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For more information, refer to the Gravel Files in record room #■■■, shelf #■■■, section ■■■■■■■■■■.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

For the sake of organization, non-clone mercenary teams will be referred to by their serial numbers. An example is shown below:

[1.1850]

[Team number . Year of creation]

A decade is the average contract length of each mercenary.

- If a mercenary were to perish before completing their promised 10 years, they are to be replaced with a new mercenary who themselves must serve their own 10 years, and so on.
[This is only relevant to pre-Respawn mercenaries]
- Not all clones are aware of their clone nature. Clones are classified into two categories of [AWARE] or [UNAWARE] based on whether or not they know about the existence of *Project Doppelganger*. The first BLU prototype team (Team Alpha A-001) and the RED team (RED Merc Files-10.1968, AKA."The Originals") are both [UNAWARE].
- ROGUE teams are cloned teams that don't follow the typical structure, system, or in any way differ from the "Original" RED and BLU team (aside from physical appearance). If a ROGUE team is unable to tend to their duties because of this difference, or if they are considered a threat to BLU as a company, ROGUE Protocol must be executed. However, if they are able to continue their duties and not pose a threat to the future development of Mann.co, they are to be monitored but left alone.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

Subject. Summary of the Doppelganger Archive

1850.

- June 11th: The Gravel War between the Mann brothers begins.
 - The first RED and BLU mercenary team* is formed.

**[see 'BLU Merc Files-1.1850' for more information]*

1860.

- End of the first BLU mercenary team's contract. Only 2 members of the 9 original team members are still alive.
- Start of the second BLU mercenary team's contract.

3 more BLU mercenary teams are formed and disbanded over the following 35 years until Respawn Technology is introduced by Radigan Conagher*.
**[see 'Conagher Files' for more information]*

1890.

- Radigan Conagher is summoned by Blutarch Mann to discuss the development of the Life Extending Machine (LEM).

1894.

- July 17th: Development of Blutarch Mann's LEM.
- August 3rd: Redmond Mann's LEM is commissioned shortly after his brother's as per [REDACTED]'s demand.

1895.

- February 21st: Respawn Technology* is developed by Radigan Conagher.

**[see 'Conagher Files-Section C' for more information. Blueprints will only be provided to level-5 clearance staff]*

35 years pass.

1930.

- April 7th: Start the ninth BLU mercenary team's (AKA."Team Classic"*) contract.

**[see 'BLU Merc Files-9.1930' for more information]*

1939.

- With "Team Classic"'s nearing end of contract, Blutarch Mann realizes that mercenaries are getting rarer and rarer, especially well qualified ones. He eventually starts considering cloning as an alternative.
 - January 3rd: Blutarch Mann officially initiates *Project Doppelganger*. He designates BLU team-9.1930's engineer, Frederick Conagher*, as the research team's leader.

*[see 'Conagher Files' for more information.]

1940.

- End of the ninth BLU mercenary team's (AKA."Team Classic"*) contract.

Between 1940-1968.

- An ensuing 28 years of silence on Teufort, also commonly known as "F*cking Finally" amongst the town residents.
- During these times, Blutarch Mann and Frederick Conagher keep contact to continue research on *Project Doppelganger*, eventually perfecting cloning on September 23rd 1967.

1966.

- November 25th: [REDACTED] personally hand picks nine mercenaries* and has their files sent to Redmond Mann for hire. This is the future 10th RED mercenary team.

*[see 'RED Merc Files-10.1968' for more information]

- November 27th: [REDACTED] has the same files sent to Blutarch Mann. She instructs the message below to be sent as well:

Blutarch,

Your advantageous position in your war against your brother is being compromised. My spies have informed me of a sudden influx of activity in RED bases. Redmond is planning something. You're in luck. I have been made aware of your current predicament looking for appropriate test subjects for a recently completed project of yours. My assistant has managed to gather the files of nine best mercenaries the world could offer for you to clone. This way there will be no need for us to tediously send your men all over the globe looking for these mercenaries. I will send you samples of each of their blood by next Friday. You're welcome.

Best Regards, [REDACTED].

1967.

- September 23rd: Blutarch Mann and Frederick Conagher successfully create a perfect replica of the nine mercenaries via blood samples provided by [REDACTED]. The first BLU clone team* is formed.

**[see 'C/BLU Merc Files: Team Alpha A-001' for more information]*

- Due to this BLU clone team only being a prototype, memory wiping has not yet been developed. Each cloned mercenary still retains their original RED counterparts' memories. BLU Team Alpha A-001's status remains [UNAWARE] to this day.

[NO ONE, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, ARE TO CHANGE THIS STATUS. IF MADE AWARE OF THEIR CLONE NATURE, IT MAY MAJORLY COMPROMISE BOTH RED AND BLU INDUSTRIES PERMANENTLY]

1968.

- October 10th: The Gravel War is officially restarted with the debut of Blutarch Mann's cloned BLU team of Redmond Mann's hired RED team.
- Blutarch Mann's cloning research is surreptitiously acquired by [REDACTED]'s assistant, [REDACTED], and sent to Remond Mann as per [REDACTED]'s orders.
- It is reported that both brothers are furious and have formed their own (incorrect) beliefs on how the other could have somehow thwarted their plans yet again.

Early 1969.

- A movement of "clone globalization" kickstarts. Its incredibly rapid progress reach over 4000 RED and BLU clone teams alike stationed all around the world by mid 1970.
- Cloned teams were not provided with Respawn Technology, but medics in all teams were given the formula for the Medigun fluid.

Mid 1969.

- The first of many to come ROGUE teams* begin to appear.

**[see 'ROGUE Protocols-Document #12' for a full list of recorded ROGUE teams so far. Only level-5 clearance staff will be allowed access to these documents]*

- May 18th: First recorded team to go ROGUE: RED Team Beta C-326, stationed in the South of Canada.
- Status: Harmless. ROGUE Protocols have not been executed on them.

1971.

- August 12th: Murder of Redmond and Blutarch Mann by the hands of Gray Mann*.

**[see 'Mann Brothers-Section C' for more information]*

- The exact time of their deaths are uncertain, thus concluding the Gravel War as a stalemate after 121 years.
- August 15th: The Robot War begins.
- A record of 4568 teams exist by now. This is recorded in the Archives as the climax of *Project Doppelganger*.

- THE INCIDENT*

**[see page.9 of this file for more information]*

- January 2nd: Due to the chaos of the Robot War and THE INCIDENT happening simultaneously, *Project Doppelganger* is officially shut down by [REDACTED].

Early 1972.

- March 14th: Gray Mann takes over Mann.co.

Mid 1972.

- The catastrophic loss during THE INCIDENT leads to more and more RED and BLU clone teams alike to go AWOL, MIA or KIA as all supplies and means of communications are completely cut off from clones around the world.
- [REDACTED] is nowhere to be seen, unofficially declared AWOL until found.
- As per protocol, any and all information about *Project Doppelganger* is burned and wiped by [REDACTED]'s assistant, [REDACTED].

Late 1972.

- September 14th: 6 months later, contact with [REDACTED] is suddenly regained. As per her instructions, RED Team-10.1968 is reassembled by assistant [REDACTED].

- The Comic Events* (TFC vs.TF2) happens.

**[see 'Fourth Wall Break' for more information]*

- September 30th: End of Gray Mann's control over Mann.co.

Current day (1973).

[TO BE FURTHER UPDATED AS FUTURE INCIDENTS OCCUR]

THE INCIDENT

(detailed account pending on further information)

INCIDENT REPORT:

What We Know.

- THE INCIDENT could only be described as a mass non-contagious epidemic with an extremely high mortality rate that occurred simultaneously as The Robot War during early 1971, primarily only seeming to affect BLU clones.
- It is presumed that the cause behind this disastrous epidemic is due to a minor cloning error that happened during the early stages of "clone globalization" that may have escalated into THE INCIDENT.
- The supposed "illness" or "cloning error" behind THE INCIDENT has been dubbed: The Collapse.

Theories.

- Researchers formerly part of the *Project Doppelganger* research team have hypothesized that the cloning error behind this unprecedented mass collapse is the fact that a large majority of the BLU clone populace were cloned from the prototype BLU team, who themselves were clones of the RED team.
- During rounds of interrogation with former members of the *Project Doppelganger* research team, its former co-leader, Dr. [REDACTED], told the interrogator this:

[Beginning of excerpt from interrogation]

*"—the issue here is that that old f*ck Blutarch wouldn't let us retrieve another sample of the original mercenaries' blood after he had used all of the one we had testing out that g*dforsaken prototype team. He just told us to use the BLU prototype team's blood for the rest of the clones which is complete horsesh*t and I'll tell you why.*

*Cloning isn't just some kind of high school science project and it really isn't that f*cking simple—*

[This section of the interrogation has been omitted due to excessive use of inappropriate expletives and threats against Blutarch Mann]

*—The prototype BLU team is already a g*ddamn clone of the original mercenaries who are off living their lives wherever the f*ck they are*

*right now. If you clone a clone, maybe in the beginning things look okay, but at some point in the future— sh*t's going to hit the fan.*

[Dr. ██████ starts to get visibly agitated]

It's going to start leading to some health complications for the affected clone— a much shorter lifespan, mutations, all that nasty stuff.

[Dr. ██████ slams his fist onto the desk and stands up, starting to pace around the interrogation room]

*Honestly, I can't f*cking believe this, I knew this was going to happen since the beginning and I thought since I couldn't convince that blue m*therf*cker maybe the opinions of the other scientists part of the project could sway Blutarch but NO! I mean, I understand; obviously he's a mechanic, not a Doctor like me, but HOW IN GOD'S GREEN EARTH DID NO ONE ELSE F*CKING NOTICE THIS OBVIOUS F*CKING OVERSIGHT UNTIL—"*

[End of excerpt from interrogation]

Incident Summary.

- It is impossible to know how long BLU cloned mercenaries around the world have been experiencing The Collapse since the past, and how many BLU clones affected by The Collapse have been incorrectly assumed dead from unrelated illness. It is only recently that The Collapse has been identified and named. It may very well have been happening since the beginning of the project.
- The first signs of THE INCIDENT appeared during late 1971, around the month of December a few weeks before the declaration of Blutarch and Redmond Mann's death. Starting approximately with teams stationed in Europe, more and more cases of "ill" teammates began to occur all around the globe. Researchers have observed that these cases seemed to not follow any discernible pattern of transmission of illness, nor did it fit all the criteria that would classify it as a contagious plague.
- Researchers have yet to find out why THE INCIDENT only seemed to suddenly happen now of all times and not earlier or later.
- BLU teams were not the only ones affected by THE INCIDENT, as many RED teams were left enemy-less and purposeless. Many went AWOL, ROGUE or MIA.
- The Collapse was only recently identified and given a proper name by a RED Medic from a harmless ROGUE clone team stationed in the

South of Canada, Team Beta C-326.

- The medic's own BLU team had also been unexpectedly hit by The Collapse, like many others. He took the opportunity to study this supposed "illness" suddenly taking over the BLUs, and on June 26th 1972, he uploaded an open research paper* onto the communal RED Online Medical Archive (OMA).

**[see 'The Collapse:RED Beta C-326 research paper.copy' for more information. Only level-5 clearance staff will be allowed access to these documents]*

- The research paper was uploaded together with a file that contained a collection of recorded video, audio and writing of tests, experiments, and observations the medic had run to study The Collapse.
- In his research paper, he clarifies that The Collapse is not an illness in the first place, but rather a cloning error.
- His research paper was peer reviewed by the researchers of *Project Doppelganger* as per [REDACTED]'s order, including the research team's leader and co-leader Frederick Conagher and Dr. [REDACTED] themselves. They all confirmed the legitimacy of the ROGUE RED medic's research.
- This was, however, discovered far too late. A large majority of BLU teams had already perished by then.
- January 1st: The Collapse research was halted when [REDACTED] declared *Project Doppelganger* officially orphaned. A copy of the research paper was made and saved onto a separate hard-drive for safekeeping, and the entirety of the RED Online Medical Archive and any other online spaces related to *Project Doppelganger* was shut down and erased. Anything that could hint any previous existence of *Project Doppelganger* existing was removed.
- The medic was never able to find a cure. His research paper remains unfinished to this day.
- Shortly after the shutdown of the RED OMA, RED Team Beta C-326 dropped entirely off grid and was declared AWOL until found.
- An official ROGUE termination warrant was issued by [REDACTED] for RED Team Beta C-326. They are to be terminated on sight once found.
- January 2nd: *Project Doppelganger* is fully shut down.

CONFIRMED INCIDENT CASUALTY LIST:
Statistics.

Early stage.

- 1204 teams combined
- 602 teams for each RED and BLU
- 10 836 individual mercs

Climax.

- 4568 teams combined
- 2284 teams for each RED and BLU
- 41 112 individual mercs

Recorded casualties during THE INCIDENT.

- 2105 teams lost combined
- BLU loses approx 1978 teams, 1833 of them are officially declared dead, the remaining 145 teams are declared AWOL or MIA
- RED loses 127 teams (due to either related or unrelated issues), 23 of them are officially declared dead, the remaining 104 teams are declared AWOL or MIA
- 19 719 individual mercs deceased

A 86.6025% decrease of BLU cloned teams.

Teams left after THE INCIDENT.

- 2463 teams combined
- BLU: approx 306 teams left
- RED: 2157 teams left
- 20 862 individual mercs left

The whereabouts and status of all AWOL and MIA teams are unknown, but will be presumed dead until proven otherwise.

Below is an excerpt from the ROGUE RED medic Beta C-326's research paper on The Collapse. You are NOT to disclose any information shown here to anyone outside of the facility or below level-5 clearance without express permission.

[Beginning of excerpt]

Observations Of The Collapse.

- The Collapse looks like it could be some sort of a cloning error that happened somewhere along the line of production of the majority of BLU clones. It would explain why BLUs all over are suddenly dropping like flies. Although, how could no one have noticed this big of an oversight for this long?

~~This "error" seems to stay dormant until somehow triggered (??) by something (maybe?)~~

- This isn't something that can be triggered. It's not the same as a contagious plague, this is entirely internal, practically coded into the body.
- The Collapse just spontaneously appears and works quickly to destroy the affected clone's immune system and body from the inside out. It's almost like a timed self destruct, except no one knows for how long it's timed until it explodes.
- God, I just want to save them.
- There does not seem to be a fixed rate at which an affected clone dies. Some clones seem to take only a week for The Collapse to fully kill them, some seem to take months, and some even seem to take a whole year. It's sudden, merciless and does not discriminate.
- It seems only BLU clones are affected by The Collapse, but not necessarily every single one of them, according to some other reports I've seen on OMA. Apparently some BLU clones don't seem to show any symptoms of The Collapse. Although due to the discrete nature of it, it's impossible to predict if they're simply late bloomers or they're entirely unaffected. It seems impossible to pinpoint when exactly it may happen.
- Soldier died yesterday. He held my hand, and told me he wanted to grow his hair out. That was the last thing he said to me. I'll have to perform an autopsy on his body tomorrow, maybe I can find something useful. Maybe I can save the others.

- The Collapse does not seem to be contagious.
- [REDACTED] cut contact with everyone yesterday. Everyone's freaking out. There's only 2 left, I have to keep them alive for just a little longer, until I can find a cure, something, anything.
- The Collapse does not seem to specifically target clones of any particular age or Class (other than only affecting the BLU teams). However, a large majority of those affected seems to at least exceed the age of 6 months.
- I had to pull the plug on Engie this morning. I couldn't bear to watch him be so sad anymore.
- why is this happening to us

Symptoms and effects of The Collapse.

- Symptoms displayed by patients affected by The Collapse:
 - Severe nausea
 - Headaches
 - Weakened limbs and muscles
 - Lessened movement control (muscle spasms, twitching, shaking, unwanted movements)
 - Gradual organ failure
 - Decreased cognitive abilities
 - Compromised fine motor skills
 - Occasional inability to understand speech (unresponsive when spoken to, or a delayed reaction)
 - Drastically shortened lifespan
 - Decreased performance in battle

[End of excerpt]