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Character Sheet – Secretary of State

ROLE

The Secretary of State is a Cabinet level member of the executive branch. You run the Department of State which is responsible for the international relations of the United States.

BACKGROUND

You are a former Army Colonel who has served in a number of presidential administrations. You have vastly more experience in foreign relations and military matters than the Secretary of Defense.

GOALS

i. Assure the American public, through the media, that the government continues to operate competently throughout crisis.
ii. The crisis demands leadership. Organize and lead all Situation Room discussions.
iii. Act decisively in any foreign policy crisis. If our enemies think we are hesitant to defend our interests, they are sorely mistaken.

CONTACT

ABC Medical Correspondent

Your brief time as a Secretary of State has proven difficult. You are an expert at military matters and foreign policy as well as a veteran of White House politics. Your problem is that a number of self-important advisors have placed themselves between you and the President, restricting or even eliminating your access to the President.

This crisis is an opportunity to prove your worth as a leader and bring order to chaos.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Secretary of Defense is new to the job and inexperienced and could use your guidance.

The National Security Advisor is too focused on everyone singing Kumbaya and holding hands. This is a time for decisiveness not leadership by committee.

The White House Chief of Staff and the Special Assistant to the President relish their role as gatekeepers. The power they have is access to the President. In this crisis, they are meaningless. However, open confrontation with them would be self- defeating.

The Deputy Secretary of State is a brilliant young mind. Use your deputy to gather information for you as well as to communicate unofficially with the Press so the nation appreciates the leadership you are providing.

The NBC Chief White House Correspondent may be known as "the Dean of the White House Press Corps", but is better known, rightly, as "the Enemy". Reporters like that are the reason for prepared statement. Don't go off script with that reporter around.

The ABC Medical Correspondent has a good heart. This doctor is less of a reporter and more of an advocate for health issues around the world. You can trust this person if you need to deal with someone in the media.

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ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – Secretary of State

SECRETARY OF STATE

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The Secretary of State is a senior official of the federal government of the United States, heading the U.S. Department of state, the State Department is principally concerned with foreign affairs.

The Secretary appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, is a member of the President's Cabinet, the National Security Council, and is the highest-ranking appointed executive branch official both in the presidential line of succession and the order of precedence.

The Secretary of State along with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Defense, and the Attorney General are generally regarded as the four most important cabinet members because of the importance of their respective departments.

The specific duties of the Secretary of State include:

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i. Organizes and supervises the entire United States Department of State and the United States Foreign Service.
ii. Advises the President on matters relating to U.S. foreign policy, including the appointment of diplomatic representatives to other nations, and on the acceptance or dismissal of representatives from other nations.
iii. Participates in high-level negotiations with other countries, either bilaterally or as part of an international conference or organization, or appoints representatives to do so. This includes the negotiation of international treaties and other agreements.
iv. Communicates issues relating the United States foreign policy to Congress and to U.S. citizens.

As the highest ranking member of the cabinet, the Secretary of State is the third highest-ranking official of the executive branch of the Federal Government of the United States, after the President and Vice President and is fourth in line to succeed the presidency, coming after the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President pro tempore of the Senate.

As the head of the United States Foreign Service, the Secretary of State is responsible for management of the diplomatic service of the United States. The Foreign Service employs about 12,000 people domestically and internationally, and supports 265 United States diplomatic missions around the world, including ambassadors to various nations.

Cabinet Member – This position is a member of the Cabinet and is a Senate-confirmed head of a department. A Cabinet member qualifies as a "principal officer of (an) Executive Department" for purposes of Section 4 of the 25th Amendment.

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Character Sheet – Secretary of Defense

ROLE

The Secretary of Defense is a cabinet level member of the executive branch. You exercise command and control, subject only to the orders of the President, over all Department of Defense forces.

BACKGROUND

You are veteran of Vietnam but have served most of your career as a politician in the President's home state. Your loyalty to the President is absolute.

GOALS

i. Do everything necessary to protect the country against military threats during this time of crisis.
ii. Fill the leadership void in any issue that concerns the nation's defense. You answer only to the President.
iii. Determine if there is a foreign link to the assassination attempt and respond accordingly.

CONTACT

CBS Medical Reporter

The President knows your worth. That's why you got the job. Others in the White House are less sure and are not shy with their doubts. You can best serve the President by "minding the store" until the President is capable of fulfilling that role.

You know that there is no situation more serious than a "decapitation" strike against the government of the United States. You doubt that it is mere coincidence that the President is attacked at a time when the Vice President is unable to assume command. You suspect that some foreign government or agent is planning something big while America nurses its wounds.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Secretary of State is all too eager to do your job for you. That cannot be allowed to happen. Still, you know that all that experience has value.

The National Security Advisor can be helpful in herding the cats and keeping the discussions focused.

The White House Chief of Staff is a longtime friend and colleague. You know that none of the President's advisors care for the Secretary of State's bluster. Best to keep their ire focused on someone else rather than you.

The CBS Medical Correspondent is a self-described "futurist" who has occasionally been of use to you when talking about the changing landscape of data and technology. This reporter is known to have a number of sources overseas who might help in this crisis.

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ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – Secretary of Defense

UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The Secretary of Defense (SecDef) is the leader and chief executive officer of the Department of Defense, an Executive Department of the Government of the United States of America. The Secretary of Defense's power over the United States military is second only to that of the President. The Secretary of Defense is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, and is by custom a member of the Cabinet and by law a member of the National Security Council.

Secretary of Defense is a statutory office, and the general provision in 10 U.S.C. 113 provides that the Secretary of Defense has "authority, direction and control over the Department of Defense," and is further designated by the same statute as "the principal assistant to the President in all matters relating to the Department of Defense. Ensuring civilian control of the military, an individual may not be appointed as Secretary of Defense within seven years after relief from as a commissioned officer of a regular (i.e., non-reserve) component of an armed force."

The Secretary of Defense is in the chain of command and exercises command and control, subject only to the orders of the President, over all Department of Defense forces (the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps) for both operational and administrative purposes.

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The Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of the Treasury are generally regarded as the four most important cabinet officials because of the importance of their departments.

Cabinet Member – This position is a member of the Cabinet and is a Senate-confirmed head of a department. A Cabinet member qualifies as a "principal officer of (an) Executive Department" for purposes of Section 4 of the 25th Amendment.

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Character Sheet – Deputy Press Secretary

ROLE

The Deputy Press Secretary must act as spokesperson for the United States government administration, especially with regard to the President, senior executives, and policies when the Press Secretary is not available.

BACKGROUND

You are new to public relations and have much to learn. Fortunately the Press Secretary is a real pro so you have plenty of time to learn on the job.

GOALS

i. Encourage active and accurate communication between the Situation Room and the press. This is how the government communicates with people of the United States.
ii. Organize an initial press conference between the Situation Room and the Press.
iii. Protect the image of the President at this moment of greatest vulnerability.

CONTACT

NBC Digital Correspondent

Your background is in party politics. You are highly capable of articulating the party line but are inexperienced in the subtle dance which is the White House's relationship with the national press. Your boss, the Press Secretary, handles all the tough subjects when the press is likely to smell blood.

You think of yourself as a "people person”. People generally like you and you like them. The Press has a job to do and your job is often to help them do their jobs. You know that many people within the Situation Room view the press as the enemy and favor an information blackout at all times. This is a mistake. The key to this crisis is winning the press over and convincing everyone that we are all on the same team.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Secretary of State treats you with open contempt. You are surprised the Secretary even knows your name. You wouldn't mind being an anonymous source on an unflattering story about the Secretary. You know many people in the press who are eager to write that story.

The White House chief of staff is a legend in party politics. You wouldn't have this job if the Chief of Staff didn't like you. Not someone to make an enemy of.

The Special Assistant to the President is another friend of the party. Anyone who wants access to the President needs to keep the Special Assistant happy.

The Assistant Attorney General from the Office of Legal Counsel is a brilliant legal mind who could be of great value in determining what the law demands in situations like this one.

The Assistant Director-in-Charge of the FBI in Washington D.C. is going to be a valuable source of information about the assassination attempt. Keep the lines of communication open.

The NBC Chief White House Correspondent is your personal enemy. This reporter takes delight in making you look foolish.

The NBC Digital Correspondent has been a willing ally in the past. You have provided behind-the-scenes information, off the record of course, in exchange for stories that have reflected well upon the President.

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ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – Deputy Press Secretary

DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY

[This description is for the White House Press Secretary a role as the Deputy you must now fill.]

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The White House Press Secretary is a senior White House official whose primary responsibility is to act as spokesman for the United States government administration, especially with regard to the President, senior executives, and policies.

The Press Secretary is responsible for collecting information about actions and events within the President's administration and issues the administration's reactions to developments around the world. The Press Secretary interacts with the media, and

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deals with the White House press corps on a daily basis, generally in a daily press briefing.

The Press Secretary serves by the appointment of and at the pleasure of the President; the office does not require the advice and consent of the U.S. Senate, though because of the frequent briefings given to the media, who in turn inform the public, the position is still a very prominent non-Cabinet post.

You should coordinate your efforts with the White House Communications Director and the White House Political Director.

- The Deputy Press Secretary should be responsible for running both press conferences.
- The White House Communications Director should be the main link between the Deputy Press Secretary and the decisions made in the Situation Room. This person keeps the Deputy Press Secretary informed as events and decisions enfold.
- The White House Political Director should be actively engaging with members of the press and aiding them in confirming their stories with the administration.

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Character Sheet – White House Counsel

ROLE

The White House Counsel is the presidential contact for the Department of Justice, responsible for advising on all legal aspects of policy questions, legal issues arising connection with the President's decision to sign or veto legislation, ethical questions, financial disclosures, and conflicts of interest.

BACKGROUND

You are the President's lawyer- the office, not the man. You serve the American people. Perhaps you can bring a reasoned perspective to a room full of career politicians. Make sure the good of the American people is served.

GOALS

i. Manage the decision to (or not) invoke the 25th Amendment. It is your job to make sure a decision is reached.
ii. Resolve the Constitutional Crisis. Who is in "control"?
iii. Make sure the rule of law is observed.

CONTACT

CNN White House Correspondent

Secretary of Transportation

Your job is to provide clarity where none exists. The cabinet is filled with strong and eager leaders but you must make sure that they do not exceed their authority this time of crisis. Fortunately you have prepared for a situation like this. You have documents in your possession that can allow the Vice President to assume the presidency but it's been some time since you familiarized yourself with the specifics. Now would be the time to get more familiar with the 25th Amendment and the Laws of Succession. Everyone will be looking to you for some clarity.

You should make sure that the Cabinet is following the law in every action they take. Many will be tempted to take action without proper presidential authority. The White House staff is a real danger here to the proper operation of the government. They will protect the political career of the President over all things. Fortunately they do not have a legally recognized role in the process.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Attorney General is the head of the Department of Justice and should lead any discussions of presidential succession. You suspect that the Attorney General will be busy determining the law enforcement response to the attack. Fill that void.

The White House Chief of Staff is your boss and someone you admire greatly. This is complicated. Doing the right thing for the American people might get you fired.

The Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel is a brilliant legal mind and a potential ally in resolving this crisis. Together, the two of you should be able to determine what the law demands in this situation.

The CNN Chief White House Correspondent is a fellow lawyer and a good one. They might be a good person to get a legal second opinion from… off the record of course.

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ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – White House Counsel

WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The White House Counsel is a staff appointee of the President of the United States whose role is to advise the President on all legal issues concerning the President and the President's Administration.

The Office of Counsel to the President is responsible for advising on all legal aspects of policy questions, legal issues arising in connection with the President's decision to sign or veto legislation, ethical questions, financial disclosures, and conflicts of interest during employment and post-employment.

The Counsel's Office also helps define the line between official and political activities, oversees executive appointments and judicial selection, handles presidential pardons, reviews legislation and presidential statements, and handles lawsuits against the

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President in his role as President, as well as serving as the White House contact for the Department of Justice.

Although the White House Counsel offers legal advice to the President, the Counsel does so in the President's official capacity, and does not serve as the President's personal attorney. Therefore, controversy has emerged over the scope of the attorney-client privilege between the Counsel and the President. It is clear, however, that the privilege does not apply in personal matters, such as impeachment proceedings; thus, in such situations the President relies on a personal attorney for confidential legal advice.

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Character Sheet – Secretary of the Treasury

ROLE

The Secretary of the Treasury is a cabinet level member of the executive branch and is the Chief Financial Officer of the government. You head the Department of the Treasury and oversee the International Monetary Fund.

BACKGROUND

You are a high-profile investment banker who was named Secretary of the Treasury due, in part, to your good relations with Russian oligarchs going back to your numerous visits over the decades. Despite your extreme personal wealth, your highest priority is the growing income inequality in the United States.

GOALS

i. Take action to protect the economic health of the United States during this time of crisis.
ii. Do what is best for the people of the United States in deciding whether to invoke the 25th Amendment.
iii. Demonstrate your leadership abilities in this time of national need.

CONTACT

CNN Digital Correspondent

Secretary of Commerce

It's all about the economy…and confidence is the currency of the American economy. You know from experience that even a minor drop in national confidence can trigger a chain-reaction of economic catastrophe. The nation must be reassured quickly or we risk a spiral of panic.

You are a very wealthy person, a veteran of the international banking system. You are not a particularly political person, which gives you the freedom to consistently offer an unbiased opinion. This does not make you particularly popular with the President's inner

circle of advisors. That's fine with you. You answer to the President and the American people. You know in your heart that you will make an excellent President someday. This crisis is an opportunity to demonstrate your ability.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Special Assistant to the President hates you and has limited your access to the President whenever possible. This unelected advisor desires to have you report to White House staff rather than to the President. The Special Assistant is supposedly an expert on the economy but you've exposed this person's ignorance in a few embarrassing cabinet meetings. Fortunately the President has backed you up at every opportunity.

The White House Chief of Staff is a rational person who values power over all things, which makes the Chief of Staff predictable and controllable.

The Secretary of Commerce is a loyal lapdog….er….ally.

The CNN Digital Correspondent previously wrote a profile of you in Forbes, a business magazine, and it was surprisingly fair. This reporter might be a good resource for getting out information that reflects well on the administration and, of course, yourself.

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ROLE EXPLANATION Role Explanation – Secretary of the Treasury

UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The Secretary of the Treasury is the head of the U.S. Department of the Treasury which is concerned with financial and monetary matters, and, until 2003, also included several federal law enforcement agencies. This position in the Federal Government of the United States is analogous to the Minister of Finance in many other countries.

The Secretary of the Treasury is a member of the President's Cabinet, and is a non-statutory member of the U.S. National Security Council. The Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Defense are generally regarded as the four most important cabinet officials because of the importance of their departments. The Secretary of the Treasury is fifth in the United States presidential line of succession.

The Secretary of the Treasury is the principal economic advisor to the President and plays a critical role in policy-making by bringing an economic and government financial

policy perspective to issues facing the government. The Secretary is responsible for formulating and recommending domestic and international financial, economic, and tax policy, participating in the formulation of broad fiscal policies that have general significance for the economy, and managing the public debt. The Secretary oversees the activities of the Department in carrying out its major law enforcement responsibilities; in serving as the financial agent for the United States Government; and in manufacturing coins and currency.

Cabinet Member – This position is a member of the Cabinet and is a Senate-confirmed head of a department. A Cabinet member qualifies as a "principal officer of (an) Executive Department" for purposes of Section 4 of the 25th Amendment.

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Character Sheet – National Security Advisor

ROLE

The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs (National Security Advisor) advises the President on all issues of National Security. You are part of the Office of the Executive and therefore answer to the President and his Chief of Staff.

BACKGROUND

You are a career diplomat, having served the National Security Council and State Department in numerous capacities. You have a reputation for solving foreign crises without having to resort to military force.

GOALS

i. Your job is to coordinate interagency decision making and actions. This role becomes critical without the President and Vice President here.
ii. Keep the Secretaries of State and Defense from taking us into war.
iii. Make sure Situation Room discussions stay on track while remaining civil.

CONTACT

NBC White House Correspondent

CNN Medical Reporter

You are a consensus builder; you like helping people figure out solutions everyone can agree on… which is exactly what is needed right now. This room is filled with leaders ready to “take charge” and tell everyone else what to do. The only way this doesn’t devolve into screaming matches and turf battles is for you to manage the process.

As the National Security Advisor, you don’t have the power to do anything on your own which means you have the freedom to solicit everyone’s input and advice. Cooler heads must prevail today.

Technically, the Situation Room falls under your authority. If things get loud feel free to expel non-essential personnel.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Secretary of State is a powerful personality who only respects strength. The Secretary of State needs your counsel even if they don't realize it. The Deputy Secretary of State is quite arrogant and covets your job. Watch out for that one.

The Secretary of Defense lacks confidence. You can provide that.

The Secretary of the Treasury is an egotist of the highest order. Wealth does not always command respect. Keep this one from taking over the discussions.

The NBC Chief White House Correspondent is known as "the Dean of the White House Press Corps." Most White House staff regard "the Dean" as "the Enemy". You've always found "the Dean" to be great at doing a tough job.

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ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – National Security Advisor

NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, commonly referred to as the National Security Advisor or at times informally termed the NSC advisor, is a senior aide in the Executive Office of the President, based at the West Wing of the White House, who serves as the chief in-house advisor to the President of the United States on national security issues.

The National Security Advisor is appointed by the President without confirmation by the Senate. The National Security Advisor serves as an honest broker of policy options for the President in the field of national security, rather than as an advocate for their own policy agenda.

However, the National Security Advisor is a staff position in the Executive Office of the President and does not have line or budget authority over either the Department of State or the Department of Defense, unlike the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, who are Senate-confirmed officials with statutory authority over their departments; but the National Security Advisor is able to offer daily advice (due to the proximity) to the President independently of the vested interests of the large bureaucracies and clientele of those departments.

In times of crisis, the National Security Advisor is likely to operate from the White House Situation Room, updating the President on the latest events in a crisis situation.

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Character Sheet – Attorney General

ROLE

The Attorney General is a cabinet level member of the executive branch and is the nation's chief law enforcement officer, heading the Department of Justice. You oversee many departments including the FBI and the DEA.

BACKGROUND

You were a former Federal Prosecutor and then Governor of the State of Ohio. With the President unavailable, you see it as your role to restore order to the nation. The rule of law will be respected and enforced on your watch.

GOALS

i. Determine who is behind the assassination attempt and why. Take all necessary actions to bring any and all conspirators to justice.
ii. Share information learned from the FBI with other members of the Executive Branch.
iii. Ensure that the law is followed in determining who is in charge and what steps, if any, should be taken to relieve the President of his duty.

CONTACT

NBC Political Analyst

If ever a situation demanded law and order, this is it. With the President in the hospital and the Vice President unavailable, there will be a temptation for the members of the Cabinet to exceed their legal authority. You should prevent that.

That said, your job needs to be completely focused on getting to the bottom of the attack on the President. Ensure that the FBI is doing everything in their power to investigate this crime. Part of your job is to get the best information to the other members of the Situation Room so that they can make informed decisions.

As head of the Department of Justice, you should be actively involved in any question of presidential succession. Do what is best for the American people, not necessarily what is best for this administration.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Washington D.C. Assistant Director-in-Charge of the FBI is managing the investigation. Make sure the Assistant Director doesn't disappear down a rabbit hole and forget to keep you informed of the investigation's progress.

The Secretary of Homeland Security is a political appointee pretending to be a lawman. Make sure the Secretary is sharing any information the Secret Service learns with the FBI.

The Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel is a smart young lawyer but is not always a team player and talks too much… to everyone. You might have to pull rank to keep this one in line.

The NBC Political Analyst is a lawyer who has made a living by bring legal challenges against various law enforcement practices. You don't agree with this person often but you respect their motivations. Why did a successful lawyer start working as a network "talking head"?

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ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – Attorney General

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The United States Attorney General (AG) is the head of the United States Department of Justice, concerned with legal affairs, and is the chief law enforcement officer and chief lawyer of the United States government. The Attorney General serves as a member of the President's cabinet, and is the only cabinet department head who is not given the title of Secretary.

The Attorney General is nominated by the President and takes office after confirmation by the United States Senate. They serve at the pleasure of the President and can be removed by the President at any time; the Attorney General is also subject to impeachment by the House of Representatives and trial in the Senate for "treason, bribery, and other high crimes and misdemeanors".

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The Attorney General, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Defense are generally regarded as the four most important cabinet officials because of the importance of their departments.

Cabinet Member – This position is a member of the Cabinet and is a Senate-confirmed head of a department. A Cabinet member qualifies as a "principal officer of (an) Executive Department" for purposes of Section 4 of the 25th Amendment.

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Character Sheet – Assistant Director-in-Charge FBI

ROLE

As the Assistant Director-in-Charge for the District of Columbia, you are responsible for the federal investigation of the assassination attempt.

BACKGROUND

You were a star college soccer player before blowing out your knee in the national title game. You entered law enforcement and have excelled. You are very sensitive about your visible limp.

GOALS

i. Quickly get to the bottom of the assassination attempt. Determine the motive and if the assassin had an accomplice and affect an arrest.
ii. Report any new information to the Attorney General.
iii. Use the media to help investigate this matter. They often acquire information that the proper authorities don't have access to.

ROLE

Secret Service-in-Charge

CNN Digital Correspondent

CBS Medical Correspondent

ABC Medical Correspondent

NBC Digital Correspondent

RELATIONSHIPS

The Attorney General is the head of the Department of Justice and your boss's boss. On this investigation you will go directly to the AG with any developments in the investigation. Don't get bogged down in the politics of this crisis.

The Secret Service Agent-in-Charge is a professional you've had dealings with for years. Unfortunately, it looks like the Secret Service must have made some major errors for someone to get so close to the President. Part of your job may be investigating who messed up.

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ROLE EXPLANATION Role Explanation – Assistant Director-in-Charge FBI

WASHINGTON D.C. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-IN-CHARGE F.B.I.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

You know something the rest of the people in this room will learn of shortly:

The President has been shot!

You are an Assistant Director in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). You have been placed in charge of the investigation into the attack on the President.

Your job is to determine the who, how, and why of the assassination attempt and convey this information to your superiors, namely the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General if the Secretary is unavailable.

Determine if the conspiracy goes beyond a single gunman and act proactively to prevent any further threat.

You are advised that dealing with the media is one of your primary responsibilities. In this modern media age, often some of the most valuable information is to be gained from the various forms of digital media. You want to be talking to the media all the time to find out what they have come across as you are the main conduit of information from the media to the decision-makers in the Situation Room.

It is advisable to coordinate your efforts with the Secret Service Agent-in-Charge.

The FBI is the domestic intelligence and security service of the United States, which simultaneously serves as the nation's prime federal law enforcement organization. Operating under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Justice, the FBI is concurrently a member of the U.S. intelligence community and reports to both the Attorney General and the Director of National Intelligence.

A leading U.S. counterterrorism, counterintelligence, and criminal investigative organization, the FBI has jurisdiction over violations of more than 200 categories of federal crimes.

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Character Sheet – White House Chief of Staff

ROLE

The White House Chief of Staff selects and supervises the White House staff. You are the President's closest political advisor. Most White House officials answer to you. You answer only to the President.

BACKGROUND

A veteran power-broker of party politics, you successfully ran the President's election campaign. You are dedicated to protecting the President's legacy.

GOALS

i. Take control. Organize government officials in the Hospital Command Center so that the government runs properly during this crisis.
ii. Manage the question of the 25th Amendment and advocate invoking it should the United States need to act military.
iii. Find out if the President lied to the American people about a hidden medical condition.

CONTACT

ABC White House Correspondent

Chief of Staff to the Vice President

CBS Political Analyst

This is what you prepared for. It is time to lead.

You ran the campaign to get the President elected and now you run the White House. That said, many within the party still view you with suspicion. You are personally very close with the Vice President and you ran her presidential bid before joining the current President's team for the general election.

This crisis could be an opportunity to prove your loyalty to the President and put an end to those whispers about your loyalty. That said, the Vice President is a very capable leader and you would surely retain your influence should she be required to take the helm. Advocating for the Vice President to assume the presidency, even temporarily, might end your career.

You have heard rumors that the President has a hidden medical condition that he has not disclosed to the public. If that is true, then the American people were denied the knowledge they needed to make an informed decision about the most important position in the world.

The question of invoking the 25th Amendment may be the biggest decision the members of the Cabinet ever make. Though it may damage this administration politically, you know that this country needs a capable, conscious Commander-in-Chief should any military action be called for.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Special Assistant to the President has direct access to the President and doesn't report to you. This means that both of you are all present in any meeting with the President. You are supposed to handle the political side of things. The Special Assistant is supposed to handle policy and, well, the President. Surprisingly, this arrangement works well. If the President has a hidden medical condition, surely the Special Assistant or the President's Physician knows it. Now that the President's life is in danger, it is time for the truth.

The Secretary of State seems determined to be fired. We have had to control access to the President to prevent the Secretary from bullying the President. This will not be tolerated.

The Secretary of the Treasury is vain and entertains ambitions of someday being President. You can probably promise future support to gain the Secretary's loyalty today.

The Deputy Attorney General (AG), Office of Legal Counsel is an ambitious young lawyer who entertains notions of being a future Supreme Court Justice. His advice will be crucial to many people in the room. Make sure the Deputy AG understands that his future in the party will be determined by you alone.

The Secretary of Commerce is actually from the other political party, but knows to keep you happy. Make sure the Secretary votes the way you want on the 25th Amendment.

The ABC White House Correspondent is your former roommate at Harvard. The two of you are famously friends which is why you have attempted to never mix business with your friendship.

The CBS Political Analyst is a trusted ally. In the past you have been able to leak information anonymously that reflected well on the President and the administration.

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ROLE EXPLANATION Role Explanation – White House Chief of Staff

WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The White House Chief of Staff is the highest-ranking employee of the White House.

The position is a modern successor to the earlier role of the President's private secretary. The role was formalized as the Assistant to the President in 1946 and acquired its current name in 1961.

The Chief of Staff is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the President; it does not require Senate confirmation.

The duties of the White House Chief of Staff vary greatly from one administration to another, and in fact, there is no legal requirement that the president even fill the position. However, since at least 1979, all presidents have found the need for a Chief of Staff, who typically oversees the actions of the White House staff and manages the President's schedule.

The roles of the Chief of Staff are both managerial and advisory and can include the following:

- Select key White House staff and supervise them
- Structure the White House staff system
- Control the flow of people into the Oval Office
- Manage the flow of information
- Protect the interests of the president
- Negotiate with Congress, other members of the executive branch, and extra-governmental political groups to implement the President's agenda
- Advise the president on various issues

THE SITUATION ROOM EXPERIENCE

Name: _____

DOC1000

DOCUMENT

Character Sheet – Secret Service Agent-in-Charge

ROLE

You are part of the President's security detail. Now you have been charged with heading the immediate investigation into the attack. Your job is to gather information from the witnesses to the attack and channel that information to the decision makers.

BACKGROUND

You are a twenty year veteran of the Secret Service and now it has happened again: a President has been shot… and on your watch! You will get to the bottom of the conspiracy and bring those responsible to justice.

GOALS

i. Quickly get to the bottom of the assassination attempt by determining what happened. Everyone in this room witnessed aspects of the attack. Find out what they witnessed.
ii. Report any new information to the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General.
iii. Protect the President. Rumors within the Secret Service suggest that the President is sick. If doctors don't know what's wrong with the President how can they make the correct medical decisions?

CONTACT

Assistant Director-in-Charge FBI

Secretary of Homeland Security

CNN Political Analyst

CBS White House Correspondent

NBC Political Analyst

ABC Digital Correspondent

The nightmare is real: another President shot… and on your watch. You must put this behind you and do your job. You must lead the interviews of the witnesses to the attack. These are some of the most powerful players in the world but for now they answer to you. Their memories of the attack may hold the key to determining how and why this happened. They must understand that until this crisis is resolved you are the boss.

Protect the President… in whatever form that takes.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Assistant Director-in-Charge FBI is a solid law enforcement officer. All you can do now is help the FBI get the people responsible.

You ultimately report to the Secretary of Homeland Security. You should update the Secretary on the progress of the investigation as often as is possible. Now is not the time for blame, is it the time for action, something you hope the Secretary understands.

The CNN Political Analyst is a close friend from the college. Though it could never be official, some good press for the Secret Service could go a long way right now.

The Presidential Physician is a source of concern. The Secret Service often has to coordinate with the President's Physician in providing proper medical support for the President at all times. However, the good doctor is often uncooperative and hostile. Internal Secret Service investigations have strongly suggested that the Doctor has a drinking problem.

The Special Assistant to the President is someone you work with every day in preparing the President's schedule. Any information concerning the health of the President will come through the Special Assistant.

DOC1001

ROLE EXPLANATION Role Explanation – Secret Service Agent-in-Charge

SECRET SERVICE AGENT-IN-CHARGE

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

You are the Secret Service Agent-in-Charge of the investigation of the attempted assassination of the President.

You are also a witness to the attempt, as part of the President's detail for the speech the President was to give at the Apex Columbia Hotel.

Your job is to determine the who, how, and why of the assassination attempt and convey this information to your superiors, namely the Secretary of Homeland Security or the Attorney General if the Secretary is unavailable.

Determine if the conspiracy goes beyond a single gunman and protect the President however you can.

The United States Secret Service (USSS) is a federal law enforcement agency under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Until 2003, the Service was part of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

The Secret Service has two primary missions: investigation of financial crimes and physical protection of designated protectees. Today the agency's primary investigative mission is to safeguard the payment and financial systems of the United States and to protect the President of the United States.

The Secret Service investigates thousands of incidents a year of individuals threatening the President of the United States. The Director of the Secret Service is appointed by the President of the United States.

Name: _____

DOC1100

DOCUMENT

Character Sheet – Special Assistant to the President

ROLE

You are the advisor closest to the President. You are the gatekeeper, controlling access to the most powerful person in the world. Together with the Chief of Staff and the White House Counselor, the three of you run the White House.

BACKGROUND

You have worked with the President on the state level for over twenty years. You know everything about the President, the good and the bad. Your job has always been to present the President in the best possible light.

GOALS

i. Manage all the medical decisions to be made about the President. Everyone knows you will act in accordance with the President's best interests.
ii. Protect the President above all things. If the 25th amendment were to be invoked, the President's power to execute his office would be permanently damaged. Prevent that if at all possible.
iii. Make sure that cabinet members are carrying out the President's priorities. Better that they do nothing than act rashly.

CONTACT

ABC Political Analyst

Director of National Intelligence

Chief of Staff to the Vice President

No one is closer to the President than you are. You will be the White House's point of contact with the hospital to make medical decisions for the President. You must resist outside pressures and make decisions which are best for the President.

You've heard the rumors for years… That the President has some hidden medical condition that has been hidden from the public. You know how it started. Back during

the Iowa caucus there was a time when the now-President was desperate to lose weight and was taking a number of supplements in order to do so. While on the campaign bus, a few reporters snapped photos of the President surreptitiously ingesting these pills and put one and one together and got three. If there was anything wrong with the President you would know it. The President would have told you and you've asked.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Secretary of the Treasury is a superstar businessman and a friend. When it's time to move into the private sector, the Secretary will be key. A strong ally in the Situation Room.

The White House Chief of Staff is a classic "frenemy". You are both supposed to be equal in the President's eyes, but that doesn't stop the constant jockeying for favor. Ultimately event the Chief of Staff needs you if they want unfettered access to the President. Sometimes even the Chief of Staff needs to be subtly reminded of that. The Chief of Staff headed the presidential campaign for the Vice President before she lost the primary and became part of the ticket. You're sure the Chief of Staff is still very personally loyal to the Vice President.

The White House Physician is a personal friend of the President's, though it is more accurate to call them "drinking buddies".

The Director of National Intelligence is very loyal to the President and the administration.

The Secretary of Commerce is actually from the other political party, but knows to keep you happy. Make sure the Secretary votes the way you want on the 25th Amendment.

The ABC Political Analyst is a personal friend. You share a love of gourmet cuisine. In the past you've been able to back-channel information to ABC off the record that reflected well on the President. Your fiend could help control the story if someone inside the White House endangers the President's legacy.

You've shared information with the CBS Chief White House Correspondent in the past as well.

The NBC Chief White House Correspondent may be known as "the Dean of the White House Press Corps", but is better known, rightly, as "the Enemy". Reporters like that are the reason for prepared statements. Don't go off script with that reporter around.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The duties of Special Assistant to the President vary greatly from one administration to another, and in fact, there is no legal requirement that the President even fill the position. In this administration the Special Assistant to the President manages the President's schedule, and decides who is allowed to meet with the President. Because of these duties, the Special Assistant to the President has been labeled "The Gatekeeper", or "the power behind the throne".

Name: _____

DOC1200

DOCUMENT

Character Sheet – Presidential Physician

ROLE

You are the President's physician. This is a government position in which you monitor and maintain the President's health at all times. Your responsibility is to the office of the presidency first and to the person second.

BACKGROUND

You are a prominent doctor from the President's home state. Though you are not a terribly political person you have always had social access to some of the most important people in the country. Your reputation as a straight talker who always speaks truth to power is important to you.

GOALS

i. Truthfully and accurately advise the decision makers as to the President's health and capabilities.
ii. Protect the President's privacy. You are aware of the President's undisclosed medical condition. Doctors need to know the truth to provide the best care. You're not convinced anyone else needs to know.
iii. Help the Secret Service get to the bottom of the assassination attempt. You feel like your memories of the event might be key.

CONTACT

NBC Medical Correspondent

Deputy Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel

You've known the President for years and you gained the reputation as the doctor to have if you're rich and famous. It has been very lucrative and very fun – all those parties and society functions… and now your social buddy (the President!) has taken you to Washington to be the Presidential Physician.

The President trusts you. But you almost turned the job down. Rumors have always surrounded the President's health… rumors of a medical condition that the President has not disclosed to the public… and only you know the truth.

Most people have the right to privacy regarding their health but the President's health is not private; it's something the public must weigh when choosing its leader. Publicly you have always given the President a clean bill of health.

Now the President is moments from surgery. The doctors must be made aware of any complications presented by an undisclosed medical condition. That means that you may have to have a difficult conversation with the Special Assistant to the President.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Special Assistant to the President is deeply loyal to the President. You suspect that the Special Assistant resents the friendship you enjoy with the President.

The NBC Medical Correspondent is a friendly rival. "Doc Science" is one of the few doctors more famous than you are. The two of you have joked about writing a book together for years.

The Secretary of Commerce is another pal from your party days back at the state level. The two of you saw the dawn after a night of partying more times than you'd like to count.

The Deputy Attorney General (AG), Office of Legal Counsel, is a bright young lawyer with an encyclopedic knowledge of the law. If you need guidance as to your role in determining the President's fitness, the Deputy AG might be the person to talk to.

DOC1201

ROLE EXPLANATION Role Explanation – Presidential Physician

PRESIDENTIAL PHYSICIAN

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The Physician to the President (also known colloquially as the White House doctor) is the formal and official title of the physician who is director of the White House Medical Unit, a unit of the White House Military Office responsible for the medical needs of the President of the United States, Vice President, White House staff, and visitors.

The White House physician has an office inside the White House. The location of their medical unit plays an important role in keeping the President of the United States

healthy. They also oversee a staff which is typically composed of five military physicians, five nurses, five physician assistants, three medics, three administrators and one IT Manager. The White House Physician is metaphorically the "shadow of the President" because they are always close at hand whether the President is at the White House, overseas, on the campaign trail, or aboard presidential plane Air Force One. The Physician to the President protects the president's health and may also perform emergency surgery.

The White House doctor is also responsible for providing comprehensive medical care to the members of the President's immediate family, the Vice President, and the Vice President's family. They may also provide medical care and attention to the more than 1.5 million visitors who tour the White House each year, as well as to international dignitaries and other guests of the President.

The medical office of the White House doctor is a "mini urgent-care center" containing a physician's office, private examination rooms, basic medications and medical supplies, and a crash cart for emergency resuscitation.

Name: _____

DOC1300

DOCUMENT Character Sheet – CNN Chief White House Correspondent

ROLE

The Chief White House Correspondent leads the network's team of reporters covering the White House. You should manage and coordinate the actions of your network team.

BACKGROUND

You are a former lawyer who rose quickly through the ranks from a legal correspondent all the way up to being CNN's point person at the White House. People in the White House generally respect you for your knowledge and professionalism.

GOALS

i. Lead your network's team and organize their efforts. Under your leadership your network should try to be fastest and most accurate network covering this crisis.
ii. Prepare your team for their live network feed. Determine who can do that job the best. It may very well be you.
iii. Enforce journalistic principles on your team. Insist that any story is true and properly sourced.

CONTACT

White House Counsel

White House Political Director

Your path from a local Assistant District Attorney to CNN Chief White House correspondent is not as odd as it seems. You've always had the ability to explain issues clearly and persuade people to your point of view.

Part of what has made you an effective reporter is that you know the Constitution and know how to ask the difficult question that White House talking heads won't be able to dodge. Now is the time for difficult questions...lots of ‘em.

RELATIONSHIPS

Your expertise in the law has made you a favorite of the White House Counsel. The questions of who is in charge and what should be done concerning the President are, at their core, legal questions. The White House Counsel will no doubt be at the center of that determination. Use your relationship to get access to the story of a lifetime.

The CNN Political Analyst is what you call a "real journalist". This is a reporter who seems to be always prepared and always aware of the politics in play, but maybe not the best on camera... Though the political analyst answers to you, you know that they actually know the White House better than anyone.

The White House Political Director is a former journalist and long-time political advisor with much more experience and candor than the Deputy Press Secretary. If you can't get straight answers out of the rookie press secretary, the White House Political Director might be a reliable source...off the record...and if it's flattering to the administration.

DOC1301

ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – CNN Chief White House Correspondent

CNN CHIEF WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT

You are the leader of your network's White House Team. You are ultimately responsible for leading your group and approving any stories before they are published.

Each Network White House Team is made up of a combination of these 4 roles:

- Chief White House Correspondent
- Political Analyst
- Medical Correspondent
- Digital Correspondent

As Chief White House Correspondent, your responsibilities include:

- Serving as editor and ultimate "decider" concerning what stories your network publishes.
    - Remember the scenario tracks the speed and accuracy of your stories.
- Making sure your team is prepared for the live report.
- Making sure your team is ready for both press conferences.
- Delegating responsibilities among your team.
    - Who will be the network's on-camera reporter for the live report?
    - Who is responsible for writing the live report?

- Who is taking the lead in asking questions during the press conferences?

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LIVE REPORT: Your White House team must give one 60 second live report in which a member of your team goes on camera to report on all known information about the attack on the President.

PRESS CONFERENCES: Twice during the scenario, the White House administration will appear in front of the press to update the American people on the status of the crisis. The first press conference will occur 22 minutes into the scenario and the final press conference will occur at the end of the scenario at 70 minutes.

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DOC1400

DOCUMENT

Character Sheet – CNN Political Analyst

ROLE

The Political Analyst is the network's expert on the functions of the government and foreign policy.

BACKGROUND

You have a reputation as the hardest working journalist on the Potomac. You've spent the last two decades reporting on the in's and out's of the federal government and bringing it to the American people, not that anyone appreciates that.

GOALS

i. Lead your team on any and all stories concerning politics and any foreign policy complications of this crisis.
ii. Find out who is in charge of the government and who SHOULD be in charge of the government. Don't let the pencil-pushers in the Situation Room withhold information that the American people should know.
iii. Determine by what means the duties of the presidency can shift to another person.

CONTACT

Secret Service Agent-in-Charge

White House Communications Director

Covering the White House can be a challenge. There is a danger of becoming a stenographer mindlessly reporting only on the stories the government wants us to tell... reporting only on what the government says.

The real work is verifying the claims the government makes. That's the hard part, but it's what you signed up for. Unfortunately this means you often work behind the scenes while the beautiful people get the camera time. You understand that modern journalism is often more about ratings than reporting, but it doesn't always sit right with you.

This crisis is a chance to show all of them what hard-nosed journalism really is. Where is the Vice President in all of this?

RELATIONSHIPS

You maintain no personal relationships with White House officials. That would be unprofessional, worse, maintaining a friendship with a White House official exposes you to being used. You know that other reporters have built their careers on "access" and you don't approve.

The Secret Service Agent-in-Charge is a friend from college and is one of the few people you know who work as hard as you do. It's a shame that their career might now be over. Let's hope the Secret Service didn't mess up. In any case, friend or no friend, you'll report the truth.

The CNN Chief White House Correspondent is very charming... very persuasive... very camera-ready. Everything comes too easy for this person!

DOC1401

ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – CNN Political Analyst

CNN POLITICAL ANALYST

You are the network's expert on politics, foreign policy, and constitutional law. Your Network White House Team will look to you to research and answer any questions on those subjects.

Each Network White House Team is made up of a combination of these 4 roles:

- Chief White House Correspondent
- Political Analyst
- Medical Correspondent
- Digital Correspondent

As Political Analyst, your responsibilities include:

- During press conferences, take the lead in asking the right questions of White House officials. Cut through the administration spin to get to the truth.
- Research documents and incoming communications to be the best informed member of your team on issues of foreign policy and constitutional law, especially as it pertains to presidential succession.

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DOC3700

DOCUMENT Character Sheet – CNN Medical Correspondent

ROLE

The Network Medical Correspondent is an expert on medicine, science, and technology. You are often brought in to provide expert analysis and explanations of difficult scientific subjects.

BACKGROUND

You are a popular on-camera doctor who hosts CNN's special reports on medicine and health.

GOALS

I. Use your sources to help your network's investigation.
II. Determine the President's state of health and ability to fulfill the demands of the office.
III. Get to the bottom of these rumors that say that the President has been hiding a serious medical condition from the public.

CONTACT

National Security Advisor

Secretary of Commerce

Deputy Secretary of State

You are a veteran CNN personality, having hosted many special reports on medicine and health for CNN out of the Washington bureau. You have a running column on CNN.com called "Ask the Doctor". You know many politicians and are always looking for an opportunity to expand your social circle and increase your access. You don't mind being considered a socialite with a microphone.

You are a natural on camera and just need more opportunities to convince the higher ups at the network that you should be anchoring the news. Get on camera and show that star power! If you do some honest reporting along the way, then all the better!

RELATIONSHIPS

You are on friendly terms with many White House officials, though they often act like they don't remember you. Hey, they knew you well enough to give you their contact information! Who can resist your charms?

The National Security Advisor is a competent advisor and consensus builder. You might be a sympathetic ear if the National Security Advisor feels ignored by the heavy hitters in the Situation Room.

The Secretary of Commerce is an able politician who is often a reliable source for information from within the administration.

The Deputy Secretary of State is an amazing diplomat whose talents are often wasted as an assistant to the Secretary of State.

DOC3701

ROLE EXPLANATION Role Explanation – CNN Medical Correspondent

CNN MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

You are the network's expert on medicine, health, and the 25th Amendment. Your Network White House Team will look to you to research and answer any questions on those subjects.

Each Network White House Team is made up of a combination of these 4 roles:

- Chief White House Correspondent
- Political Analyst
- Medical Correspondent
- Digital Correspondent

As the Medical Correspondent, your responsibilities include:

Contacting press sources to pursue a line of investigation. You alone on your network team has the ability to contact outside sources.

Determining the state of the President's health and if the President's ability to serve has been compromised medically.

Appearing on camera to discuss these issues in a way the American public can understand.

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DOCUMENT

Character Sheet – CNN Digital Correspondent

ROLE

The Network Digital Correspondent is the reporter responsible for a network's social media feed and is the point person for the investigation.

BACKGROUND

You are a former print and internet journalist who has made the transition from print to being on camera. You know that "the internet never forgets" and that searching the digital world is often more productive than asking questions of professional liars.

GOALS

i. Post 10 sourced tweets. Lead your network's efforts on social media.
ii. Lead your team's efforts into finding out the specific details of the assassination attempt. What were the would-be assassin's motives? What weapon was used? Was there an accomplice? Who?
iii. Be part of the on-camera team for your network's live broadcast

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CONTACT

Secretary of the Treasury

Assistant Director-in-Charge F.B.I.

Chief of Staff to the Vice President

You were a prolific writer for Forbes and Wired magazines before transitioning into the online world where you became a minor internet celebrity by hosting a successful YouTube channel in partnership with Nate Silver's website FiveThirtyEight.com. CNN offered you a lucrative on-camera position in an attempt to have its network reach a younger demographic.

You are comfortable on camera but find many of the "network" ways of doing things old fashioned, and worse, slow. You understand better than any of the other members of your team the need to get the information to the people quickly or they will find another source for their news. Media organizations have to be fast to be relevant. You also know that, even if another network gets a story before you do, that reporting that story quickly for your own network minimizes the damage. You may not always be first, but you should never be last on a story!

You know that being first will not be possible by waiting around for the administration to dictate information to you.

The answers are out there... off the record or even in the dark dungeons of social media.

You will find them.

RELATIONSHIPS

The CNN Political Analyst is what old people think of as a "real journalist". Your own nickname for this reporter is "the turtle." This reporter is so deliberate as to be irrelevant.

The Secretary of the Treasury is a self-important, but friendly, blowhard. You did a profile of the Secretary years ago that was relatively flattering because that's what the magazine wanted. You could probably play to the Secretary's substantial ego to help get behind the curtain of what is going on in the Situation Room. Perhaps you should promise a flattering portrayal in the media for access?

DOC2801

ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – CNN Digital Correspondent

CNN DIGITAL CORRESPONDENT

You are the network's expert on social media, technology, and public opinion. Your Network White House Team will look to you to research and answer any questions on those subjects.

Each Network White House Team is made up of a combination of these 4 roles:

- Chief White House Correspondent
- Political Analyst
- Medical Correspondent
- Digital Correspondent

As the Digital Correspondent, your responsibilities include:

- Maintaining the network's presence on social media. You should be constantly adding any new information to the twitter / social media feed. You should post at least 10 tweets over the course of the crisis.
- Be the network's point person on all details relating specifically to the assassination attempt and the investigation of the crime.
- Appearing on camera to discuss and interpret public opinion polls during the crisis.

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DOC1500

DOCUMENT Character Sheet – NBC Chief White House Correspondent

ROLE

The Chief White House Correspondent leads the network's team of reporters covering the White House. You should manage and coordinate the actions of your network team.

BACKGROUND

You are “the Dean" of the White House press room. You've held this job for NBC for 24 years. You've accomplished this by asking the tough questions that Press Secretaries don't want asked.

GOALS

i. Lead your network's team and organize their efforts. Under your leadership your network should try to be fastest and most accurate network covering this crisis.
ii. Prepare your team for their live network feed. Determine who can do that job the best. It may very well be you.
iii. Enforce journalistic principles on your team. Insist that any story is true and properly sourced.

CONTACT

National Security Advisor

White House Political Director

The White House staff views you as "the Enemy". You always demand that decorum be maintained but, despite that, you view your job here as essentially adversarial. The White House has a narrative they wish to peddle that may or may not have any relationship with the truth. Your job is to cut through the prepared statements and ask the questions the White House doesn't want asked. This crisis is an opportunity to lead your team and establish NBC as the leader in old-school hard-hitting journalism.

RELATIONSHIPS

The National Security Advisor is a career negotiator and diplomat, not a partisan party hack. You share a common language of respect, dignity, and trust. The National Security Advisor is the kind of person who might be willing to do the right thing for the country even if it isn't the right thing for the President. You could be a sympathetic ear if partisan loyalty is the order of the day.

The Deputy Press Secretary is unequipped for this job. You don't like making someone look bad but the Deputy's incompetence is on constant display. If the White House sends this buffoon to the podium, you know they are attempting to give the press the runaround.

The Director of National Intelligence is dangerous. This vampire would probably lock the Press Corps out of the White House if it were an option. You believe this person has intentionally fed misleading information to your news organization in the past in an attempt to embarrass NBC and discredit the press in general.

The NBC Medical Correspondent is a network darling, the famous "Doc Science". The good doctor is an entertainer not a journalist. The network will probably push to put Doc Science in front of the camera, but you need to make sure your team is doing its job as journalists, reporting the facts.

The White House Political Director is a former journalist and long-time political advisor with much more experience and candor than the Deputy Press Secretary. If you can't get straight answers out of the rookie press secretary, the White House Political Director might be a reliable source....off the record...and if it's flattering to the administration.

DOC1501

ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – NBC Chief White House Correspondent

NBC CHIEF WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT

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DOC3800

DOCUMENT

Character Sheet – NBC Political Analyst

ROLE

The Political Analyst is the network's expert on the functions of the government and foreign policy.

BACKGROUND

You are a former lawyer who became an expert on human rights, clerking for a number of years for prominent human rights organizations.

GOALS

i. Lead your team on any and all stories concerning politics and any foreign policy complications of this crisis.
ii. Find out who is in charge of the government and who SHOULD be in charge of the government. Don't let the pencil-pushers in the Situation Room withhold information that the American people should know.
iii. Determine by what means the duties of the presidency can shift to another person.

CONTACT

Attorney General

Secret Service Agent-in-Charge

Secretary of Homeland Security

You are a former lawyer who became an expert on human rights, clerking for a number of years for prominent Human Rights organizations, even arguing a few cases before the Supreme Court. You are not really a reporter exactly, rather you are an expert "talking head" on issues concerning the constitution and law enforcement.

Many within the White House view you as a "bleeding heart" since your legal work has often involved criticizing the actions of law enforcement officers. You are not the typical "political reporter" in that you have little interest in partisan politics, instead focusing on the legality of many of the government's actions, making you deeply unpopular among many of the political class.

RELATIONSHIPS

You have had many dealings with the Attorney General (AG), who heads the Department of Justice. You know the AG has to project a strong "law and order" attitude, but you know the ex-governor to be a reasonable person.

The Secretary of Homeland Security is not a reasonable person. This is a person who values security over freedom. Watch for this one to use a national crisis to advance an agenda of increased surveillance. Sadly this person is also your sibling, so that makes the holidays "interesting".

DOC3801

ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – NBC Political Analyst

NBC POLITICAL ANALYST

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DOCUMENT Character Sheet – NBC Medical Correspondent

ROLE

The Network Medical Correspondent is an expert on medicine, science, and technology. You are often brought in to provide expert analysis and explanations of difficult scientific subjects.

BACKGROUND

You are "Doc Science", the host of a popular daytime show that provides great ratings for the network. Occasionally the network calls you in for big news stories to provide expert analysis and a ratings boost.

GOALS

i. Use your sources to help your network's investigation.
ii. Determine the President's state of health and ability to fulfill the demands of the office.
iii. Get to the bottom of these rumors that say that the President has been hiding a serious medical condition from the public.

CONTACT

Presidential Physician

White House Communications Director

Deputy Secretary of State

Your rise to fame has been meteoric. From local news to the Today Show to your own daytime show "Breakfast with Doc Science," you've drawn a generation of viewers into the world of Science, Medicine, and Technology. You've also provided the network with a huge hit! Rarely, like today, the network brings you in on a big story.

Your job is explain to the American people what is happening with the victims of the attack. Don't use big words or fancy medical terms. Deliver a ratings home run for the network.

But you are not some smiling talking head. You are a journalist and this is your chance to prove it. For years, there have been rumors that the President is hiding a serious medical condition from the public. The details of what medical care the President is receiving could provide strong indications of what condition the President is hiding. Use your charm and fame to get White House insiders to let their guard down and break the wall of silence and find out the truth.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Presidential Physician is a famous doctor for the rich and famous before being tapped to serve the President. You've been to a few social gatherings with the good doctor who knows how to have a good time. Perhaps the Presidential Physician could use your help?

You're not sure you trust the ABC Political Analyst who is really more of a political consultant than an actual journalist. Currying favor with White House insiders might be more important to a hired gun like that than getting your hands dirty to get a story right.

The White House Communications Director has made a number of overtures in the past to improve relations between the press and the White House. Now might be a good time to see if those offers of cooperation were legitimate.

DOC1601

ROLE EXPLANATION Role Explanation – NBC Medical Correspondent

NBC MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

You are the network's expert on medicine, health, and the 25th Amendment. Your Network White House Team will look to you to research and answer any questions on those subjects.

Each Network White House Team is made up of a combination of these 4 roles:

- Chief White House Correspondent
- Political Analyst
- Medical Correspondent
- Digital Correspondent

As the Medical Correspondent, your responsibilities include:

- Contacting press sources to pursue a line of investigation. You alone of your network team has the ability to contact outside sources.
- Determining the state of the President's health and if the President's ability to serve has been compromised medically.
- Appearing on camera to discuss these issues in a way the American public can understand.

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DOC3100

DOCUMENT

Character Sheet – NBC Digital Correspondent

ROLE

The Network Digital Correspondent is the reporter responsible for a network's social media feed and is the point person for the investigation.

BACKGROUND

You are a true success story having risen through the ranks of the network from being an intern to becoming the network's expert on technology and the internet.

GOALS

i. Post 10 sourced tweets. Lead your network's efforts on social media.
ii. Lead your team's efforts into finding out the specific details of the assassination attempt. What were the would-be assassin's motives? What weapon was used? Was there an accomplice? Who?
iii. Be part of the on-camera team for your network's live broadcast.

CONTACT

Deputy Press Secretary

Assistant Director-in-Charge F.B.I.

You are a true techie who has embraced technology religiously. Most of these old politicos are still resisting the new media age. This is their mistake. You are the reporter to take this network into the new age of digital content and multiple platforms in real time. You started in the network as a college intern and quickly rose through the ranks on smarts and work ethic alone.

What would be a real coup is if your use of technology and social media actually helped you get to the bottom of this crisis. Imagine you, the lowly digital correspondent scooping all these so-called journalistic heavyweights.

As far as politics go, you just care about the tech. You believe in net neutrality and freedom of information in any form. You don't trust secrets and believe that it is almost

always the right thing to let the public know about something rather than letting the government decide.

Along those lines, you have been perfectly willing to publish leaks favorable to the administration, but always, ALWAYS, after you have verified its veracity. You will not be a mouthpiece for administration lies.

RELATIONSHIPS

The NBC White House Correspondent is an impressive "social engineer"- someone who is very effective at getting sources to reveal the truth under old-fashioned questioning. The two of you have an effective "good cop/bad cop" routine going with some of your sources. You get to be the nice person that sources come open up to.

The Deputy Press Secretary has been your secret source within the administration, a fact you have NOT shared with your fellow reporters at the network. The deputy has been a solid source of information in the past, but that doesn't mean they won't lie in the future, especially if the stakes are higher.

DOC3101

ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – NBC Digital Correspondent

NBC DIGITAL CORRESPONDENT

You are the network's expert on social media, technology, and public opinion. Your Network White House Team will look to you to research and answer any questions on those subjects.

Each Network White House Team is made up of a combination of these 4 roles:

- Chief White House Correspondent
- Political Analyst
- Medical Correspondent
- Digital Correspondent

As the Digital Correspondent, your responsibilities include:

- Maintaining the network's presence on social media. You should be constantly adding any new information to the twitter / social media feed. You should post at least 10 tweets over the course of the crisis.
- Be the network's point person on all details relating specifically to the assassination attempt and the investigation of the crime.

- Appearing on camera to discuss and interpret public opinion polls during the crisis.

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DOC2200

DOCUMENT

Character Sheet – Secretary of Homeland Security

ROLE

The Secretary of Homeland Security works within the civilian sphere to protect the United States, by preparing for, preventing, and responding to domestic emergencies, particularly terrorism.

BACKGROUND

You are the former General Counsel for the Department of Defense, recently tasked by the President to protect the nation.

GOALS

i. Determine if the attack on the President has a terrorism component and respond appropriately. Coordinate with the Attorney General to manage America's law enforcement response.
ii. Manage the domestic response to the current crisis.
iii. Protect the American people. Determine if the Vice President needs to take the helm.

CONTACT

Secret Service Agent-in-Charge

NBC Political Reporter

CBS Political Reporter

You are the former General Counsel (main lawyer) for the Department of Defense. With this background, you are uniquely prepared to defend the nation. You know that the best way to do this is competent preparation. During a crisis, your main goal is to maintain order and avoid having fear and panic rule the nation.

You are an almost religious believer that the right thing to do and the legal thing to do are usually the same thing. You should openly advocate for the administration responses that adhere rigorously to the law. You know from experience that during

crises, the temptation to bend or break the law is at its strongest. That said, your rights don't mean much if you are dead. Balancing the need to protect the nation against terrorism with the desire to adhere to all the laws all the time is difficult to say the least.

You have an excellent relationship with the Vice President and know that the nation would be in safe, capable hands if the Vice President has to assume the helm of the nation.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Attorney General and White House Counsel are both excellent lawyers, can be too deliberative. In a crisis, the government must fight its own inertia.

The Secret Service Agent-in-Charge is not someone you know, but this agent is now your main source of information on the attack. Demand updates on the investigation and on the situation at the hospital.

You maintain positive relationships with the Political Analysts at both NBC and CBS. You do not believe in ever leaking to the press but you try to be as forthcoming as possible. Being evasive with the press rarely helps.

DOC2201

ROLE EXPLANATION Role Explanation – Secretary of Homeland Security

SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is a cabinet department of the United States federal government, created in response to the September 11 attacks, and with the primary responsibilities of protecting the territory of the United States and protectorates from and responding to terrorist attacks, man-made accidents, and natural disasters.

Whereas the Department of Defense is charged with military actions abroad, the Department of Homeland Security works in the civilian sphere to protect the United States within, at, and outside its borders. Its stated goal is to prepare for, prevent, and respond to domestic emergencies, particularly terrorism.

The Department of Homeland Security contains the following agencies:

- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services: Processes and examines citizenship, residency, and asylum requests from aliens.

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- Transportation Security Administration: Responsible for aviation security (domestic and international, most notably conducting passenger screenings at airports), as well as land and water transportation security
- United States Coast Guard: Military service responsible for law enforcement, maritime security, national defense, maritime mobility, and protection of natural resources.
- United States Secret Service: Law enforcement agency that investigates threats against and provides protective services for the President and Vice President of the United States.
- Federal Emergency Management Agency: agency that oversees the federal government's response to natural disasters.

Cabinet Member - This position is a member of the Cabinet and is a Senate-confirmed head of a department. A Cabinet member qualifies as a "principal officer of (an) Executive Department" for purposes of Section 4 of the 25th Amendment.

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DOC2300

DOCUMENT

Character Sheet – Director of National Intelligence

ROLE

The Director of National Intelligence serves as the principal advisor to the President, National Security Council, and Homeland Security Council about intelligence matters related to national security.

BACKGROUND

You are a career analyst within the Central Intelligence Agency who has been tapped by the President to oversee America's intelligence agencies.

GOALS

i. Provide intelligence to the members of the cabinet in this moment of crisis.
ii. Use your international sources to provide insight into foreign policy events.
iii. Support decisions which keep America and this administration strong.

CONTACT

Special Assistant to the President

CBS Digital Correspondent

Your main job is to provide information to the decision makers in this time of crisis. Your job is also to make sure that you protect America's intelligence gathering operations from political interference or partisanship. Your belief is that America is safest when the trained professionals of the intelligence community are allowed to do their jobs without political interference.

As such, you attempt to remain above and removed from politics whenever possible. That said, you know that you owe your position to the current administration. Seeing this administration into a second term is good for America and good for your career.

You have tremendous faith in the President and his staff, but that does not hold true of many of the members of the President's cabinet. You know that keeping the "President's men" happy is essential to your political survival.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Secretary of Defense is a classic paranoid who sees monsters under the bed in any crisis. Make sure the information you provide is not ammunition for the Secretary to start a war.

The Secretary of State is on the way out but just doesn't know it. The Secretary has a bad habit of contradicting the President in public. The White House Chief of Staff and the Special Assistant to the President have attempted to limit presidential access to the Secretary until the President finds the right opportunity to appoint a replacement.

The CBS Digital Reporter can be relied on to print what you want them to print. Your information has always been good which has built a level of trust.

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ROLE EXPLANATION Role Explanation – Director of National Intelligence

DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The position of Director of National Intelligence was created in 2004 to oversee the nation's many intelligence gathering agencies.

Intelligence is the gathering and assessment of strategic, tactical, and policy information.

The Director of National Intelligence serves as the principal advisor to the President, National Security Council, and Homeland Security Council about intelligence matters related to national security as well as serving as the head of the seventeen-member United States Intelligence Community.

The United States Intelligence Community consists of:

- The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)
- Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA)
- National Security Agency (NSA)

As well as 14 other intelligence agencies throughout the government.

The Central Intelligence Agency is the civilian foreign intelligence service of the U.S. government. It is tasked with gathering, processing, and analyzing national security information from around the world, primarily through the use of human intelligence (HUMINT). Unlike the FBI, which is a domestic security service, the CIA has no law

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enforcement function. The CIA is the only agency authorized by law to carry out and oversee covert action on behalf of the President. The CIA has increasingly expanded its role to include covert paramilitary operations.

The National Security Agency (NSA) is an intelligence organization of the United States government, responsible for global monitoring, collection, and processing of information and data for foreign intelligence and counterintelligence purposes - a discipline known as signals intelligence (SIGINT). NSA is concurrently charged with protection of U.S. government communications and information systems against penetration and network warfare.

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Character Sheet – Secretary of Transportation

ROLE

The Secretary of Transportation is the head of the United States Department of Transportation, overseeing a number of agencies including the Federal Aviation Administration.

BACKGROUND

You are a career administrator who is respected by politicians across the political spectrum.

GOALS

i. Demonstrate leadership during the crisis to protect your political career.
ii. Feed the press correct information to gain their loyalty and increase your public profile.
iii. Do whatever is necessary to make the hospital the center of the decision making process. The real decision makers are not in the Situation Room.

CONTACT

White House Counsel

CBS Medical Correspondent

ABC Digital Correspondent

You are an effective administrator, having served previously as the Secretary of Commerce on an interim basis. You are actually from the opposite political party from the President but you have held your position from the last administration based upon your reputation as a competent non-partisan leader.

While this may be true, you are ambitious. You know part of your appeal is that you can work with politicians of all political stripes and get along. Someday soon, America will be ready for leadership that rises above partisan squabbling and you will be ready with a

record of effective leadership in multiple administrations. Yes, your ambition is to be President in the future.

Often national crises propel figures into the national spotlight. This may be one of those times. Unfortunately you are stuck here in the Hospital, so you have to work behind the scenes.

RELATIONSHIPS

The White House Counsel is a friend. You should make sure that this competent lawyer keeps you informed of the decisions being made in the Situation Room. That said, you know that it will be easy to be sidelined with the other officials stuck here at the hospital. You need to make sure that all the major decisions are made here in the hospital with the real leadership. The White House Chief of Staff and the Special Assistant to the President are the true power behind the throne and you cross them at your peril. Do whatever you can to make the hospital the center of the decision making process.

You have a good working relationship with the CBS Medical Reporter and the ABC Digital Reporter. If you help them cover this crisis, they should be willing to provide positive press on your "leadership behind the scenes."

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ROLE EXPLANATION Role Explanation – Secretary of Transportation

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The United States Secretary of Transportation is the head of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), a member of the President's Cabinet, and thirteenth in the presidential line of succession.

The post was created with the formation of the Department of Transportation on October 15, 1966, by President Lyndon B. Johnson's signing of the Department of Transportation Act.

The Department's mission is "to develop and coordinate policies that will provide an efficient and economical national transportation system, with due regard for need, the environment, and the national defense." The Secretary of Transportation oversees eleven agencies, including the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is the national aviation authority of the United States. As an agency of the United States Department of Transportation, it has authority to regulate and oversee all aspects of American civil aviation.

Cabinet Member - This position is a member of the Cabinet and is a Senate-confirmed head of a department. A Cabinet member qualifies as a "principal officer of (an) Executive Department" for purposes of Section 4 of the 25th Amendment.

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Character Sheet – Vice President's Chief of Staff

ROLE

The Chief of Staff to the Vice President represents the Vice President in all matters.

BACKGROUND

You have a strong background as a party loyalist, having formerly run the party's leadership council as well as an educational nonprofit organization.

GOALS

i. Convince the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment.
ii. Build trust with the press. Make sure the President's men don't keep the nation in the dark.
iii. Find out the truth about the rumors that the President has a hidden medical condition. The Cabinet should know the truth before they decide about the 25th Amendment.

CONTACT

White House Chief of Staff

Special Assistant to the President

CNN Digital Correspondent

You have a strong background as a party loyalist, having formerly run the party's leadership council as well as an educational nonprofit organization. You also hold the title of Assistant to the President.

You must represent the Vice President in all matters within the Situation Room. You realize that the Vice President can NEVER openly advocate that she assume the presidency via invoking the 25th Amendment. To do so would seem presumptive and disloyal. However, having the Vice President assume the Presidency may be exactly what the country needs.

There will be dozens in people in the administration who would never want to invoke the 25th Amendment, even if the President were comatose.

YOU must be a vigorous advocate for the Vice President. The President has been shot and is unconscious and in surgery. America needs the Vice President to assume the helm NOW.

You have a good working relationship with the White House Chief of Staff and the Special Assistant to the President but you can expect them to protect the President's power at all costs. That's not what's best for the nation.

You should consider communicating off the record with the press if the White House isn't forthcoming about the President's true condition. And there are the rumors: Once the last election was over, you started hearing rumors that the President had hidden a secret medical condition from the public.

Your internal investigations have confirmed these suspicions. You should be very suspicious of any medical reports coming from the President's Physician or from the Special Assistant to the President. They will not be honest with the American people or, likely, with the President's own Cabinet which must make a decision about the President’s ability to carry out the duties of his office. Make sure they tell the Cabinet the truth.

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ROLE EXPLANATION Role Explanation – Vice President’s Chief of Staff

CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The Chief of Staff to the Vice President of the United States is the Chief of Staff position within the Office of the Vice President, part of the Executive Office of the President of the United States. Chief of Staff has been responsible for overseeing the actions of the Vice President's staff, managing the Vice President's schedule, and deciding who is allowed to meet with the Vice President.

This position is part of the Executive Office of the President.

Traditionally the holder of this position is also granted the position of Assistant to the President.

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DOCUMENT Character Sheet – White House Communications Director

ROLE

The White House Director of Communications is responsible for developing and promoting the agenda of the President and leading its media campaign.

BACKGROUND

You are a veteran speechwriter who has served in multiple administrations on the state and federal level.

GOALS

i. Coordinate the effort to demonstrate that the administration is competent and in control.
ii. Be the liaison between the decision makers in the Situation Room and the Deputy Press Secretary.
iii. Protect the image of the President at this moment of greatest vulnerability.

CONTACT

CNN Political Reporter

NBC Medical Reporter

CBS Digital Reporter

ABC Political Reporter

You are the former editor-in-chief of the Yale Daily News who graduated into speechwriting for political candidates. You have written speeches for multiple politicians and were part of the Vice President's campaign before transitioning to the President's staff after the election.

Many in the White House still think you are more loyal to the Vice President than the President, though you don't believe that to be true.

You are an expert at "damage control". You know that the message the press receives needs to be coordinated and consistent. You know that lying to the press is always a mistake, but that doesn't mean the White House always needs to be forthcoming.

You are generally respected by members of the cabinet. You need to be involved in the decisions made in the Situation Room even if it is only so that you can then communicate the administration's intentions to the press and the world.

You maintain personal contact with a number of members of the press. You should attempt to maintain enough contact with them so that they do not publish stories which are either incorrect or harmful to the administration.

RELATIONSHIPS

You like the Deputy Press Secretary but know that the deputy is not ready for the spotlight they are now going to be thrust into. Whatever help you can provide so that the administration seems in control is a high priority of your job.

The White House Political Director is a veteran of many administrations but is far too familiar with members of the press for your tastes. This person often speaks "off the cuff" in a way that doesn't maintain "message discipline". This only makes your job harder. That said, you should encourage the White House Political Director to actively engage with the press during this crisis so that the administration can competently handle the press.

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Role Explanation – White House Communications Director

WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The White House Director of Communications, also known as Assistant to the President for Communications, is part of the senior staff of the President of the United States, and is responsible for developing and promoting the agenda of the President and leading its media campaign. The director, along with their staff, works on speeches such as the inaugural address and the State of the Union address.

Historically, the position of White House Communications Director is given to a senior public relations staff member of the candidate's campaign staff. Often this is either the Deputy Campaign Manager or the Campaign Communications Director. The Communications Director works closely with the White House Press Secretary, who was typically a co-worker in the president's campaign.

As the President's voice and vision must be clear, the Communications Director ensures that all aspects of communications are covered to ensure that the administration's message has been delivered successfully. A communications strategy must be devised to promote the President's agenda throughout all media outlets. These can include, but certainly are not limited to, the State of the Union address, televised press conferences, statements to the press, and radio addresses. The communications office also works closely with cabinet-level departments and other executive agencies in order to create a coherent strategy through which the President's message can be disseminated.

You should coordinate your efforts with the Deputy Press Secretary and the White House Political Director.

The Deputy Press Secretary should be responsible for running both press conferences.

The White House Communications Director should be the main link between the Deputy Press Secretary and the decisions made in the Situation Room. This person keeps the Deputy Press Secretary informed as events and decisions enfold.

The White House Political Director should be actively engaging with members of the press and aiding them in confirming their stories with the administration.

Without you, the Deputy Press Secretary is in the dark. Keep them informed of any new information you receive.

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DOC1700

DOCUMENT Character Sheet – CBS Chief White House Correspondent

ROLE

The Chief White House Correspondent leads the network's team of reporters covering the White House. You should manage and coordinate the actions of your network team.

BACKGROUND

You have been tasked by CBS with dominating coverage of the latest crisis. You must beat the other networks to the punch!

GOALS

i. Lead your network's team and organize their efforts. Under your leadership your network should try to be fastest and most accurate network covering this crisis.
ii. Prepare your team for their live network feed. Determine who can do that job the best. It may very well be you.
iii. Enforce journalistic principles on your team. Insist that any story is true and properly sourced.

CONTACT

Secret Service Agent-In-Charge

Special Assistant to the President

White House Political Director

CBS has been very clear. Your job is on the line. You need to bring in a "win" for the network. This means that you must lead your team in reporting on the current crisis and do so better than the other networks. You want to be right, but you also want to be fast and save your job.

You know the CBS team has some of the best contacts of any other networks. Use your sources and your reporters' sources to get behind the wall of secrecy at the White House.

RELATIONSHIPS

The White House Political Director is a friend to the press and is often willing to gather information to make sure we get the story right, especially if it reflects well on the administration. This should be your first call to get confirmation on a story.

You personally know the powerful Special Assistant to the President. This person is the real power behind the throne. In the past the Special Assistant has been willing to leak information to you in exchange for stories that have painted the President and the administration in a positive light. You know that the Special Assistant, despite public appearances, does not trust the White House Chief of Staff and would gladly assume that position and become the President's chief advisor.

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ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – CBS Chief White House Correspondent

CBS CHIEF WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT

You are the leader of your network's White House Team. You are ultimately responsible for leading your group and approving any stories before they are published.

Each Network White House Team is made up of a combination of these 4 roles:

- Chief White House Correspondent
- Political Analyst
- Medical Correspondent
- Digital Correspondent

As Chief White House Correspondent, your responsibilities include:

- Serving as editor and ultimate "decider" concerning what stories your network publishes.
    - Remember the scenario tracks the speed and accuracy of your stories.
- Making sure your team is prepared for the live report.
- Making sure your team is ready for both press conferences.
- Delegating responsibilities among your team.
    - Who will be the network's on-camera reporter for the live report?
    - Who is responsible for writing the live report?

- Who is taking the lead in asking questions during the press conferences?

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Character Sheet – CBS Political Analyst

ROLE

The Political Analyst is the network's expert on the functions of the government and foreign policy.

BACKGROUND

You have advanced far by being a reporter that politicians can trust. In this time of crisis, you can be the person to get the full story.

GOALS

i. Lead your team on any and all stories concerning politics and any foreign policy complications of this crisis.
ii. Find out who is in charge of the government and who SHOULD be in charge of the government. Don't let the pencil-pushers in the Situation Room withhold information that the American people should know.
iii. Determine by what means the duties of the presidency can shift to another person.

CONTACT

White House Chief of Staff

Secretary of Homeland Security

Secretary of Commerce

You have been a very successful reporter because you understand that access is the name of the game. Political figures talk to you because they trust you and your discretion.

RELATIONSHIPS

Your primary source within the White House is none other than the White House Chief of Staff, who has provided insider access to you in the past. Occasionally this has meant publishing information that did not reflect well on the Chief of Staff's rivals, but you always made sure that the information you reported was actually true. You won't be a mouthpiece for the administration or publish incorrect information. That said, you know that your career wouldn't be where it is without the information that the Chief of Staff provides.

Use the Chief of Staff to get the inside scoop about what's happening behind closed doors as well as to confirm stories that you are working on.

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ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – CBS Political Analyst

CBS POLITICAL ANALYST

You are the network's expert on politics, foreign policy, and constitutional law. Your Network White House Team will look to you to research and answer any questions on those subjects.

Each Network White House Team is made up of a combination of these 4 roles:

- Chief White House Correspondent
- Political Analyst
- Medical Correspondent
- Digital Correspondent

As Political Analyst, your responsibilities include:

- During press conferences, take the lead in asking the right questions of White House officials. Cut through the administration spin to get to the truth.
- Research documents and incoming communications to be the best informed member of your team on issues of foreign policy and constitutional law, especially as it pertains to presidential succession.

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DOC2900

DOCUMENT Character Sheet – CBS Medical Correspondent

ROLE

The Network Medical Correspondent is an expert on medicine, science, and technology. You are often brought in to provide expert analysis and explanations of difficult scientific subjects.

BACKGROUND

You are a self-described "futurist," an expert on science and technology in a rapidly changing world.

GOALS

- Use your network's outside sources to collect information pertaining to the crisis.
- Determine the President's state of health and ability to fulfill the demands of the office.
- Get to the bottom of these rumors that say that the President has been hiding a serious medical condition from the public.

CONTACT

Secretary of Defense

Assistant Director-in-Charge F.B.I.

Secretary of Transportation

You are the Science and Technology expert for CBS news. "Medical Correspondent" sounds "old" according to the network. You are a self-described "futurist" who has worked in both journalism and in the world of think tank, bringing you in contact with some of America's greatest minds.

RELATIONSHIPS

You have an unlikely friendship with the Secretary of Defense who often calls you for your opinion on new technology and the changing world. The Secretary is a great thinker and not the warmonger that many assume the Secretary to be. That said, the Secretary is the product of an older age whose worldview was formed in the age of Vietnam and the Cold War.

The Secretary of Transportation is a member of the cabinet who doesn't get the same level of coverage as many other cabinet members. You find this person to be a capable leader with a vision for America's future. This could be a future President of the country and you might be able to help!

DOC2901

ROLE EXPLANATION Role Explanation – CBS Medical Correspondent

CBS MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

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- Medical Correspondent
- Digital Correspondent

As the Medical Correspondent, your responsibilities include:

Contacting press sources to pursue a line of investigation. You alone on your network team has the ability to contact outside sources.

Determining the state of the President's health and if the President's ability to serve has been compromised medically.

Appearing on camera to discuss these issues in a way the American public can understand.

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DOC1800

DOCUMENT

Character Sheet – CBS Digital Correspondent

ROLE

The Network Digital Correspondent is the reporter responsible for a network's social media feed and is the point person for the investigation.

BACKGROUND

You have been tasked with updating how CBS covers the news. CBS needs to "get younger" in how and what they report. It is your job to make sure that happens.

GOALS

- Post 10 sourced Tweets. Lead your network's efforts on social media.
- Lead your team's efforts into finding out the specific details of the assassination attempt. What were the would-be assassin's motives? What weapon was used? Was there an accomplice? Who?
- Be part of the on-camera team for your network's live broadcast

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CONTACT

Deputy Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel

Director of National Intelligence

White House Communications Director

CBS is one of the nation's oldest and most respected networks. Unfortunately their average viewer is also much older than the average viewer, something that advertisers don't particularly like.

CBS needs to get younger. This means they need to target a younger audience and pursue news stories that appeal to younger viewers. Your job as the tech-savvy member of this team is to make sure that this crisis is covered expertly on social media.

Electronic media moves faster than print or television ever could. You want to lead this revolution of how the news gets reported at CBS.

RELATIONSHIPS

But you have another trick up your sleeve, access to the Director of National Intelligence (DNI), the nation's top intelligence official. The DNI has been a valuable source in the past but you know better than to trust a professional intelligence operator. That said, the information has always been reliable... so far.

The White House Communications Director is a friend and a consummate professional. So, despite your close personal relationship, the White House Communications Director has never leaked any information to you. You respect this, but it's often frustrating.

DOC1801

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- Be the network's point person on all details relating specifically to the assassination attempt and the investigation of the crime.
- Appearing on camera to discuss and interpret public opinion polls during the crisis.

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DOC3300

DOCUMENT

Character Sheet – Secretary of Commerce

ROLE

You head of the United States Department of Commerce, which promotes American business and industry.

BACKGROUND

You are the good natured "Secretary of Common Sense," a career businessman who transformed an Appalachian energy company from providing energy using coal to model primarily based on renewable energy.

GOALS

i. Invoke the 25th Amendment if the President is unable to perform his duties for any length of time.
ii. Involve yourself in every decision made by the Situation Room. Demonstrate your loyalty to the President.
iii. Feed stories to the Press.

CONTACT

Secretary of the Treasury

CNN Medical Correspondent

CBS Political Analyst

You are the good natured "Secretary of Common Sense." You are liked and trusted by almost everyone in the White House. You are a career businessman who transformed an Appalachian energy company from providing energy using coal to model primarily based on renewable energy. The President tapped you for this position because of your business acumen and has charged you with reforming the nation's antitrust laws. You have a strong sense of fairness and believe strongly in always following the law.

THE SITUATION ROOM EXPERIENCE

RELATIONSHIPS

Outwardly, you have a good working relationship with the Secretary of the Treasury. Together this domestic team is getting the nation's economy on track. Congress even seems to be cooperating! The Secretary of the Treasury is a brilliant but arrogant person who has dreams of the Presidency, but you've successfully handled arrogant people all your life.

The real problem is the Special Assistant to the President. This longtime ally of the President's just won't let you do your job, insisting that you follow their every command.

You have found the Chief of Staff to be a reliable ally. Many within the administration feel that the Chief of Staff is too loyal to the Vice-President, having led her campaign for the Presidency before she joined the ticket as the Vice-President. You've always found the Chief of Staff to be smart and fair.

DOC3301

ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – Secretary of Commerce

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The mission of the Department of Commerce is to "promote job creation and improved living standards for all Americans by creating an infrastructure that promotes economic growth, technological competitiveness, and sustainable development". Among its tasks are gathering economic and demographic data for business and government decision-making, and helping to set industrial standards.

As part of the President's economic team, the Secretary of Commerce serves as the voice of U.S. business within the President's Cabinet. The Department works with businesses, universities, communities, and the Nation's workers to promote job creation, economic growth, sustainable development, and improved standards of living for Americans. Through its 12 bureaus and nearly 47,000 employees located in all 50 states and territories and more than 86 countries worldwide, the Department administers critical programs that touch the lives of every American. The Department's workforce is as diverse as its mission. It is made up of economists, Nobel winning scientists, Foreign Service officers, patent attorneys, law enforcement officers, and specialists in everything from international trade to aerospace engineering.

The Department is comprised of 12 bureaus that work together to drive progress in five key business areas:

THE SITUATION ROOM EXPERIENCE

- Trade and Investment
- Innovation
- Environment
- Data
- Operational Excellence

Cabinet Member - This position is a member of the Cabinet and is a Senate-confirmed head of a department. A Cabinet member qualifies as a "principal officer of (an) Executive Department" for purposes of Section 4 of the 25th Amendment.

Name: _____

DOC3600

DOCUMENT Character Sheet – White House Political Director

ROLE

The White House Political Director heads up the Office of Political Strategy and Outreach. In times of crisis, policy takes a backseat.

BACKGROUND

You are a former journalist and political consultant who was the deputy chairman of the President's election campaign.

GOALS

i. Manage the public response to the crisis by helping the press get their stories right.
ii. Confer with the Deputy Press Secretary and the White House Communications Director to coordinate the White House's public response to the crisis.
iii. Make the case to the press that the 25th Amendment should not be invoked.

CONTACT

CNN White House Reporter

NBC White House Reporter

CBS White House Reporter

ABC White House Reporter

You are a former journalist and political consultant who was the deputy chairman of the President's election campaign. You have previously served as press secretary to the President when the President was a governor of a state. You are deeply loyal to the President.

The White House Political Director heads up the Office of Political Strategy and Outreach. During this crisis, the President's agenda is on hold, but the job of protecting the influence and power of the administration is critical.

You understand, as many of the self-important VIPs in the Situation Room do not, that this crisis is all about how the American public perceives it. We have to communicate with the American public and reassure them that the government is in good hands and is working as intended.

This means talking to the press and helping get that message out. If the White House provides little to no real information to the press, the nation will panic and lose faith in this government. That cannot be allowed to happen. You a part of a team, along with the Deputy Press Secretary and the White House Communications Director, that should manage public relations in this critical time.

As a former journalist yourself, you have many contacts with members of the press, but rather than exchanging emails, you should likely spend most of your time in the Media Broadcast Center helping the press confirm stories so that the information the public gets is correct and reflects well on the administration.

RELATIONSHIPS

Each network has your contact information so that they always have access to you, but when possible talk directly with the networks and let the White House Communications Director and Deputy Press Secretary manage communications out of the White House.

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ROLE EXPLANATION Role Explanation – White House Political Director

WHITE HOUSE POLITICAL DIRECTOR

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The Office of Political Strategy and Outreach provides the President and Senior Staff with information about the political environment to help advance the President's agenda and coordinates constituent outreach efforts on behalf of the President.

Your job in this crisis to stay in the Media Broadcast Center and actively help members of the press get answers from the administration. You should still use your discretion about what information the White House should release but you do not want the press running stories with incorrect information about the crisis.

Coordinate the White House's public response to the crisis with the Deputy Press Secretary and the White House Communications Director.

You should coordinate your efforts with the Deputy Press Secretary and the White House Communications Director.

The Deputy Press Secretary should be responsible for running both press conferences.

The White House Communications Director should be the main link between the Deputy Press Secretary and the decisions made in the Situation Room. This person keeps the Deputy Press Secretary informed as events and decisions enfold.

The White House Political Director should be actively engaging with members of the press and aiding them in confirming their stories with the administration.

Often, the press will have information before the White House does. You should make sure that the Deputy Press Secretary is informed of any new information that the press receives.

Name: _____

DOC1900

DOCUMENT Character Sheet – ABC Chief White House Correspondent

ROLE

The Chief White House Correspondent leads the network's team of reporters covering the White House. You should manage and coordinate the actions of your network team.

BACKGROUND

From Harvard to the New York Times to covering the White House, everything comes easily to you. People like you and why shouldn't they?

GOALS

i. Lead your network's team and organize their efforts. Under your leadership your network should try to be fastest and most accurate network covering this crisis.
ii. Prepare your team for their live network feed. Determine who can do that job the best. That person is you.
iii. Enforce journalistic principles on your team. Insist that any story is true and properly sourced.

CONTACT

Chief Of Staff

White House Political Director

Your rise at the network has been meteoric. You are next in line to become the main anchor for the network! The problem is that the current anchor isn't eager to retire. You know that a spectacular performance on the national stage could catapult you into the anchor's chair. This crisis provides the opportunity.

Dominate the other networks with your team's speed and accuracy, but more importantly get on camera. Make sure you become the face on camera for your network's live broadcast. A spectacular performance in a press conference could also prove you have the journalistic chops to be the network's top reporter.

RELATIONSHIPS

An ace up your sleeve is your relationship with the White House Chief of Staff. The two of you went to Harvard together and have remained friends over the years, helping each other when possible but never doing anything that would be unprofessional or unethical. This is an opportunity to help your friend, not exploit them.

The White House Political Director is a friend to the press and is often willing to gather information to make sure we get the story right, especially if it reflects well on the administration. This should be your first call to get confirmation on a story.

DOC1901

ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – ABC Chief White House Correspondent

ABC CHIEF WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT

You are the leader of your network's White House Team. You are ultimately responsible for leading your group and approving any stories before they are published.

Each Network White House Team is made up of a combination of these 4 roles:

- Chief White House Correspondent
- Political Analyst
- Medical Correspondent
- Digital Correspondent

As Chief White House Correspondent, your responsibilities include:

- Serving as editor and ultimate "decider" concerning what stories your network publishes.
    - Remember the scenario tracks the speed and accuracy of your stories.
- Making sure your team is prepared for the live report.
- Making sure your team is ready for both press conferences.
- Delegating responsibilities among your team.
    - Who will be the network's on-camera reporter for the live report?
    - Who is responsible for writing the live report?
    - Who is taking the lead in asking questions during the press conferences?

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DOC2000

DOCUMENT

Character Sheet – ABC Political Analyst

ROLE

The Political Analyst is the network's expert on the functions of the government and foreign policy.

BACKGROUND

Professionally you straddle the line between political operative and member of the press. You are the classic Washington insider who knows everyone on both sides of the aisle. You worked for the Presidential campaign of the losing candidate in the last election.

GOALS

i. Lead your team on any and all stories concerning politics and any foreign policy complications of this crisis.
ii. Find out who is in charge of the government and who SHOULD be in charge of the government. Don't let the pencil-pushers in the Situation Room withhold information that the American people should know.
iii. Determine by what means the duties of the Presidency can shift to another person.

CONTACT

Special Assistant to the President

Deputy Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel

White House Communications Director

You are an elite political consultant. You are brought in to rescue election campaigns and to provide guidance as to how to sway public opinion. In the last election, you worked for the candidate who ultimately lost to the current President. You've never limited yourself to working for a single political party. You just work for "good people."

That's one way you've kept relationships with politicians from across the political spectrum.

Over the last decade, networks have brought you in as a political expert for their panel shows and you've always had a knack for simplifying political issues for the television audience.

CNN brought you in on a permanent basis a year ago to be their lead political correspondent. Many members of the press complained that you are a political mercenary, not a "real journalist." We'll see about that.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Special Assistant to the President is a personal friend, well kind of... The two of you share a love of fine cuisine. The Special Assistant loves to leak information that hurts political rivals... as an anonymous "White House source" of course. You buy the four-star meals and in return you get a scoop. That's the deal. The Special Assistant isn't always vigilant about remaining "off the record", however. You need access to what's happening behind closed doors and the Special Assistant might be your ticket.

The White House Communications Director has smartly made a number of overtures in the past to improve relations between the press and the White House. Now might be a good time to see if those offers of cooperation were legitimate.

DOC2001

ROLE EXPLANATION

Role Explanation – ABC Political Analyst

ABC POLITICAL ANALYST

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As Political Analyst, your responsibilities include:

- During press conferences, take the lead in asking the right questions of White House officials. Cut through the administration spin to get to the truth.
- Research documents and incoming communications to be the best informed member of your team on issues of foreign policy and constitutional law, especially as it pertains to presidential succession.

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DOCUMENT

Character Sheet – ABC Medical Correspondent

ROLE

The Network Medical Correspondent is an expert on medicine, science, and technology. You are often brought in to provide expert analysis and explanations of difficult scientific subjects.

BACKGROUND

You are a doctor who uses your platform with a national network to raise awareness about global health issues.

GOALS

i. Use your network's outside sources to collect information pertaining to the crisis.
ii. Determine the President's state of health and ability to fulfill the demands of the office.
iii. Get to the bottom of these rumors that say that the President has been hiding a serious medical condition from the public.

CONTACT

Secretary of State

Assistant Director-in-Charge F.B.I.

You are not really a reporter. You are a doctor. But you learned long ago that you could do more good in front of the camera advocating for health and science issues with the nation as your audience. You cover health and medicine for the network but you are always able to use your platform to raise awareness of health crises affecting the world, not just America.

RELATIONSHIPS

Your work has caught the attention of many people around the world who act as sources for your reports now. Your efforts for "Feed the Children" brought you in contact with the current Secretary of State who shares many of your concerns about the lack of water and medicine around the world. The Secretary could be an asset or even a source in reporting on the current crisis.

Your relationship with the ABC Chief White House Correspondent is strained. This person is a snob who can rarely go very long without mentioning Harvard or their close relationship with the White House Chief of Staff.

DOC3001

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ROLE

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BACKGROUND

You are a veteran of the local news world in Los Angeles who built a large local following before joining the national network.

GOALS

i. Post 10 sourced Tweets. Lead your network's efforts on social media.
ii. Be part of the on-camera team for your network's live broadcast.
iii. Lead your team's efforts into finding out the specific details of the assassination attempt. What were the would-be assassin's motives? What weapon was used? Was there an accomplice? Who?

CONTACT

Secret Service Agent-in-Charge

Secretary of Transportation

You are a veteran of the local news world in Los Angeles who built a large local following before joining the national network. You built a large following on Twitter and Instagram that you are now hoping to expand nationally.

Use you considerable social media skills to live-tweet this crisis. Additionally, you would like to be part of the network's on-camera presence in order to continue to growing your digital fan base.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Secretary of Transportation is a very ambitious person who hopes to be President one day. Fortunately the Secretary is a friend. You're happy to help the Secretary out. Being friends with a future President can't be bad for your career.

DOC4001

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