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- **TO:** Vice President, Government Services (VP-GS)
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- **CC:** Director, Covert Operations (Dir-CO)
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- **SUBJECT:** MLD Phase 2 Update InfoEnv & Asset Dev (AB Focus) Challenges/Progress
- **VP-GS,**

Per standard reporting protocols, please find below a summary update on Project Maple Leaf Downfall (MLD) Phase 2 progress, specifically concerning Information Environment (InfoEnv) shaping and Asset Development within the Alberta (AB) primary vector.

- **InfoEnv Shaping:**
- * **Progress:** Metrics indicate significant traction in amplifying anti-Ottawa sentiment within target demographics (Ref: MLD_Metrics_Q2_2024.xlsx). Social media engagement on designated platforms exceeds projections by 18%. Sentiment polling analysis shows a marked (+12 pts) increase in favourability towards regional autonomy narratives compared to Q1 baseline. Controlled media channels (Project Nightingale & Project Bluebird) are performing adequately, disseminating approved narratives effectively.
- * **Challenges:** Narrative control remains challenging in certain online spaces. Independent regional outlets and unaligned influencers occasionally disrupt message coherence. Recommend coordination with CO to explore options for active mitigation regarding key disruptive voices (Ref: MLD P3 Pretext Dev). Furthermore, budget allocation for advanced social media manipulation tools (Project Chimera) may require reassessment for Q4 to maintain momentum against emergent counter-narratives.
- **Asset Development:**
- * **Progress:** Cultivation of core leadership/activist cadres within designated AB groups is proceeding. Secure comms established with three primary cells (Alpha, Bravo, Gamma). Initial organizational technique training (Ref: SO Training Mod 2A) completed for Alpha cell leadership with positive feedback. Recruitment pipeline remains active.
- * **Challenges:** Certain high-value potential assets within political and business circles are proving resistant to conventional influence methods. Alternative approaches under review with CO. Maintaining ideological purity and operational control within Bravo cell requires ongoing vigilance; recommend increased monitoring protocols.
- **Logistics Note:** Initial equipment staging via the designated logistics node near **Hamilton (Ref: LogPlan MLD-07B)** is proceeding on schedule for potential Phase 3 acceleration if required.

Overall Assessment: Phase 2 objectives are largely on track, but maintaining narrative dominance and ensuring complete asset compliance require continued cross-divisional effort and potentially increased resource allocation. Requesting brief sync call next week to discuss CO mitigation options and Project Chimera budget.

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