sources with agendas
- Publication of sensitive information could worsen the crisis



COMMANDER SARAH
WELLS

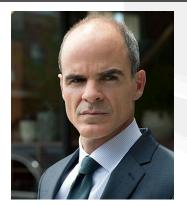
The former consultant to TLI and Head of the Department of Quantum Computing Research of the Navy. She is well-placed to give insight into how militaries use Shadow Protocol through her division into nonmilitary and military computing activities. Current evidence suggests that her division most likely uncovered critical weaknesses within the system many months ago. Her goal is to be transparent and support the effort to either find the culprit or fix the breach.

Strengths:

- Advanced technical understanding of quantum systems
- Access to Naval intelligence resources and secure facilities
- Experience implementing security protocols in high-risk environments

Weaknesses:

- Divided loyalties between military obligations and scientific integrity
- Potentially withheld critical information about system vulnerabilities
- Constrained by a strict military chain of command



DAVID CHEN

A brilliant but controversial encryption specialist who called out the security framework of Project Mirror. His most recent discovery suggests that Shadow Protocol can accomplish much greater things than its developers might have envisioned. His proposal contributing to bringing the crisis to its conclusion includes complicated conditions that have the authority to redefine America's apparatus of intelligence. Hopes to help solve the crisis but simultaneously track the criminals.

Strengths:

- Unparalleled cryptographic problem-solving abilities
- Independence from government and corporate influence
- Ability to develop novel approaches to quantum encryption

- Complicated conditions attached to his assistance
- Reputation for being difficult to work with
- Tendency to withhold information until he fully understands a problem

GLOSSARY

INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS & PROGRAMS

- 1. <u>Night Action</u>: An FBI counterintelligence program supporting secret "Night Agents" that work inside and outside the government to protect against domestic threats in the United States of America.
- 2. <u>FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation)</u>: Domestic intelligence and security service of the United States, focusing on internal threats, counterintelligence, and federal crimes. Occasionally works with the CIA if domestic threats are located outside of the U.S.
- 3. <u>CIA (Central Intelligence Agency)</u>: Foreign intelligence service focused on gathering and analyzing information about foreign governments, corporations, and high-profile individuals. CIA agents are the deep-cover spies whose encryption keys were compromised.
- 4. Encryption keys: These keys provide information about CIA agents' locations, missions, and other confidential material. Access to these keys/codes can also compromise classified government communications, secure databases, and intelligence files. The keys also allow one to disable intelligence/military operations as well and leave agents or entire countries susceptible to attacks. Finally, one could also plant false intelligence to misinform. This is what was compromised due to the "Sovereign Fall" data breach.
- 5. <u>Intelligence (intel)</u>: The collection and analysis of information by government agencies to support law enforcement, national security, military, public safety, and foreign policies.
- 6. <u>Intelligence Assets</u>: Citizens of foreign countries that provide intelligence (intel) to our intelligence agencies. This is usually done in return for favours including asylum, money, etc.

TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS

7. <u>SOVEREIGN FALL</u>: The major intelligence breach that initiated the crisis, causing six key global intelligence facilities (operated by American and ally diplomats) to go offline simultaneously.

- 8. <u>Project Mirror</u>: A next-generation surveillance software system developed by Rose Larkin and acquired by Turn Lake Industries for the U.S. government. Built on quantum encryption protocols that encrypt access to U.S. intelligence systems. Initially presented as a defensive tool, the message on Gordon Wick Sr.'s screen suggests it had hidden, non-defensive purposes. Forms the foundation for Shadow Protocol.
- 9. Shadow Protocol: A covert operation that systematically acquired encryption keys over three years, allegedly created to streamline intelligence sharing during critical situations. Has evolved into a system capable of shutting down global intelligence networks. Created using components developed by various agencies unaware of the complete framework.
- 10. Operation Clean Slate: A potential quantum computing initiative that threatens to rewrite digital intelligence files across multiple agencies simultaneously. Could destroy evidence of previous intelligence operations while forging false histories, undermining the credibility of all digital records.
- 11. <u>Lobbyists</u>: People inside and outside the government that fund government projects. Prominent figures include James Redfield, Jacob Monroe, and Gordon Wick.

ORGANIZATIONS/ENTITIES

- Turn Lake Industries (TLI): A private government contractor that developed Project Mirror and advanced quantum computing technology. Led by CEO Gordon Wick Sr. (murdered) and currently Gordon Wick Jr.
- 2. <u>Quantum Computing Advisory Board</u>: A government body that oversaw aspects of Project Mirror, previously chaired by Vice President James Redfield.
- 3. <u>INTERPOL (International Criminal Police Organization)</u>: A global organization that facilitates international police cooperation and crime control with 196 member countries working together to combat transnational crime and terrorism.

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