Assignment 1: Atlantic Storm (manual)

Collaborated with Agent Apoc

Main Threat:

It is 19 December 2004 and Al Qaeda has planned a bioweapon attack on three cities of the United States: Baltimore, Miami and New York and the entire operation will be carried out by six people, travelling in pairs to each of these locations in United States. The conclusions are based on the reports for the year 2003 and 2004 provided by the Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Evidence:

- 1. Pyotr Safrygin, a former director of security at the Vector Institute who now holds the position of director for security for Central Russia Airlines and currently lives in Moscow. [CIA_5]
- 2. A person named Boris Bugarov who has worked as a scientist on bioweapons at Vector and according to sources has returned to Cuba and is working with the Cuban government. He might have had contact with Pyotr Safrygin at the Vector Institute in Moscow. [CIA_17]
- 3. Boris Bugarov gave a package named antibiotics to Pyotr Safrygin and Safrygin gave the man a bag, probably containing diamonds. [CIA_34]
- 4. Safrygin handed over the package named 'antibiotics' to Abdellah Atmani who is now employed at the Holland orange shipping company and is shipping the package to Santo Domingo, The Dominican Republic. [CIA_39]
- 5. The package is received by Carlos as 65 Ave. San Martin in Santo Domingo is listed in the name of Carlos Morales. [NSA_9, CIA_23]
- 6. Arze works as a medical technician in Santo Domingo and is the supplier of medical supplies. Arze was also spotted in company with Carlos Morales and Jose Escalante at a park in Santo Domingo. [CIA_3, CIA_30]
- 7. Jose Escalante called Carlos to inform him that the medical supplies will be delivered to him by Cesar Arze. Carlos is supposed to give the package to Sufaat. Sufaat is supposed to receive both the packages viz. antibiotics and medical supplies. [NSA_16]
- 8. Sufaat lives in Nassau, The Bahamas and works as a deck hand on the Island Freight Lines that makes regular runs between Nassau and Santo Domingo. He also has had contacts with Omar Hanif at the Seashore Hotel in Nassau. [CIA_38]

- Omar Hanif was in the company of Saeed Hasham in Cairo, Egypt. Hasham, a Saudi who had been in charge of planning insurgent missions against the Americans and is part of Al Qaeda. [CIA 24, DIA 2]
- 10. Omar Hanif carried the antibiotics package from Nassau to Freeport and handed it over to Muslih Odeh. [CIA_42]
- 11. Adnan Hijazi has paid the six students viz. Wali Shakur, Hamza al Midhar, Mounir Mzoudi, Mamoun Zammar, Said Khadr and Muhammed Dandani 8000USD each through American Islamic Scholarship Fund for becoming members of Islamic Jihad. [FBI 35]
- 12. The 6 terrorists have booked accommodations on cruises and ships for carrying the bioweapons from Nassau(Omar Hanif) and Freeport(Muslih Odeh) to the three cities viz. Baltimore, Florida and New York City in the United States on 19 December, 2004.[FBI_41]
- 13. Adnan Hijazi also paid for the bioweapons by sending diamonds through Pieter Dopple to Ramundo Ortiz who in turn paid Jose Escalante 150,000USD. [FBI_28]

Method:

- 1. The initial findings were based on the highest frequency of names that appeared in the reports. The suspects (Pyotr Safrygin, Boris Bugarov and Adnan Hijazi) in the case gave us a gist of the threat and the entire operation.
- 2. Based on the initial findings we were able to conclude that bioweapons were being traded and the operation was being funded using diamonds from Pakistan.
- 3. The next step was looking at all the people in company with the suspects and the places these people visited based on the intercepted calls and witness testimonies.
- 4. We noted all the significant events on a whiteboard and tried to establish links.
- 5. After these links were established, we decided to change our approach and scanned the reports in a chronological order.
- 6. This gave us a clear picture of all the events involved in the operation and a conclusion that the threat was a bioweapon attack on the three cities of the United States.

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