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INTERNAL SECURITY LEVEL: 5-B-RED

Project "Cadmus"
Executive Summary

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INTRODUCTION

On 22 May of this year, four apparently unrelated individuals met at a cafe and were assaulted by a number of armed assailants ("Kiru", the fifth of the individuals, was in the hospital at the time after an apparently unrelated motor collision). Since that time these individuals have manifested supernatural powers and worked together as a unit for purposes unknown.

Within two weeks, at least 14 deaths and 30 major injuries have been directly attributed to these individuals, in at least 12 separate incidents requiring significant subsequent control effort from this division (see attached Incident List). Reactive containment related to their actions has consumed division resources greatly out of proportion to their numbers. Therefore, proactive containment, and identification of the mechanism of their development of powers, has become one of this division's primary priorities.

They self-identify as being reincarnated from dragons (possibly due to Toshiko's prior publication on the subject - see Dossier B) and many of their powers seem related to this identity. They also suffer (and share) periodic mental events in which they experience alleged memories of these dragon identities, accompanied by reduced bodily control and awareness. Research into these "flashback" events may provide insight into their ultimate goals.

TARGETS OF INTEREST (SUMMARY)

ALL TARGETS ARE POTENTIAL THREATS TO MISSION SECURITY AND PERSONAL SAFETY.
TARGETS ARE NOT TO BE APPROACHED WITHOUT DIVISION HEAD AUTHORIZATION.

ALL CONTACT WITH TARGETS IS TO BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY AND ESCALATED TO THE
HIGHEST LEVELS OF THIS DIVISION.

Primary Targets - See attached personnel evaluations and photos

Aden, Maggie. aka "Sabia". NOTE - ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Ivanovic, Ivan. aka "Ba'harokk"

MacGowan, Shane (reg. priest COE). aka "Kiru"

MacQuid, George (RN-Lieut3, Ret., Dishon.). aka "Ness"

Toshiko, Ayane (Japan national). aka "Jaaros"

Primary Associates - See attached personnel evaluations and photos

"De Fleur, Lise". aka "Barbara Law", "Jennifer MacTam", "Ilya Ross", "Denise Harrisburg", "Nancy Jones", "Reginald Davis", "Sarah Agrippa", et.al.

Special Note: International terrorist (see INTERPOL file 321813-09); wanted for questioning by many law enforcement agencies, primarily Flying Squad; wanted by this department in connection with cases 1993-132, 1993-135, 1996-27, 1998-74, 2003-111, et.al. High priority target, as long as it does not interfere with primary mission objectives.

Ivanovic, Snuggles. aka "Anagorais"

Talking cat.

Agent S (of this division). aka "Arthur Lockholm"

Secondary Associates

See Dossier A.

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CONTAINMENT ASSESSMENT

Their existence represents a significant threat to this division's goals and to the British public, and ongoing containment is critical. However, many proactive containment methods would be unsuitable, leading to a significant challenge in containment strategy.

Termination

Termination is NOT RECOMMENDED:

- * Risk of failure would be high, risk of retaliatory actions would be very high, and damage from retaliatory actions would be severe
- * Significant agent casualties could result (see Threat Assessment)
- * The high public profile of targets Ivanovic and Toshiko would require significant additional containment
- * Many other organizations (see Dossier A - Interconnections) appear to be actively tracking targets, and aggressive action would result in significant chance of exposure of this division's activities
- * Termination may not end threat (see Dossier B - The Dragon Book)

Based on current target attitudes, these disadvantages outweigh any gain from their removal. Subsequent events have a low to moderate probability of overturning this recommendation; contact division head for the most current assessment.

Imprisonment

Imprisonment is NOT RECOMMENDED:

- * Same disadvantages as termination
- * Standard anti-thelemic precautions unlikely to neutralize their supernatural powers, so chance of subsequent escape would be high

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Recruitment

Recruitment is NOT RECOMMENDED:

- * Threshold for Directive 11 recruitment has not yet been passed
- * Targets' ultimate goals are currently unknown, and dedication to this division's priorities cannot be guaranteed
- * Access to division resources may result in their power growing beyond containment capability
- * "Flashback" events may compromise reliability at crucial times
- * Targets demonstrate erratic respect for authority and British law (see Attitude Assessment)
- * Outside organizations' interest (see Dossier A - Interconnections) would create unacceptable risk of agent compromise or betrayal

Recommendation is unlikely to change.

Other Options

FORMAL ALLIANCE: Any long-term alliance with beings displaying supernatural powers must undergo lengthy evaluation according to Directive 11; full evaluation at this point is badly premature, and due to the speed with which their power has unfolded, the division cannot assume that there will be time for this evaluation before a turning point is reached.

INFORMAL ALLIANCE: At no point has the group been overtly hostile to this division, and during Incident 12 they directly assisted in containment efforts for another project (under duress and via incentive). However, cooperation would provide them with additional resources, and additional leverage against this division in case of later disagreement -- this is a severe danger until their goals are known.

RECRUITING/ALLYING WITH OPPOSITION: Not recommended. Opposing organizations appear to be even bigger threats than the targets (see e.g. Incidents 1 and 4). Chance of target discovery and overt hostility is also unacceptably high.

REACTIVE CONTAINMENT: Necessary, but -- in consideration of the resources currently being expended -- not sufficient.

Recommendation

This division is currently pursuing a policy of supervised indifference: allowing targets latitude in their actions with the understanding that overt supernatural activity and civilian casualties must be minimized. So far they have responded acceptably to conventional persuasion tactics (threat of enforcement action; positive behavioral incentives; and appeals for personal responsibility).

It is hoped that this coercion can be gently applied to bring their actions in line with UK law and division goals. However, agents are required to err on the side of caution in attempting corrective coercion - several important division personnel are exposed to targets, and a deterioration in relations leading to hostile action could result in personnel losses.

A major complicating factor in our current course of action is the other organizations and supernatural individuals interested in the targets (see Dossier A). Their pursuit of the targets is likely to provoke further substantial incidents. Containment, destruction, or alliance with those organizations may become crucial to Project Cadmus' future success.

ATTITUDE ASSESSMENT

Target Goals

Targets appear to be largely reacting to external circumstances at this juncture, making it difficult to ascertain their overall objectives. Our embedded agent has been assigned to monitor and report this information.

Upon first contact they claimed the loss of life in Incident 1 was in self-defense (which further investigation has not contradicted). Many other incidents have similarly been explained as self-defense. They appear to be under significant pressure from a number of supernatural and mundane groups (see especially entries 2, 13, 15, and 18 in Dossier A), and resolution of that pressure is projected to significantly reduce containment difficulty.

Agents are advised to report all sightings of the targets immediately, as part of the effort to build a more detailed picture of their objectives.

This Division

Targets appear to view us with caution (and perhaps annoyance), but not hostility. Improvement of relations, if possible, is projected to reduce containment difficulty.

Agents are advised to promote the appearance of cooperation.

Mundane Law

Several of the targets have criminal backgrounds (either in personal arrest records or via underworld association), and this is reflected in their actions. They routinely steal and abandon cars; consort with international terrorists and other felons; carry (and use) unlicensed firearms; and cause property damage with an almost terrifying casualness.

However, under normal circumstances, they appear to avoid harming others, and at times they have shown moral initiative in proactively reporting (and apologizing for) situations in which they have committed crimes in self-

preservation. Their numbers include an active priest and a trained paramedic, and they have provided first-response medical care to civilians (and even enemies) in the aftermath of critical situations.

This schizophrenic approach may represent a philosophical division between the targets. If so, and if possible, we should exploit this division by offering enhanced support to those individuals who show greater respect for the law. "Kiru", as a practicing COE priest, is most likely to respond to positive incentive here.

Their association with "Lise" is likely to be a large negative factor in their attitudes toward the law, and is almost certainly a negative factor in their attitudes toward this division. "Lise's" history of run-ins with international legal forces, this division, and individual agents all mark her as a dangerous and destabilizing influence. As she does not share the primary targets' mental link, agents are advised to neutralize her at the first available opportunity, and use Agent S' positive reputation with the targets to explain away her disappearance in a non-suspicious manner.

Exposure of Powers

Targets do not appear to appreciate the need for secrecy on supernatural matters. However, so far they have tried to minimize overt power use - - perhaps because they know that the more attention they receive, the more attention they will draw from their enemies. Admonitions to prevent public panic have been met with relative indifference, but (as noted above) they have responded to both positive and negative incentives.

Agents working with targets are advised to suggest non-supernatural means of conflict resolution wherever practical, and to lead by example.

SPECIFIC THREAT ASSESSMENT

Tactical

All primary targets share a supernatural mental link that allows detailed, silent coordination, both in and out of combat. Isolating one of them for termination or imprisonment would only result in warning the others (and provoking retaliation). This enhances their threat in every other category.

Physical, Offensive

All individuals have demonstrated expertise at self-defense techniques (see personnel assessments). "Jaaros" is a black belt martial artist.

"Ba'harokk" is a professional wrestler in the British federation circuit, and his abilities have enhanced his already formidable strength to the point where he can punch through brick walls (see Incident 2) and dead-lift grizzly bears (see Incident 7). "Sabia" and "Ness" have been observed to carry unregistered firearms and are proficient in their use.

Physical, Defensive

They possess a resistance to damage bordering on the superhuman - see e.g. the explosion from Incident 4 - and their resilience ranks among the greatest threats this department faces.

It is known that they have dispatched multiple Weeping Death victims in hand-to-hand combat (see Incident 12). They have also been observed to instantly heal grievous injuries, in themselves and others. Consequently, any attempt at opposed action would require a large quantity of decisive and overwhelming force, quite likely via a multiagency response, with immense negative consequences on project secrecy and division secrecy.

Thelemic

"Ness" and "Kiru" demonstrate competence with thelemic topics and are presumed to be spellcasters. However, the group's collective thelemic skill is strangely low for beings of their capabilities -- several of our agents

have assisted them in thelemic topics and produced more effective end results than the targets themselves. Their talking cat "Anagorais" appears to be their primary source of thelemic knowledge. "Anagorais" should be considered a wild-card factor in any future actions, although appears to be easily neutralized via food or affection.

Supernatural

Several of their supernatural powers represent major combat threats. Among these are "Ba'harokk's" ability to provoke extreme localized temperature reduction via exhalation of an unknown gaseous substance; "Sabia's" ability to induce mental and physical paralysis via eye contact; "Jaaros'" ability to foil sensory detection in areas of poor or mixed illumination; and several targets' inhuman reaction speed.

Financial Influence

Targets have collective access to financial resources approximately equal to five median British citizens, and pose no threat to local or national financial stability. Due to recent material losses (see Incident 4) and account freezes (see Incident 15), they are suspected to be in a state of long-term financial insecurity. Financial incentives may be appropriate tools for future leverage.

Public Influence

While targets "Jaaros" and "Ba'harokk" have some fame and a number of fans among the British public, the targets have made no attempt to broaden their public influence. "Secrets of the Dragon Soul" has garnered wide public attention, but at book signings -- even since Incident 1 -- Toshiko has remained mute about her supernatural prowess, and does not appear to be using the book as a recruitment tool. They have no existing organizational structure beyond their core group, and little apparent capability to organize. While the potential remains for them to turn their fame into a weapon, it seems unlikely that that is their goal.

Political Influence

Targets are not known to have any significant political ties. They did save the life of the Marquis of Anglesey (the Most Hon. Henry Cornelius Agrippa) after he was attacked by a robber (see Incident 9), but the Marquis has not been active in politics for over a decade, and it is unlikely they healed him with political motives.

DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT

So far, a mechanism for their transformation from "average citizens" to "supernatural beings reincarnated from dragons" has not been found. (Investigation continues under the supervision of Agent D.) It is likely that "Jaaros" played the largest part in their original meeting, as she is the author of a popular book titled "Secrets of the Dragon Soul". A full evaluation of this is in Dossier B. Note that agents attempting to reproduce their transformation via the methods of meditation and visualization outlined in the book have not met with success.

One lead that is being pursued is that, the morning after the initial incident at the cafe, a group of cultists was found dead (of apparent natural causes; almost certainly magical) in East London. The scroll they were using in their final ritual was identified as some variety of summoning spell. The timing and details of the event are both suspicious, and a full investigation is under way; see Dossier C. However, no link has been found between those cultists and any of the targets, and it has been established that at least some of the targets were nowhere near East London on the night before Incident 1.

Some other supernatural beings also claiming to be dragons are known (see Dossier D); but no overt links have been found with the targets, and the dates of their transformations do not correspond with Incident 1.

Only one other person has been reported to share the targets' telepathic link (see listing 9 in Dossier D). He left the country shortly thereafter and his whereabouts are unknown.