

# MILLENNIUM'S END v 2.0

## **THE SONS OF ERIN** **An Adventure Scenario for** **Millennium's End**

There is an uneasy truce between the army and the IRA in the run-up to Easter..... until the Sons of Erin launch a rocket attack on the car of James Cavendish MP, Minister for Northern Ireland. But who are the Sons of Erin? And was the Minister their real target?

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## Initial GM Notes

This is a scenario for experienced Millennium's End players. A well balanced team is essential for completing the adventure. Investigative and Forensic skills are more important than tactical ones, although the scenario can end with a combat situation.

In this assignment, maintaining client confidentiality is even more important than normal for a Blackeagle operation. A number of parallel investigations of the incident are being conducted by various groups. The Close Protection Unit is trying to determine if there is a breach in their own security. MI5, in its terrorist counter-intelligence role, is working to identify The Sons of Erin and their relationship to the IRA. Both the Metropolitan Police and Special Branch are working to identify and locate those responsible for the attack, and there is every possibility that their paths will cross that of the operatives. This would be a potentially embarrassing situation to all parties involved. If it came to light that a Blackeagle cell was investigating the attack, it would certainly lead to speculation by the authorities about whom the operatives are working for.

This is a two-edged sword: having to progress cautiously means that the investigation is likely to be slowed for the operatives; but they may also be able to monitor the progress of the official inquiries, and use that information to jump ahead in their own investigation. It is also possible for the cell to work in collaboration with the police or Special Branch if the operatives own investigation comes to the attention of the law enforcement agencies. In this situation, they should always remember client confidentiality and the good reputation of Blackeagle.

The Sons of Erin isn't a short scenario and is likely to take more than one gaming session to complete. With the time limit imposed by the client, it is recommended that a single day of game time correspond to one gaming session.

## The Assignment

It was an unusual start to the assignment. The call from Blake at the Octower had been curt, as though the senior cell leader for the London office of Blackeagle/Blackeagle was having trouble holding his temper in check. His summons back to the office for a briefing on a new assignment had been urgent, but he had given no details over the telephone even though the line was scrambled. Suffice to say that any call to an off-duty cell indicated exceptional circumstances.

When you arrive at the Octower, Blake greets you personally in the lobby and escorts you through to the administrative office rather than his own, glass-walled office. To prevent any prying eyes? You note in passing that it is Patterson, the office L&P assistant who is manning reception, and there is no sign of any other administrative personnel around. Hell! There's no sign of anyone from the other cells based in London, though some operatives must be in the office. There's always at least one cell on call, working security in the building.

As soon as the door is closed, Blake starts.

"I assume that you have all been keeping up with the news while you've been on leave!"

The Senior Cell leader doesn't give anyone a chance to reply before continuing.

"For those of you who've been out of touch with the real world for the past two days, the IRA broke their six-month cease-fire yesterday with a rocket attack in the East End of London, killing the Minister for Northern Ireland. A high court judge and a Close Protection agent also died in the attack. Sinn Fein has since disavowed the incident and admits no knowledge of either the phone call to RTE that preceded the attack, or the Sons of Erin who have claimed credit for the incident. The press is speculating that they're a new splinter group from the Provisional IRA. The reports this lunchtime suggested that Brigid Connor, an official spokesperson for Sinn Fein, who was elected to parliament in the 1996 election, is currently having urgent talks with the Deputy Irish Minister."

He then proceeds to give you a preliminary briefing, detailing the events of the previous day, before introducing you to the client.

"At midday, a news journalist at Radio Telefis Eirann, the Irish broadcasting agency received a phone call from someone that he recognised as being a senior member of Sinn Fein. The caller included known codewords in the preamble to prove his identity, then read a statement indicating that the IRA were concerned with the slow speed with which peace talks were progressing, and as a result the cease-fire was considered officially ended.

"The journalist duly faxed a transcript of the call to Downing Street, and the Prime Minister summoned his Irish Minister to discuss this sudden and unexpected turn of events. James Cavendish, the minister in question, had been dining at a restaurant in Docklands at the time with Lady Karen Althorp, a senior High Court judge, discussing the case of three terrorists whose conviction for handling explosives was currently under appeal. When he received the summons they both set out back toward central London, she returning to the Inns of Court, he to Downing Street.

"As the car passed through Stepney, it was hit by a rocket, initially identified as an RPG-7. Despite its armour plating, the car was almost completely destroyed by the blast. All three occupants were killed instantly."

He pauses, as though to give you time to commit the details to mind, or perhaps steeling himself for something repugnant. His knuckles are white, and there is a tension in his voice as he concludes:

"Our client wishes us to find who was responsible for the murders. I'll introduce you to her now."

Blake then takes you through to one of the regular briefing rooms where you see Michelle Levadieu, the office legal aide, conversing with a tall red-haired woman. Her face is recognisable from the news — Brigid Connor, Member of Parliament and a Sinn Fein spokeswoman in London. Now the reasons for Blake's restrained anger become clear. Having served in Northern Ireland, he has little tolerance for the IRA or their political wing. Connor

must have presented some pretty conclusive evidence that the IRA was not involved for him even to consider meeting her face to face, let alone accepting her as a client. Following the formal introductions, he and Michelle leave you alone with the client.

Connor's voice when she speaks is a surprise. The media is not permitted to broadcast the actual spoken words of those associated with the IRA, so they get round this by dubbing over with an actor's voice, typically with a broad Ulster accent. Her real voice has a home-counties accent, with only the faintest hint of an Irish brogue. Her briefing adds little to what the cell has already been told by Blake.

"We know as little about 'The Sons of Erin' as the Anti-Terrorist Squad do — to all intents and purposes, they never existed prior to this incident. Our own people in both the North and the Republic have been trying to track down who they might be, but with no success. We suspect that they are still in Britain, but don't have the resources to hunt for them here, especially with the restrictions imposed on Irish members of the community in the past twenty-four hours.

"No member of Sinn Fein made this statement to RTE. With the delicate state of negotiations between ourselves and the Irish and British governments, we would do nothing to upset that balance. Given the deterioration in relations between Britain and the Irish people over the past twenty-four hours, the situation will be irrecoverable within another three days."

Conor will offer £40,000 for the cell to discover the identities of those responsible for the rocket attack. If it is the work of a splinter group from within the IRA, then no action is to be taken against them directly. This is a stipulation of the contract. She makes it quite clear that they will not go unpunished, without actually saying so. If the terrorists are not IRA members, and the cell can provide proof of this, then she is prepared to pay a bonus of £20,000; and isn't concerned what becomes of the assassins. The proof would then be handed over to the British government, and the terrorists would become their responsibility. She is prepared to negotiate up to £50,000 with a £25,000 bonus, and an initial up-front payment of £20,000, but cannot go any higher than that. However, the operatives do have a deadline. Unless they have made significant progress within sixty hours, the contract will be terminated and the balance of the fee will be forfeit.

Conor also wants regular progress updates, at least twice a day, and gives the cell leader the number of her cellular phone.

Why has an off-duty cell been called in? Because of the potential political ramifications of the assignment, and because Blake is acting against established Blackeagle/Blackeagle policies in accepting a contract from a known terrorist organisation. (The connection between Sinn Fein and the Provisional IRA is flexible at best.) This contract can't be run through the books in the normal fashion.

## The Real Scoop

The Sons of Erin don't exist: they are the creation of a radical group of extremists within the right wing British Patriotic Front who want the ceasefire broken, and to see full martial law and the return of Internment imposed in Northern Ireland. To them, killing the traitorous minister that originally negotiated the truce as a means of provoking a strong government reaction was an ironic bonus.

What they don't realise was that they were being manipulated by agents of **The Disciples** (see sidebar) who have infiltrated the organisation. F7 Branch of the Security Service (MI5) reported on the split from the BPF and the reasons for it several months before, and it subsequently come to the attention of The Disciples. Acting on their behalf Steve Edwards approached the splinter group. He quickly established his credentials, describing his tours of duty in Northern Ireland and indulging in a spot of 'paddy bashing'. Edwards, of course, was an assumed identity, that of a former corporal in the Parachute Regiment and ex-mercenary who had been killed in the attempted coup in Belize in 1996. The man calling himself Edwards (real name unknown) acts as a field agent for The Disciples.

In due course, the opportunity arose to use the group as a weapon. The Disciples weren't interested in the Irish Minister at all: he was just the bait for goading the BPF splinter group into action on their behalf. The real target for the attack was the Lady Justice, Karen Althorp. In the Spring of 1998, she had been commissioned by Parliament to report on the accountability of the security services. Somehow, a series of leaked, secret documents that did not officially exist had come into her possession, and many of the questions raised by them were leading her too close to uncovering the existence of The Disciples.

Karen Althorp was having an affair with Cavendish, the Irish Minister in the Cabinet.

Although the press was aware of this relationship, neither party was married, so printing the story was of no interest to the papers. Nor could The Disciples use it to blackmail or discredit her. However, if she was to have an 'accident', especially if it did not seem as though she was the target, the parliamentary inquiry could be manipulated. They would be able to determine her replacement, recommending someone that they could control, and the incriminating documents would disappear. The time had come to use their anti-Irish weapon.

Accordingly, Edwards convinced the BPF splinter group that the liberal voices in parliament would be neutralised in any vote to introduce radical new anti-terrorist legislation if the IRA committed an atrocity that shocked the public. Such an atrocity didn't seem likely with the current IRA ceasefire seemingly secure, so he suggested manufacturing an incident.

### **The Disciples**

The Disciples are a Star Chamber, an inner cabal of senior civil servants, high ranking military officers, members of the judiciary and security services, even the church, who wield enormous influence in government. But the Disciples aren't just lobbyists, each with their own individual agendas. They are the inner circle of a small, secret society that believes in the pre-eminence of the British Empire as a world power.

Their goal is the restoration of a Britain even greater than it was at the peak of its imperial might under Queen Victoria. To achieve this, they manipulate all shades of the political spectrum, playing them off against each other, using this smokescreen to cover placing their own appointees into positions of influence and power.

For the conspiracy theorists among you, what you've always believed *is* true. The Illuminati do exist. The Disciples are the power behind the throne, the puppet-masters, the true rulers of Britain.

The operatives aren't going to discover the existence of The Disciples in this assignment, but they may unearth a few clues to their existence. They should be left with the feeling that there are still questions unanswered. Where did the Sons of Erin learn about Cavendish and Althorp's movements? How were they able to breach the Close Protection Unit's security? Who is Steve Edwards?

### ***The Leader and the Pawns***

Steve Edwards is a professional in the game of terrorism and 'dirty tricks', but the other members of the group are strictly amateurs. Although Edwards has planned the assassination, and put the group in contact with the arms dealer from whom they purchased the weapons and RPG7, he has avoided leaving a trail that would lead the police back to him. The only time he dirtied his own hands was when he drugged and tortured Phillip Jameson, the despatcher with the Close Protection Unit, to extract the details of radio frequencies procedures. Although Edwards left some of his own blood in Jameson's apartment there are no clues to tie the incident back to him. Once he knows the result of the attack, he will vanish without trace.

Edwards doesn't care what happens to the others, as long as the Judge is killed in the attack, and it does not appear that she was the primary target.

In the absence of Edwards, Friel has taken on the role of de facto leader of the group. The Sons of Erin will sink or swim on his decisions. His knowledge of attack and evasion techniques is no better than any of the others, derived largely from films and television.

Edwards, as the only man in the group with military experience, planned the attack and acted as co-ordinator. He was joined by Adrian Hopkins, a taxi driver; Henry Cairns, a electronics repair engineer; William Finn and Denis Boyle, both Ulstermen working in London, one as a ticket inspector on the London Underground, the other unemployed; and Edward Friel, a sound engineer with a local radio station.

Friel was responsible for engineering the taped statement by Martin Adams, using material from old interviews with the Sinn Fein spokesman borrowed from the Reuters archive. He used his home studio equipment to create the composite tape, and purchased the phone used to send the message to RTE.

Two cars were used in the attack: both stolen the day before, a Ford Transit van parked at Reading station, and a Volvo estate from outside a Canterbury supermarket. Denis Boyle and Adrian Hopkins were responsible for this piece of larceny.

The five members chosen to attack the vehicle had been informed of the timing for the attack, and which route the car would be following, but had no knowledge of where this information had come from. In fact, Edwards determined which route would be used. When Mark Liddell, the Close Protection agent driving for James Cavendish, radioed Central Despatch for a secure route his signal was intercepted, and he was directed toward the ambush site.

Staking out the prearranged route just up the road from the Austin Secondary School, Henry Cairns (dressed in appropriately nondescript but official looking green overalls) had opened up the traffic light control box while Denis Boyle kept watch from the pedestrian crossing for the arrival of the car. William Finn handled the RPG from the back of a Ford Transit van driven by Edward Friel and parked opposite the school entrance. Adrian Hopkins waited in the Volvo with the engine running. As the ministers car came in sight, Boyle signalled the others and then returned to the Volvo to arm himself. Traffic was light at that time of day, and Cairns only had to let one other car through the junction before switching the traffic lights to red.

With the Bentley stopped at the lights, Finn kicked open the rear doors of the van and fired the RPG. As the van doors opened, the CPU driver realised the threat, but barely had time to react. He tried to pull away, to swing round the corner out from the line of fire. His efforts were of no avail as the rocket struck. With the echoes of the explosion still ringing, Boyle hosed the burning wreck with fire from a MAC Ingram M10.

It was at this point that things ceased going according to the plan. Cairns too should have emptied a magazine into the wrecked car from the M10 that he carried in his toolbag, but he had been caught in the explosion and lay bleeding and unconscious on the pavement. (The police were aware that one of the terrorists had been injured, but didn't release this piece of information to the press.)

Realising what had happened Boyle picked up his colleague and carried him to the car. Then both vehicles sped off to the East, heading back through Barking and Dagenham, and across the Dartford Bridge. On route, Friel made a second call to London's Capital Radio, again playing a pre-recorded message from tape claiming responsibility for the attack in the name of The Sons of Erin.

Back in Docklands, Steve Edwards remained at his station until he heard the news reports about the attack and was sure the victims were dead before disappearing. With his mission accomplished, he didn't care what happened to his stooges.

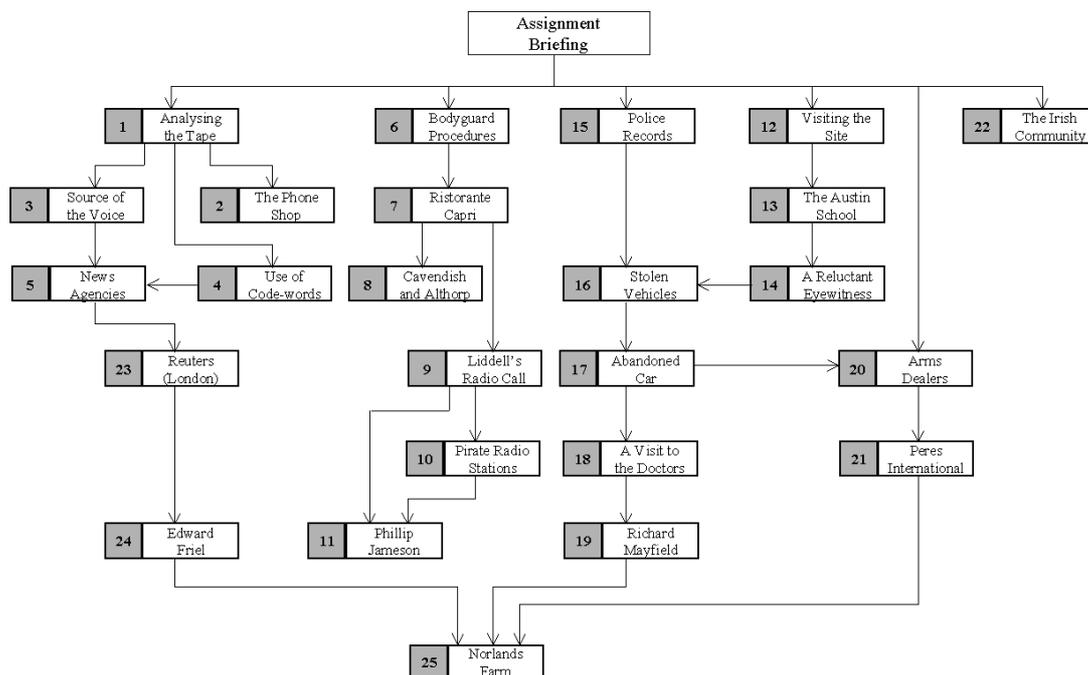
The two cars drove off from the site of the attack along different routes, but met up again when they reached the M25. From monitoring the police frequencies, Friel learned that the Volvo had been noticed driving erratically and at speed by a beat policeman, and led the other car to an underground garage in Dartford.

When the two vehicles stopped the terrorists realised how badly Cairns was hurt, and Friel made one further phone call to a colleague in the British Patriotic Front, Richard Mayfield, who advised them on a doctor that could be counted on to be discrete. Dr Moore did what he could for Cairns, and then the group took the Ford Transit and drove to Norlands Farm where they are now hiding out waiting for Steve Edwards.

## Timescale of Prior Events

- Day 1
- 12:00 The Sons of Erin, claiming to speak for Sinn Fein, make a telephone call to the headquarters of RTE in Dublin. Codewords are used to authenticate the message as an official IRA statement.
  - 12:10 A full transcript is faxed to Downing Street, and a copy of the recording transmitted electronically almost immediately afterwards.
  - 12:25 Sinn Fein are informed about the statement by a sympathiser at RTE and start their own investigations into who the Sons of Erin might be.
  - 12:35 James Cavendish, attending a working lunch with Lady Justice Karen Althorp, is informed of the statement. The two cut their lunch short, and drive back into London together (he to join the Prime Minister at Number 10, she to return to the Inns of Court).
  - 12:53 Stopping at a set of traffic light, their car is hit by a rocket attack killing them both together with their driver.
  - 13:10 A telephone call from the Sons of Erin to London's Capital Radio claims responsibility for the bombing.
  - 13:15 First media reports of the attack
  - 13:25 The Prime Minister publicly condemns the breach of the ceasefire and demands an explanation from Sinn Fein.
  - 13:42 The Volvo used by the terrorists is abandoned in an underground car park in Dartford.  
Friel contacts Richard Mayfield, a friend in the BPF, asking for the name of a discreet doctor that they can use to treat the injured Cairns.
  - 13:45 Sinn Fein make a statement denying all knowledge of the incident, but indicate that the British Government's unwillingness to actually sit down at the negotiating table might have provoked a splinter group to take matters into their own hands.
  - 14:05 The terrorists take the wounded Cairns to Dr. Myers.
  - 14:40 The RUC are re-issued with automatic weapons. Stop and Search is reinstated in Northern Ireland.  
Subsequently the Met starts to pull in known and suspected IRA sympathisers in the London area for questioning.
  - 17:25 With Cairns patched up by Dr. Myers, the terrorists continue round the M25 in the Ford Transit as far as Norlands Farm to await the arrival of Steve Edwards.
- Day 2
- 07:15 Brigid Connor requests urgent discussions about the escalating situation with the new acting Minister for Northern Ireland.
  - 08:40 Over breakfast, Connor makes her first contact with Blackeagle over a cellular phone so that her call does not appear on any records.
  - 09:00 Blake starts his own investigation into the Sinn Fein statement.
  - 12:10 Evading both her bodyguards and the Special Branch escort, Connor slips out of the hotel to an arranged pickup point, from where she is taken to the Octower.
  - 15:30 Blake contacts members of the cell to call them into the office.

# The Action



Remember that there is a time limit for this assignment and keep the clock ticking on the operatives.

1. **Analysis of the IRA Statement** — John Blake still has a few contacts in the Irish Republic, and has already received a copy of the taped phone call to RTE. It isn't the original of course, but an electronic copy together with a copy of the transcript faxed to Downing Street. Analysis of the recording will reveal that the voice was that of Martin Adams; but the message it contained was faked, a composite built from a series of recorded appearances by the Sinn Fein spokesman. The cuts on the tape are easily discernible through good audio equipment — such as can be found in Patterson's forensics lab — especially notable is where several different syllables have been spliced to generate a single word. It should also be noted that RTE recorded the message directly onto digital media, yet the hiss of the tape motor is clearly audible. Transcripts of both statements (that made to RTE, and the second call to Capital Radio claiming responsibility) can be found in the Handouts section of this document.
2. **The Telephone Shop** — Blake has already had the recording analysed, else he would never have considered meeting Brigid Connor. He has also learned from his contacts in the Irish Garda that the call originated from a cellular phone bought at a communications store in Hammersmith the day before. Should the operatives decide to follow this lead, the police have already been down the route ahead of them as the store owner will inform them. The man who bought the phone was generally nondescript: about 5'11" and heavy build; clean-shaven and all his hair shaved; and with a local accent. He wore jeans, a green jumper and a black, leather jacket. His only distinguishing feature was the tattoo of a bird on the inside of his right wrist. The telephone he bought was of a type using pre-paid cards (he bought £50 of calls in advance), and the man paid in cash.
3. **Source of the Voice** — Surprisingly, the voice on the recording is genuinely that of the Sinn Fein spokesman Martin Adams. (Perhaps not so surprising, given that the journalist at RTE recognised the voice over the telephone.) Although the statement

was a composite, created from a series of recordings, this means that it could not have been doctored from his appearances on television or radio. At least, not in the UK where the media is not permitted to broadcast the actual spoken words of those associated with the IRA. If it was created from British media sources, it could only mean that the person who created the tape had access to original recordings such as those found in radio or television news archives.

4. **Use of Code-words** — The two codewords used to identify the caller as being a genuine spokesman for the IRA were considered authentic by both RTE and the government. Although a number of people on both sides of the conflict (as well as independents such as the television and radio stations contacted) would know the significance of using these phrases, it is a fairly limited number.
5. **News Gathering Agencies** — Whoever created the taped message not only knew the codewords that would authenticate the message, but also had access to original recordings of Martin Adams. It isn't a good idea for the operatives to try approaching agencies to find who might have access to this type of material. Not only are there a large number of agencies (television, radio and newspapers all record such interviews) and a large number of employees in each who have access to archive materials, but news agencies also love to investigate anyone that shows an interest in their activities.... Especially if it might be connected with the story of the moment. Any attempt to seek information on those who have been accessing interview materials with Adams should be at a Diplomacy or Acting roll of -25. There are other methods than the direct approach, of course, but it is very easy for the operatives to get bogged down in a long and fruitless search, with a high risk of attracting unwanted attention. Unless they stumble on the right agency quickly, this is potentially a dead end.
6. **Bodyguard procedures** — Those familiar with body-guarding or close protection work might consider the apparent procedural mistakes made by the driver, Mark Liddell. Why did James Cavendish share a car with Karen Althorp? Why was there no backup car with the Minister? How did the terrorists know where he was, and which of several possible routes the driver might have taken between the restaurant and central London?
7. **The Ristorante Capri** — The Ristorante Capri, home of Southern Italy's finest cuisine and newly opened on a boat moored alongside Canary Wharf, was the site of the deceaseds' last meal. The cuisine has already been rated five-star by food critics; and it attracts a fairly exclusive and glamorous clientele, an image that the owners are trying to nurture.

Police are trying to prevent unauthorised access to the site at the request of the owners, but parties who have booked a table have access to the restaurant. Asking questions of the waiters over a meal isn't considered strange: a number of police officers on the investigation took advantage and ate there (on expenses of course) during the early stages of their investigation. The staff there are so used to official-looking guys questioning them about the incident that a simple Diplomacy or Acting roll will provide answers to any of the operatives' questions – unless they look like the journalists that are also hanging around.

Those same journalists will, of course, attempt to interrogate anyone appearing to have official police business on the premises, and can detect a lie at twenty paces. Operatives beware.

8. **Cavendish and Althorp** — The answer to the first question may come from checking with contacts at the Close Protection Unit (CPU), or even with newspaper contacts. The official story is that the two were discussing the appeal hearing of three IRA men jailed on explosives charges. However, a bit of digging provides a rather different tale. Cavendish was having an affair with Karen Althorp. Although the press was aware of this relationship, neither party was married, so printing the story was of no interest to the papers. The restaurant staff can also confirm that, although this was supposedly a business lunch, the two seemed very close.

The GM can use this opportunity to reveal rather more about the Lady Chief Justice and her role in her report on the accountability of the security services. A general background history of both the victims is provided in the Handouts section of this

scenario.

- 9. Liddell's Radio Call** — The Close Protection Unit has no record of the driver calling for a secured route prior to setting off from the restaurant; but according to the police statements, eyewitnesses there remember seeing him speaking on the car radio just before his passengers got in. Even if the operatives don't have any access to the police inquiry, they can learn this just by interviewing the restaurant staff themselves.

Of course, the operatives don't have access to the CPU's Central Despatch records, and trying to get that information could prove extremely hazardous to the assignment. They are in the midst of a major investigation at the moment to discover how their own security was breached. Any attempt to access this information through contacts at the unit should be at a Diplomacy or Acting roll of -40. Don't even consider hacking into their computer systems for access to relevant information at the moment: that would require a networks roll at -15 to locate the Unit's systems, and a security roll at -80.

- 10. Pirate Radio** — So how were the terrorists able to prevent the bodyguard from contacting central despatch?

The Bentley Azure that Cavendish used as his official government car was equipped with a Racal CougarNet secured radio transceiver. This system uses a series of 'Talkthrough' stations to provide a full communications network. Static radio transceivers are configured to access a specific Talkthrough station, though this connection can be dynamically modified depending on the circumstances. Any transmission from a mobile unit is picked up by the nearest Talkthrough station which passes the signal on through the other Talkthrough stations on the net until it reaches its destination. In doing so, it reconfigures that route through the network so that it will know where to 'look' for that mobile unit again until its position changes. The system is frequency agile and digitally encrypted for security.

To bypass the system, a 'pirate' would need to know the range of frequencies and the encryption key being used. Edwards had been provided with this information, together with the details of the code-phrases used by the Close Protection Unit.

Knowing the locations of the nearby stations on the network, Edwards generated a low-power jamming signal across the appropriate frequency range to block signals between the car and the genuine Talkthrough stations. This signal was being transmitted randomly for a fraction of a second and many times each second, so it sounded more like static than jamming. Once Liddell could no longer communicate with central despatch, the ex-mercenary configured his own 'alternative' Talkthrough station, working on the same frequency range, to look as though it was a part of the network to the transceiver in the car. He was then able to intercept the signal, inform Liddell which route he was to use on his way back to Central London (using the appropriate code-phrases), and assure the driver that a backup car was on the way to meet him.

Naturally, the central control for the Close Protection Unit was concerned that their own signals weren't acknowledged by Liddell. CougarNet is supposedly capable of detecting jamming attempts, and raising an alarm; but they had received nothing to indicate that this was the case. When they tried to contact him, all they could hear was static. Having been informed of the threat posed by the supposed Sinn Fein statement, they immediately despatched backup vehicles to the Minister's last known location, but arrived too late. Liddell, the Minister and the Judge had already left the restaurant and were on their way through Stepney.

- 11. Phillip Jameson** — Any approach to the Close Protection Unit should be made with caution, but the operatives may find a way of discovering that the CPU Controller responsible for Despatch on the day of the attack, Janice Renfrew, was a stand-in. The operative who should have been on duty that day, Phillip Jameson, had phoned in sick shortly before the start of his shift.

Careful checking of records will reveal that Jameson has lived in a small apartment in Hammersmith since his divorce two years ago. If the operatives pay him a visit, they will find the place locked and in darkness. Should you wish for a plan of the flat, you can use the Garden Apartment map from the Millennium's End GM's Companion. Physical security is average. The alarm system is state of the art, but isn't turned on. Breaking in will reveal that a struggle took place there, perhaps two or three days ago.

Furniture has been knocked around the room and a broken photograph of Jameson and his ex-wife lies near the window. There are blood stains on the carpet - two different blood groups: O- (matching that of the body in the bathroom) and AB+.

The operatives will find a body tied to the toilet seat in the bathroom, almost certainly that of Jameson from the photographs. His throat has been cut, so there is a lot of dried blood around. The sleeve of his shirt has been rolled up, a shoe-lace tied about his upper arm, and there are bruises from two needle marks visible. Any guesses where Edwards got his information about radio frequencies, routes, radio jargon, etc? Characters with Medicine and Forensics may be able to determine that Jameson died at least eight hours before he phoned in sick to the CPU (if they are aware of that fact).

Should the cell investigate Jameson's apartment during the day, allow them about an hour and a half at the flat to discover any secrets it may hold. If the operatives visit the flat during the night, then they will have until about 07:00 to do any detective work they wish. At that point, armed members of the CPU will arrive as they follow their own investigation, and it is not a good idea to be caught by them alongside the body of one of their men. Unless the operatives are very careful, they will be some traces of their presence in the apartment. Leaving their own fingerprints behind would not be a good idea.

- 12. Visiting the Site** — At some point, the members of the cell should visit the site of the attack. The area was closed off for most of yesterday afternoon as the police forensics team combed the area for a better understanding of precisely what had occurred, and for any leads. However it has now been reopened, and operatives will be able to spend some time here trying to piece together the order of events and see if there are any leads that they themselves can glean. A plan of the area is provided in the Handouts section of this document.

- 13. The Austin School** — The nearby Austin School was on its lunch break at the time of the attack and everyone there heard what was happening at the traffic lights. Some of the pupils and a few of the staff even saw the explosion. Police have already interviewed everyone here, and determined that no-one saw the perpetrators. Operatives entering the school to try and question pupils or staff will be asked to provide identification that authorises them to be on the school premises. If they cannot do so, the headmistress (Theresa Masters) will call the police. Similarly, police will be called if they attempt to pester pupils as they arrive in the morning or finish for the day.

If the operatives are present at the site during a break period, they might occasionally notice one or two of the pupils sneaking through the gates and across the road to the bus shelter for a few minutes, and then back to school.

- 14. A reluctant eyewitness** — One eyewitness to the explosion who never came forward to the police was Adam Phillips, a young drug dealer whose 'turf' was the Austin School and who had been plying his trade just outside the school gates during the lunchtime break. While the police teams are on the scene he has been avoiding Austin Street, and staking out his business beyond the back gates of the school. Now that the police have gone, he is in his usual location in the bus shelter.

The young dealer is only a small fry in the world of drugs. Mainly he just sells grass and E's to the kids from the school. He doesn't have an enforcer or even carry a weapon, relying on his knowledge of the back streets to run away from any trouble. This isn't a contested turf, penny-ante dealings with school-kids isn't worth fighting over, so there never has been any trouble and Phillips has grown complacent. He isn't particularly fit, so the operatives should have no problem apprehending him, and he'll gladly answer any questions (other than those about his business dealings) if he thinks it will get him free.

At the time of the attack, Phillips saw someone in green overalls working on the traffic light control box as the target approached the lights. When the terrorists fired their RPG, the man in green overalls was partly caught in the blast. As they made their getaway, heading South across the river in a green Volvo estate, they took the casualty with them. Phillips even managed to get a partial licence plate on the Volvo,

N ??? PGG.

- 15. Police Records** — It is probably not a good idea for the operatives to make direct inquiries to any of their police contacts. Questions about this particular investigation will almost certainly raise eyebrows (Diplomacy or Acting rolls at -45) and draw attention from unwanted quarters such as Special Branch.

However, there are ways of accessing police information without drawing unwanted attention. Questions can be phrased in a more general way, so that the information required is just part of the answer. Of course the operatives need some clues that will allow them to determine just what information is of value and what isn't; and some topics (such as asking about RPG7s) are still taboo subjects because they'll raise all kinds of alarms.

An alternative is to monitor police radio. Again, there will be a wealth of irrelevant information, and most of the investigation isn't being conducted over the airwaves, but some useful tidbits can be gleaned this way. For example, the operatives can learn that police are still hunting for a green Volvo estate, registration N 893 PGG, reported stolen and last sighted yesterday near the Dartford Bridge. Police are unsure whether or not it was one of the vehicles used in the terrorist attack.

- 16. Register of Stolen Vehicles** — Unless the operatives have at least a partial license plate, the police records of stolen cars will be of little value to them. With a partial licence number, and the type of car used, the characters can try using whatever means at their disposal to access the database of car registrations at the Driver and Vehicle Licence Centre (DVLC) in Swansea, or the Police National Computer (PNC).

From either source, they can verify that the Volvo used (full registration N 893 PGG) was stolen the day before its use in the attack from outside a supermarket in Canterbury. From PNC sources, they can also learn that it was sighted at 13:20 on the day of the attack by a constable patrolling on foot near the Dartford Bridge. He noted that it was being driven erratically and at speed, heading southward across the river. Suspecting a connection with the terrorist attack, the aerial support unit and patrol cars in the area were despatched to intercept it, but arrived too late to find anything.

- 17. Abandoned Car** — The green Volvo that the terrorists used was abandoned in a 24-hour underground car park just South of the river in Dartford when they all transferred to the transit van. The 'Sons of Erin' aren't professionals, and though they wiped prints from the dashboard, the controls and doors of the car, there is a wealth of forensic evidence left in the vehicle.

At this point, the operatives own investigations can leap ahead of the police if they locate the car before the authorities do. Police are poring over footage from traffic cameras hunting for the vehicle, while beat bobbies and patrol cars are searching the streets. Unfortunately, none of the cameras in this area are capable of identifying a number plate automatically, so the authorities are relying on sheer manpower to give them a break. Of course, there is nothing to suggest that the car has been abandoned, so it isn't a primary line of the investigation. And such is the volume of camera images, and possible locations where a car might have been hidden that it will be some days before the car is located.

If the operatives are hunting for the car in Dartford, looking in likely places where a vehicle might have been abandoned, then you can give the cell their lucky break. Let them find the car quickly. Alternatively, if they have been keeping in regular contact with Brigid Connor as per her instructions, then they should have informed her of their hunt. Connor will mobilise the Irish community in the area to search as well, letting the operatives know when the vehicle has been found. Even if the operatives haven't been keeping her updated with their movements, or told her the registration number of the vehicle, the IRA have monitored police frequencies for many years now, and will be aware of the police interest in this vehicle.

There are a number of useful leads in the car when it is found:

The launcher for the RPG7 is locked in the boot of the vehicle. This weapon still has a serial number on it, and a check on the Blackeagle databases (or those of other appropriate agencies) will reveal that it was part of a shipment from an East German

dealer in transit to Haiti. End User certificates for the batch were obtained by Peres International Trading.

Blood on the rear seat (group A+) from Cairns' injuries, show that he was seriously hurt and would definitely have needed medical attention. Searching hospital records for any victims from an explosion will draw a blank, and would certainly have been reported to the police. However, written on a scrap of crumpled paper in the ash tray (perhaps the terrorists were trying to burn it) are the words 'Doctor Moore'. A check in the phone book will show a Dr. Moore running a clinic in Dartford not far from the car park.

- 18. A Discreet Doctor** — With one of the terrorists injured by the blast, his colleagues tried to find medical help for him. Dr. Moore was recommended to them by one of their British Patriotic Front colleagues, Richard Mayfield, called by Friel when he realised that they needed access to a doctor who wouldn't report the incident to the police. Dr. Moore has helped members of the BPF before, conveniently forgetting to report stabbings and shotgun injuries to the police.

However the operatives approach Dr. Moore he is easily browbeaten, and will quickly lose his composure revealing everything he knows. Unfortunately, this isn't much. Two men brought the victim into his surgery, while two others kept watch outside. They may have been armed with pistols, but he couldn't say for certain. The injured man was the victim of an explosion and suffering from third degree burns as well as wounds from the shrapnel. He removed the shrapnel, patched up the wounds and applied a salve to the burns, but his recommendation was to take the man to a hospital for specialist burn treatment. He believes that the victim was called Henry, and one of the others was called Adrian. The Doctor had no idea what the group had been doing. Nor did they say where they were going when they left, and he didn't ask.

Dr. Moore believed that he was helping members of the British Patriotic Front rather than IRA terrorists. They were recommended to him by a BPF acquaintance, Richard Mayfield. Mayfield actually called the doctor to warn him that he would be receiving some business within the next few hours. Currently out of work, operatives can get Mayfield's address from the phone book.

- 19. Richard Mayfield** — Richard Mayfield, fellow member of the British Patriotic Front, would be shocked if he knew what his colleagues had been doing. In fact, this is the easiest way to get him to reveal what he knows. 'Paddy bashing' is one thing, even the occasional shooting, but the thought that BPF members should stoop to assassinate a Member of Parliament and a High Court Judge is not something that he would countenance.

If asked about Dr. Moore, he will readily confess that he received a call from one of his acquaintances, Edward Friel, asking him if he knew of a discrete doctor in the London area, preferably to the south-east. He doesn't have Friel's address, only a phone number for a mobile (one familiar to those operatives who've been checking on the calls to RTE and Capital Radio). He does know that Friel recently started a company in collaboration with a number of other BPF men, Boadicea Industries. A quick check will reveal that Boadicea Industries was registered with Companies House two weeks ago, and has a business address at Norlands Farm near Heathrow Airport.

- 20. Interview with an Arms Dealer** — The number of illicit arms dealers that have access to advanced weaponry such as rockets in the UK is limited, and Blackeagle have files on most of them. A scan through the database will reveal details of three dealers who have been linked to shipments of RPGs in the past three months.

Note that a copy of this list can be found in the Handouts section of this document.

Hektor Wolk	Hektor Wolk is a German national who has made his home in London. By profession an advertising salesman, he got into the arms business after he started selling space for Jane's, the publisher of military reference books.  Wolk was arrested in 1986 by US Federal Customs for attempting to purchase \$320m worth of aircraft, tanks and missiles for sale to Iran. Though the case never came to trial, he hasn't ventured into the big leagues since; but still maintains a respectable living from smaller deals.
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Stephen Thomas	A London-based lawyer, tall and slim with distinguished silver hair, Thomas lives in Norfolk Crescent in London's West End with offices in nearby Clarendon Place. An American by birth, he comes from a wealthy New York family and is well known on the London social scene.  Thomas is a broker rather than a dealer. He acts as a negotiator between buyers and the actual dealers for a 10% commission of the full purchase value.
David and Solomon Greenberg	Israeli brothers, living in the Camberwell district of London, who run Peres International Trading from a warehouse on the South Bank. Peres has contacts in a number of countries across the world who will put their name to End User Certificates, giving overseas sales a degree of legitimacy.  Most of their merchandise is bought and sold outside of Britain, but they aren't above selling small arms locally.

Of course, no arms dealer is going to just hand over his records for examination, even to Blackeagle operatives. Confidentiality is a hallmark of their trade, necessary if they intend to stay alive. A number of options are available, however, to access this information.

Breaking and entering is perhaps the most obvious approach, but time may be a problem here. There are three dealers on the list. Which one, if any, sold the RPG used in the attack on the Minister's car? Furthermore, there is no indication of whether Thomas or the Greenbergs keep their records at home or at their business premises. At least Hektor Wolk works from home. Then there is the small matter of security, which will undoubtedly be the best that they can buy.

Subterfuge might be a better approach, perhaps a guise as inspectors from the Board of Trade, or the Foreign Office over minor discrepancies in the paperwork for a recent shipment to Indonesia. The Blackeagle database holds enough details of each dealers officially recorded shipments for some creative bluffing, especially if backed up by genuine-looking ID. Of course there is always a possibility that inspectors might discover something they shouldn't, but both Hektor Wolk and Thomas will open their (legitimate) records if the operatives seem genuine. Only Peres International will insist on verifying their credentials to breaking point.

The best approach perhaps, is to run the bluff over the phone (ensuring that the call is made from an anonymous number). Inform the dealers that you (the Foreign Office) wish to inspect their records concerning a discrepancy between an End User Certificate and the ship's manifest for one of their legitimate dealings of RPGs. Wolk and Thomas will agree without hesitation, but it will be clearly audible in David Greenberg's voice that he has misgivings.

- 21. Peres International Trading** — Once the operatives know which dealers are trying to hide details of their trade in RPGs, they can try and access the records for Peres International. For all practical purposes, this has to be achieved through straight-forward breaking and entering.

A plan of the Peres warehouse is provided in the Handouts section of this document. Security there is good, and the human guards will be especially alert if the operatives have scared the Greenberg brothers through a direct approach earlier. A more subtle phone call, such as described above, will not have alarmed them unduly.

Like many companies that trade in restricted or illicit commodities, records are kept on paper rather than as electronic copies. The company does have a small computer network linked to the Internet, but this is primarily used for keeping themselves up-to-date with the latest information on military technology. The cell may attempt to hack into the network (network roll at -10, security at -40), but it will reveal nothing of interest.

The official records are kept in a combination-locked cabinet in the main office, but they detail only the legitimate dealings of the company that can be shown to auditors or government officials. There is no reference to RPG 7s in these documents. The real records are secreted in a safe in the inner office, hidden behind the photograph of a Cruise missile launch.

These reveal a number of shipments from a batch of RPGs. Most of the weapons have been sent overseas to Haiti, South Africa and Malaysia; but a single unit was delivered to a client in the UK last week, together with two MAC Ingram M10s (9mm), three Beretta 92Fs and eight boxes of 9mm parabellum hollowpoint ammunition. The

buyer was a company, Boadicea Industries, with a delivery address in Wapping.

A quick check will reveal that the Wapping address is a dead letter drop, a warehouse that specialises in providing a delivery address for other businesses. However, Boadicea Industries was registered with Companies House two weeks ago, and has a business address at Norlands Farm near Heathrow Airport.

**22. The Irish Community in London** — The operatives may consider seeking out any contacts they might have among the Irish community in London. This is not a productive approach. Given that all IRA suspects and sympathisers in the metropolitan district are being rounded up for questioning by the police and Special Branch, most people with any potential knowledge of terrorist activities are likely to be in a police cell somewhere. Those that remain at large aren't going to appreciate being hounded further. Moreover, no-one the operatives could meet among the Irish community knows anything about the attack or The Sons of Erin.

**23. Reuters (London)** — If the operatives want to continue their analysis of the taped message sent to RTE, they may eventually consider visiting the Reuters archive as an alternative to the more traditional (and inquisitive) news agencies. Checking on those who have withdrawn materials on Martin Adams from the archive over the past few months (ignoring those who have accessed the library since the bombing) will reveal only a few names.

Note that a copy of this list can be found in the Handouts section of this document.

Catherine Atkinson	CNN Research	Borrowed : 16 <sup>th</sup> November 1998 Ref 11968-2437-16A — Video footage of Martin Adams of Sinn Fein speaking to the UN in October 1998. Returned : 19 <sup>th</sup> November 1998
Michael Baron	London Times	Borrowed : 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 1999 Ref 73873-5667-45J — Transcript of a speech by Martin Adams (Sinn Fein) to the Dublin Students Union in April 1994 entitled 'The Ballot Box and the Armalite'. Returned : Still outstanding
Edward Friel	Thames Radio	Borrowed : 11 <sup>th</sup> March 1999 Ref 45342-7585-13C — Audio tape of speech by Martin Adams in New York in September 1997, 'Barriers on the way to Peace'. Returned : Still outstanding
Jeffrey Osborne	London Evening Standard	Borrowed : 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 1999 Ref 56328-8464-61F — Audio tape of interview with Martin Adams for the Washington Post on 'The Stormont Conspiracy' dated 6 <sup>th</sup> July 1998. Returned : Still outstanding
Victor Touzain	Le Figaro	Borrowed : 8 <sup>th</sup> December 1998 Ref 45237-7142-31A — Photographic negative of Martin Adams with Brigid Connor taken in London on 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 1997. Returned : 14 <sup>th</sup> February 1999

A quick phone call will eliminate most of these suspects from the inquiry. Catherine Atkinson has been working on the big corruption case in Washington since February. Michael Baron is currently unavailable. Jeffrey Osborne is at the present moment in Downing Street with a horde of other reporters hoping to get a statement from the Prime Minister on the recent terrorist attack. He was in the Newspaper office when the attack occurred. Victor Touzain has been in Paris since Christmas.

Edward Friel phoned in sick three days ago, and calls from the offices of Thames Radio to his home number have remained unanswered. It won't take much subterfuge to obtain his home address from the receptionist at the Radio station.

**24. Edward Friel** — Edward Friel lives in a small, two-bedroom apartment in a block of flats in Acton. The flat itself is all locked up, and no-one answers the bell. Use one of the Tenement plans from the Millennium's End GM's Companion as a map of the flat if you want a schematic. Physical security is poor, though there is an alarm. Operatives searching Edward Friel's home will find the missing tapes of old interviews with Martin Adams in the second bedroom, which has been converted into a home

recording studio. A large Union Flag hangs from the wall in the living room, and there is British Patriotic Front literature in both the living room and main bedroom. Perhaps most interesting is a box of business cards in the name Edward Friel, Communications director for a company called Boadicea Industries with a business address at Norlands Farm near Heathrow Airport.

Should the operatives choose to do so, there is enough evidence here to pass back to Brigid Connor and she would consider the assignment satisfactorily completed.

- 25. Norlands Farm** — The terrorists are still hiding out at Norlands Farm waiting for Steve Edwards to reappear, not knowing that he has already assumed a new identity and is relaxing on Martinique after a successful mission. Although they should now have enough evidence to pass back to Brigid Connor, should the operatives wish they can see the assignment through to its conclusion and assault the farm. Norlands Farm is located amid the isolated lakes and marshes just to the North-west of Chertsey, near the junction of the M25 and M3. A map of the grounds and plan of the farm are provided in the Handouts section of this document.

If the operatives spend time observing the site, perhaps with microphones rigged to catch the conversations going on inside, they will learn that the terrorists are nervous. They are expecting to have heard from someone called Steve Edwards before now. They are also worried about Cairns, whose condition is worsening.

Shortly before dusk, Hopkins will leave the farm to get some cigarettes and newspapers from the newsagents in the village of Thorpe, about 1 ½ miles down the road from the farm. Unless the operatives stop him, it will take about twenty minutes; just over an hour if the Ford has been immobilised and he has to walk. If he doesn't return, then the others in the house will suspect that he has gone to the police, and decide to move elsewhere. This is difficult if Hopkins has taken the van, and they will send Boyle out to boost a car from somewhere. Regardless of the success or failure of Hopkins' cigarette hunting mission, they are planning to leave at about 06:00 the following morning for somewhere further away from London and police activity.

**Assault on the Farm** - If the operatives are working in collaboration with the police at all, and inform them of the location of the terrorist hideout, then their target will be warned by their monitoring of police frequencies and attempt to flee before the authorities arrive. If the operatives assault the farm (or the terrorists as they flee in the van) in collaboration with the police SO19 unit, use the NPC Stereotype Cops from the Millennium's End GM's Companion.

The terrorists are armed with two MAC Ingram M10s (9mm) and three Beretta 92Fs, with nearly 370 rounds of hollowpoint for these weapons. Remember that these men are not professionals. If cornered they will try to fight their way out until they realise that it isn't as easy as movies portray, whereupon they will try to surrender (but by that time it will probably be too late).

## **The Players**

### ***Adam Phillips***

Phillips is a young kid, only seventeen himself, who sells grass and Es to the pupils of the Austin Secondary School in Stepney. Seduced by the glamour of the drug scene as portrayed in film and the media, as yet he doesn't have the courage to step deeper into the shadows. He has never needed to fight for his turf - the pickings aren't enough to attract other dealers to the area - and his own suppliers don't seem to expect much more from him (yet), so business is easy.

He enjoys the 'cachet' that it gives him with a certain segment of society. To the kids that buy from him, he is a big man with money and a car; and he has no problems getting the girls he wants.

Outwardly he is very sure of himself and tries to act hard; but faced with a serious threat or with paying the consequences of his actions, he would quickly cave in and reveal himself as little more than an insecure kid.

### ***Dr. Moore***

Peter Moore is uncomfortable with the occasional patient he treats who doesn't want police involvement. Despite his reluctance to do so, he has a reputation among the criminal fraternity of South-east London for being discrete, and a substantial 'under the counter' business for which he is well rewarded.

The doctor comes over as a nervous man with a stammer. He is easily cowed (which was how he got into the business of 'under the counter' doctoring), and the merest threat will have him telling the operatives everything he knows. Most of his clientele are East-end gangsters and wouldn't consider his reporting on terrorists as a breach of faith, so it would not be damaging to his business.

It is the money that justifies his work, and he uses it to fund the services of his clinic among those too poor otherwise for proper treatment. Drug rehabilitation programs and private operations, Dr. Moore uses the money to pay for whatever is needed by his proper patients. Should the local NHS trust ever request a full audit books he would probably be struck off, but he has an arrangement with a local accountant who ensures that the clinic records will not be scrutinised too closely.

### ***Richard Mayfield***

A racist and long-standing member of the British Patriotic Front, Richard Mayfield will deliberately snub any member of the cell that is not British. Any retaliation (physical or verbal) by those non-British operatives will result in snide comments about 'reverting to type'. Until he learns why the operatives are questioning him, he will be aggressive and belligerent.

When he discovers about the involvement of Friel and his colleagues with the terrorist attack, he will try to distance their actions from the British Patriotic Front. The BPF does not condone the murder of government ministers or judges. He will gladly reveal everything he knows about Friel and his colleagues in an effort avoid their activities reflecting badly on the BPF.

### ***David and Solomon Greenberg***

The Greenberg brothers are both well past retirement age now, but still doing business. They started life helping run guns to the fledgling Israeli state during the British blockade of Palestine following the Second World War. Later they did it for the money; but now it is purely for the thrill.

Since the end of the blockade of Palestine they have been very careful to avoid trouble in their home country. With the sale of the RPG7 to The Sons of Erin, they realise that they are likely to come under some scrutiny. The purchasers were obviously amateurs, more impressed with the image of the MAC Ingram M10 than its fire capacity, and that made them likely to make mistakes. The brothers will be very cautious in any dealings with the operatives, denying all knowledge of the rocket sale.

David has a good head for business but easily flustered, while Solomon is more wily, more talkative and has a better understanding of their customer base. It is David that manages the books and all the administration while his brother handles the purchasing and sales.

## **The Investigators**

With so many other, overlapping investigations in progress, it is almost certain that the operatives will come into contact with one or more of the following characters.

### ***Emily Richardson***

If the operatives draw too much attention from the press, it will be Emily Richardson that follows the story. She has been intrigued by Blackeagle/Blackeagle for some years now, ever since one of the London cells rescued her and a number of other hostages trapped by mercenaries in a private bio-chemical research centre after a failed 'hostile takeover' by a rival company.

Emily wants the opportunity to write about Blackeagle's exploits in a positive light, as she will be at great pains to explain to the everyone. She considers all the operatives as heroes, fighting against the crime and corruption that pervades everything in London, and wants to use the tales of their heroism to inspire others. In that regard she is a young idealist.

Unfortunately she will not take 'no' for an answer. Once she learns that the operatives are working for Blackeagle (and all it takes is for her to overhear a name or recognise a face from a photograph), she will dog their footsteps throughout the assignment.

### ***Peter Douglas — MI5 (C1) Protective Officer***

Peter Douglas is heading the Close Protection Unit investigation into how their own security was breached so easily by the terrorists. Now in his mid-thirties, and (probably) past his peak, Douglas is heading toward a desk job in the next few years (not something he is looking forward to).

Although his hair is prematurely grey, Douglas should not be taken lightly; he is trying to prove to his seniors that he should remain on active duty rather than a purely investigative role. That being said, he is an excellent investigator with the ability to extract a great deal of information from a minimum of clues, and to link disparate sources of evidence giving him an accurate view of the overall situation. He is also deadly in a fight.

Douglas is an arrogant man, confident in his own skills. He will not be impressed by a Blackeagle cell involving themselves in his investigation, especially if he runs into them after learning that one of his staff has been murdered. He is aware of Blackeagle's successes in close protection work, but considers them 'showy freelancers' - only one step away from being mercenaries - and believes their reputation is over-rated. His attitude toward the operatives will be aggressive and he won't think twice about roughing up anyone that falls into his hands in an effort to learn who they are and what they know.

### ***Tony Quentin - Detective Inspector, Anti-Terrorist Squad***

DI Quentin is currently overstressed and overworked and doing what he does best, hunting down terrorists. The murder of the Northern Ireland Minister caught everyone by surprise, there had been no intelligence from any source to indicate that any attack was being planned. Now Tony Quentin is under pressure to get a quick result and mobilising all the resources under his control.

Quentin's investigation will be systematic and thorough. In such a high-profile case, he has the full resources of Scotland Yard at his beck and call, together with the intelligence gathering of MI5 and the Special Branch. Brusque and direct, he expects the truth when he asks a question and can sense a lie or half-truth.

He doesn't have time to deal with freelancers invading his investigation, and will ensure that any operatives caught involving themselves in the case soon see the inside of a cell for as long as he can reasonably hold them. Ordinarily that would be 24 hours, but in a terrorist case....

## Geena McDonald — Detective Inspector, Special Branch

Inspector Geena McDonald is acting as liaison between the police investigation of the terrorists and Special Branch. Only recently promoted, she is determined to make a good impression by excelling in this role. Ordinarily she comes over as talkative and slightly scatter-brained, but don't be fooled by this. Anyone that ends up being interrogated by her will learn not to underestimate her. She has the uncanny sense of recognising a lead that hasn't yet been followed up, and any evidence of the operatives own investigation would draw her attention.

If the operatives do find themselves in a police cell, it will be Geena that interrogates them. A petite, black woman, she can still convey a very real sense of menace when she needs to. She will agree to collaborate with the operatives, but only if they guarantee keeping her fully apprised of everything they are doing. She won't insist on their revealing the client's identity, but will try to discover this from the most co-operative or weakest members of the cell. If forced to guess she would probably be right, and may try bluffing the operatives to get a confirmation.

## The Terrorists

### The Sons of Erin

If the operatives decide not to mount an attack on the Norlands Farm, they will never actually meet the terrorists. However, their statistics and combat skills are given here should the operatives choose to assault the Farm.

<u>Adrian Hopkins</u>		<u>Henry Cairns</u>		<u>William Finn</u>		<u>Denis Boyle</u>		<u>Edward Friel</u>											
Int	32	Sen	24	Int	42	Sen	38	Int	36	Sen	46	Int	40	Sen	44	Int	48	Sen	50
Agl	53	Cor	42	Agl	45	Cor	38	Agl	37	Cor	36	Agl	44	Cor	40	Agl	55	Cor	48
Con	38	Str	42	Con	42	Str	48	Con	28	Str	38	Con	41	Str	53	Con	52	Str	62
Per	44	App	36	Per	26	App	28	Per	48	App	52	Per	36	App	48	Per	44	App	32
Bra	41	Wil	40	Bra	33	Wil	38	Bra	55	Wil	46	Bra	62	Wil	62	Bra	51	Wil	50
Perception		28		Perception		32		Perception		48		Perception		50		Perception		58	
Base Speed		15		Base Speed		14		Base Speed		13		Base Speed		14		Base Speed		15	
Dam. Rating		5		Dam. Rating		5		Dam. Rating		4		Dam. Rating		5		Dam. Rating		6	
Mass Factor		1.1		Mass Factor		1.0		Mass Factor		1.0		Mass Factor		1.0		Mass Factor		0.8	

#### Skill Rolls:

Aim	16	18	26	28	26
Autofire	24	26	38	43	38
Smallarm	26	34	41	43	44
Armed H-to-H	34	24	20	26	28
Swing	49	36	30	39	42
Drive	32	16	27	20	22
Automobile	48	24	40	30	28
Hiding	36	48	38	44	30
Unarmed H-to-H	36	30	34	38	46
Dodge	54	45	49	57	56
Punch	51	45	51	57	69

#### Weapons:

Weapon	Speed/ Roll	Speed/ Roll	Speed/ Roll	Speed/ Roll	Speed/ Roll	DF/ DD	Damage Type
Punch	15/51	14/45	13/51	14/57	15/69	1.0	Impact
Beretta 92F	14/40	13/48	12/55	13/57	14/58	20	Hyd Shk
MAC Ingram M10 (9mm)	9/39	8/41	7/53	8/58	9/53	20	Hyd Shk

Note that Cairns is still in severe shock (treat as an impairment effect of halving all actions), and unlikely to participate in any fight.

## Maps and Handouts

### *Transcript of the call to Radio Telefis Eirran*

You may not recognise my voice, but you will recognise that Sinn Fein is [the Official Voice of the People of Ireland](#) in the struggle for unity. This short statement is a [Moderated Reaction](#) to the bigotry of Whitehall.

The British government has consistently put obstacles in the way of the move towards peace and has refused to listen to the voice of the people of Northern Ireland. The demands of The Sons of Erin are just. Political prisoners incarcerated in the Maze and other internment centres must be recognised as such, or released. British forces of occupation must be withdrawn. Disarmament must begin among the terrorists of the UFF and the UDA. Despite the peaceful gestures made by Sinn Fein and the Provisional IRA, these simple demands have been ignored. Now it is once again the time for active resistance. From twelve o'clock today, those who would oppress the people of Northern Ireland must face the consequences of their actions.

This ends our statement.

**Note** – Codephrases used to authenticate the message are underlined and highlighted in [blue](#).

### *Transcript of the call to Capital Radio*

You don't need to know who this is, just that I represent the people of Northern Ireland as a [Guardian of their Liberties](#). I have a statement to make to the British Government:

The Sons of Erin have taken the first step in removing those obstacles to peace in Northern Ireland. The latest architect of tyranny has been eliminated. At midday today an armed service squad attacked and killed the British Minister for Northern Ireland. As the man responsible for the continued armed occupation, he was a legitimate military target.

This ends our statement.

**Note** - Codephrase used to authenticate the message is underlined and highlighted in [blue](#).

## ***Background on James Cavendish MP***

**Born :** Dawlish, Devon 12<sup>th</sup> August 1956

**Educated** 1968-1975 Sir Arnold Fowler Grammer School, Exeter

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1975-1978 Imperial College, London B.Sc. Political Science

**Marital Status :** Widower **Children :** None

Active member of the Students Union and University Labour Club at Imperial College. Member of CND between 1975 and 1987. Special Branch reports that he provided financial support for the protestors at Greenham Common. Charged with damaging property at Rosyth Naval Dockyards in 1979 (among protestors who pulled down a fence) but insufficient evidence for a prosecution. Worked in the administrative office for the MSF Union in Manchester between 1980 and 1985. Active in local party politics throughout the period. Married Elizabeth Weston 16<sup>th</sup> July 1980. Stood as Labour candidate for East Cheshire in 1983 General Election but lost to the Liberal Democrats. Elected as Labour MP for Middlesborough in 1989. Retained his seat in the 1992 and 1996 elections. Wife Elizabeth died from a pulmonary embolism after a hysterectomy in 1993. No children. Shadow Minister for Legal Affairs, 1994-1996. Minister for the Environment, 1996-1998. Northern Ireland Minister, 1998-1999.

## ***Background on Lady Chief Justice Karen Althorp***

**Born :** Reading, Berkshire 17<sup>th</sup> March 1961

**Educated** 1973-1980 Kendrick School, Reading

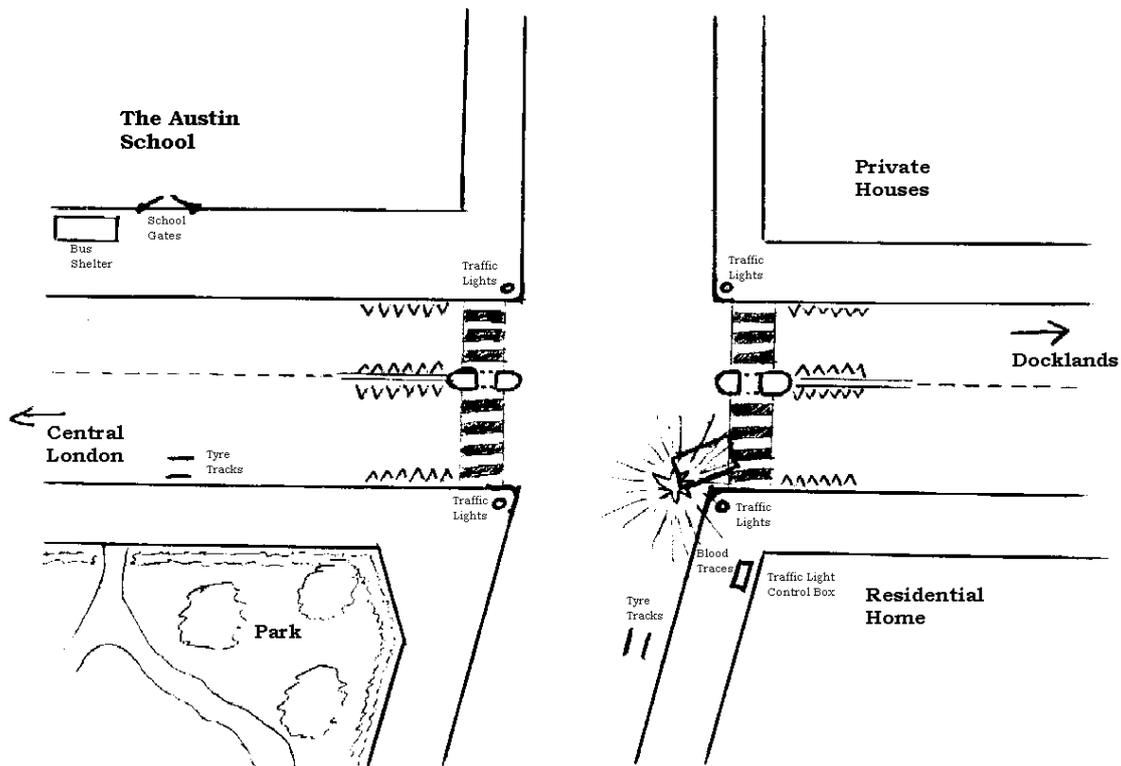
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1980-1984 Manchester University B.A. Law

**Marital Status :** Single **Children :** None

Employed as a junior by Taylor, Cartwright & Ellison of London. Specialised in criminal law. Mainly represented clients in legal aid cases. Accepted to the bar, 1988. Accepted as a partner in the firm of Watkins, Larson & Althorp, 1989. Queens Councillor, 1993, the youngest woman to take the silks. Appointed as court judge to the Circuit of East Anglia, 1996. Part-time lecturer in Law at the University of East Anglia, 1996-1998. Appointed to the High Court, 1998. On the House of Commons commission to investigate racial inequality in the armed forces, 1996-1998. Headed the House of Commons commission to investigate the accountability of the security services, 1998-1999. Never married, no children.

## Site of the Attack



The Minister's car was travelling from Ristorante Capri in the Docklands towards Central London when it was stopped at the traffic lights by the Residential Home. The Ford Transit was across the lights, while the Volvo was parked down the side road to the left. Both escape vehicles left tyre marks on the road as they fled the scene.

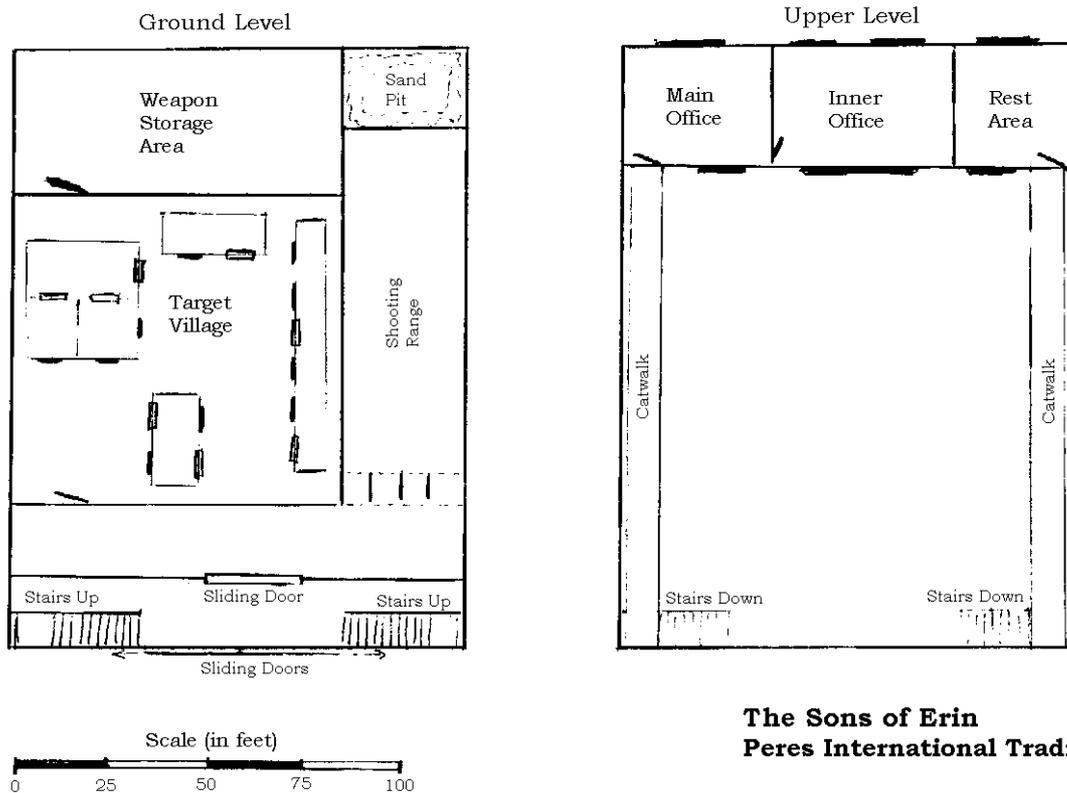
Blood stains are still visible on the pavement where Henry Cairns was caught in the blast as he closed up the traffic light control box.

The bus shelter where Adam Phillips has staked his turf is marked outside the gates of the Austin School. In warmer weather, he hangs out in the park opposite.

## Arms Dealers working in the London Area

Hektor Wolk	<p>Hektor Wolk is a German national who has made his home in London. By profession an advertising salesman, he got into the arms business after he started selling space for Jane's, the publisher of military reference books.</p> <p>Wolk was arrested in 1986 by US Federal Customs for attempting to purchase \$320m worth of aircraft, tanks and missiles for sale to Iran. Though the case never came to trial, he hasn't ventured into the big leagues since; but still maintains a respectable living from smaller deals.</p>
Stephen Thomas	<p>A London-based lawyer, tall and slim with distinguished silver hair, Thomas lives in Norfolk Crescent in London's West End with offices in nearby Clarendon Place. An American by birth, he comes from a wealthy New York family and is well known on the London social scene.</p> <p>Thomas is a broker rather than a dealer. He acts as a negotiator between buyers and the actual dealers for a 10% commission of the full purchase value.</p>
David and Solomon Greenberg	<p>Israeli brothers, living in the Camberwell district of London, who run Peres International Trading from a warehouse on the South Bank. Peres has contacts in a number of countries across the world who will put their name to End User Certificates, giving overseas sales a degree of legitimacy.</p> <p>Most of their merchandise is bought and sold outside of Britain, but they aren't above selling small arms locally.</p>

## Peres International Trading



## The Sons of Erin Peres International Trading

Normal access to the warehouse is through the sliding doors. The visitor will then find himself facing a second sliding door, with stairs up to both the right and the left. There is always a guard at this entrance, who will verify the visitor's credentials and then direct him through the door to the shooting areas or up the left stairway to the offices.

The lower floor consists of a shooting range, a mock village with pop-up, human targets, and a weapon storage area. The walls are thick stone and sound-proofed. There are no windows.

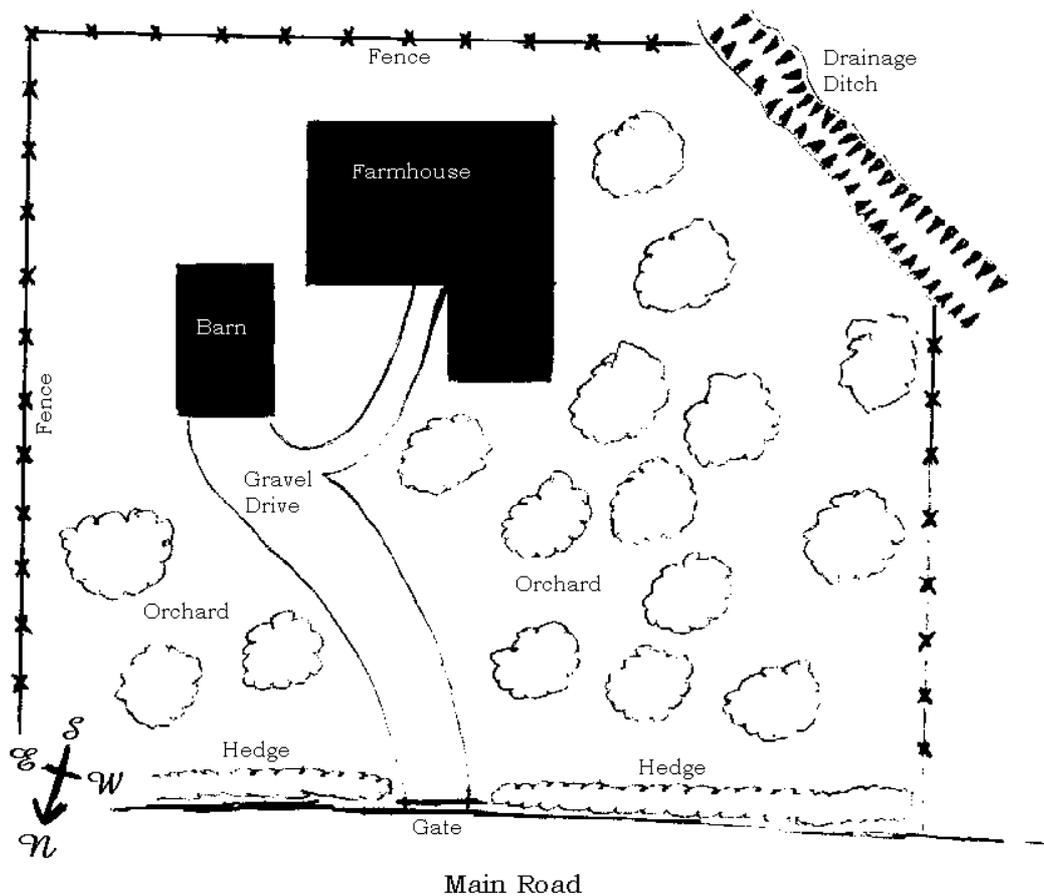
Upstairs are two offices, and a rest area for the guards. There are windows in each office, all barred and fitted with bullet-resistant glass. Contrary to fire regulations, there is no fire escape. This breach of local regulations is permitted because of the nature of the business and the security that it entails.

During the daytime, there will always be two guards on duty; while at night there will be three. Typically, one will always be in the rest area while another patrols the catwalks. Use the High-End Grunts stereotype from the Millennium's End book, but armed only with the Glock 19 or the Walther PP.

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## The Norlands Farm



### The Sons of Erin Map of Norlands Farm and Grounds

Norlands Farm has been empty for some years now. The Farmhouse and its barn are run down, the grass in the orchard is high, and the fence broken in several places. Everything about Norlands suggests an air of decay.

The main approach to the building is a gravel driveway running through the old orchard. This leads to the barn, with its broken down doors, in which can be seen a white Ford Transit van. A gravel path leads to the main building. Off the driveway, the gardens are overgrown.

Surprisingly, none of the windows in the house are broken although some are cracked and they are all covered with a layer of grime

The land around the farm is largely open marshland and lakes, broken by a maze of small streams and ditches that criss-cross the area. It is easy to approach the building on foot without being seen, but the occupants would notice any cars along the main road, especially at night.

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Plan of Norlands  
Farm**

