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Content Disclaimer

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Directors' Letter

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Project Kira! We are so excited to finally share this committee with you. There is something so interesting about a story in which a person is given the power to decide who lives and who dies, and we wanted to take that idea and see what would happen if we placed that power in the hands of an entire council. Of course things are never that simple. With the Helix Accord threatening the world and Project Kira still struggling to find its base, you will have to decide what you are willing to sacrifice to achieve your goals.

As you make your way through the committee, we hope you really allow yourselves to get into character. You will have plenty of opportunities to investigate, form alliances, make enemies, and decide who deserves to have their name written in the Death Note. We encourage everyone to familiarize themselves with Death Note, especially the Kira Investigation Task Force and the characters involved, but you do not need to know every detail of the series to enjoy the committee. Most importantly, have fun! Take risks and get creative with your directives, and don't be afraid to surprise us. We hope you enjoy participating in Project Kira as much as we enjoyed putting it together, and we cannot wait to see what you do with it. Good luck, and remember every name has a consequence.

Sincerely,

Avneet Judge (She/Her) and Vishrut Singh (He/Him)

Directors of the Death Note Committee

Background Information

The world is rapidly falling apart. Governments are collapsing into anarchy, critical infrastructure is failing, and entire nations are losing control as violence spreads throughout the streets. At the center of this chaos is The Helix Accord, an authoritarian coalition of governments, military leaders, and powerful economic institutions that has begun expanding its control by dismantling the systems that sustain independent nations. By targeting power grids, financial systems, and global food supply chains, the Accord seeks to weaken governments and make nations depend on its authority. Their goal is to restructure the global order, like the United Nations, into a system in which the Accord holds power. As the United Nations itself begins to fall apart under the Accord, hope appears in an unlikely place: Tokyo, Japan. Light Yagami, also known as Kira, possesses a power like none other: the ability to kill with just a name and a face. This ability originates from the Death Note, a supernatural notebook that came into Light's possession. By writing a person's name while picturing their face, the notebook causes its target to die, granting its user a weapon unlike anything the world has ever seen. In a world where traditional systems have failed, this power may be the only way of destroying an organization through conventional warfare.

Before the rise of the Helix Accord, global attention was all on Kira, a mysterious figure with the ability to kill like none other. In response, the Kira Investigation Task Force (KITF) was formed, featuring elite investigators, including Soichiro Yagami, Light's father. These events unfold shortly after Light joins the Kira Investigation Force, during the early stages of the investigation into Kira's identity. L Lawliet, the brilliant detective leading the investigation, had already begun to suspect Light was Kira. However, instead of immediately exposing his suspicions, L kept Light close, allowing him to join the investigation under observation. Unbeknownst to the task force, Light had positioned himself within the group assigned to capture him.

With the Japanese government under heavy pressure from the coalition, officials revoked their support for the KITF. Now, they had nothing to their name; no funding and no solid base. Left forgotten, the KITF was isolated and deprived, allowing Kira to continue killing criminals without interference.

As the Helix Accord continued to advance, the Japanese Government resorted to a controversial strategy. Rather than eliminate Kira, they would attempt to use his supernatural

abilities to demolish the Helix Accord. The KITF's already advanced knowledge of Kira provided them the opportunity to facilitate this newfound alliance. For Light, cooperation offered him a strategic advantage; aligning with the task force meant he would no longer be its primary target. The alliance formed nothing more than an unprotected, unofficial council, tasked with the dismantling of the Helix Accord using a power no state could openly acknowledge. Yet, despite sharing a common objective, no agreement existed on how they should function. Thus, Project Kira was formed.

The newly developed council, Project Kira, was built on compromise rather than trust. Its members came from various backgrounds, each providing their own views on justice and responsibility. Although they shared the objective of stopping the Helix Accord, they disagreed on Kira's role in achieving it. Members argued that Kira's ability to eliminate threats was humanity's greatest weapon. Others believed relying on Kira would only replace one enemy with another, as his powers undermined the rule of law. Even among those willing to rely on the Death Note, few could agree on who should possess the authority to use it. These conflicting viewpoints led to disagreements over strategy and decision-making, slowing the council's ability to act effectively. The lack of trust also made collaboration harder, even though it was the foundation on which Project Kira depended.

At the center of the council lies the Death Note, the unpredictable source of Kira's power. While it allows users to eliminate targets with precision, its policies are anything but straightforward. Its abilities only function under proper conditions; every name must be accurate and written while imagining the respective target's face, and the target will die of a heart attack within 40 seconds of the command. The Death Note also provides its user with choice; the cause and time of death may be specified, proving to be effective when killing must remain undetected. However, the Death Note is not without limitations. Its power depends on accurate information, meaning an incorrect name or failure to properly identify a target can prevent an intended killing. Furthermore, the consequences of its use extend beyond the death of an individual, as repeated or suspicious killings may expose patterns that could lead investigators closer to Kira and Project Kira. However, its abilities were well understood; no system existed to regulate when, how, or by whom the notebook should be used.

While the council functions in secret, the Helix Accord does not remain oblivious to the actions of Project Kira. The sudden death of many of its members raised alarms; what

seemed to be isolated incidents became clear patterns and intentions. Investigations have been launched accordingly, with the Helix Accord dedicating significant intelligence resources to identifying whoever is responsible.

Now, the council finds itself at risk, tasked with stopping a global threat while relying on powers that may expose them at any given moment. Its members must navigate internal pressures, such as a lack of trust, and external pressures, such as the Helix Accord. Every decision carries weight, and every mistake brings them closer to their demise. The fate of the world now rests in the hands of a makeshift group, a council with a power no one truly controls.

Topics of Discussion

Topic #1: Dismantling the New World Order

The world is no longer controlled by elected officials or stable nations; instead, it's been reshaped by the Helix Accord. With every collapsing economy, the Helix Accord tightens its grip on the international order. By manipulating financial markets and disrupting global food supply chains, the Accord is pushing entire nations to the brink of collapse while forcing governments to submit to its authority. Despite its authoritarian methods, the Accord has also brought stability to regions previously affected by poverty and restored essential services. What began as a coordinated effort to influence global affairs has now evolved into something far more dangerous. A force capable of reshaping the balance of power entirely. As traditional institutions weaken, the council is left facing a threat that cannot be addressed through conventional means.

In response, Project Kira has taken on the responsibility of targeting key figures within the Helix Accord. Eliminating these key figures will destabilize the Accord enough for the movement to be stopped. Beyond that, Project Kira members can divert operations to disrupt the Accord's logistics and intelligence networks. The Death Note provides a level of precision that no military operation can replicate, allowing the council to eliminate individuals without direct confrontation. However, identifying these targets is far from simple. To ensure Helix Accord's downfall, key figures must be eliminated, but these decisions carry risks.

Not all members agree on how this power should be used. Some seem to believe that swift and decisive action is necessary, arguing that Kira's ability to eliminate key leaders is the only way to dismantle the Helix Accord before it becomes unstoppable. Others insist that relying on Kira's methods reinforces fears, risking greater instability while exposing Project Kira. Instead, they want the Note to be used strategically and to play the long game without risks. The question remains: will eliminating individuals truly weaken the system, or will it cause new leaders to rise?

The council must now determine how it will slowly pick apart the Helix Accord. Delegates must decide which targets are most critical, how to balance urgency with precision, and whether the use of Kira's power is truly leading the world toward stability.

Key Targets Within the Helix Accord:

The following individuals have been identified through initial intelligence gathered from intercepted communications, recovered Accord documents, digital surveillance and testimonies from captured operatives. While much of the organization's leadership remains hidden, these individuals have been consistently linked to major operations. Current intelligence suggests that eliminating these figures would disrupt the Accord's command structure.

Name	Image	Role & Details
Director Koechl Weller	N/A	Oversees the Accord's financial systems. Weller is known for his calculated, pragmatic approach, often prioritizing economic stability over individual freedoms. He is currently working on centralizing international banking systems, allowing the Accord to freeze assets and financially pressure governments that resist its authority.
Unidentified Individual #1		Leads technological and surveillance development. They oversee the Accord's expansion of digital surveillance and intelligence infrastructure. This department is currently working to develop systems of monitoring communications across territories.
Brigadier General Arman Drazek	N/A	Responsible for commanding the Royal Helix Accord Military. Arman is a fiercely loyal military commander known for his aggressive approach to opposition.
Unidentified Individual #2	N/A	Intelligence suggests a high-ranking figure whose identity has not yet been confirmed. This individual appears to influence multiple branches of the Helix Accord, and the elimination of this figure is crucial to damage the Accord. Further investigation is required.

Guiding Questions

1. Which targets should be prioritized to most effectively weaken the Helix Accord's structure?
2. How can the council ensure that intelligence used to identify targets is accurate and reliable?
3. What strategies will ensure that the elimination of these figures leads to long-term destabilization rather than short-term disruption?
4. Should the council act quickly to eliminate known leaders, risking exposure, or proceed cautiously to investigate the coalition better and reduce the risk of retaliation?

Topic #2: Control of the Great Weapon

The Death Note is Project Kira's greatest weapon, yet greatest vulnerability. Capable of eliminating the world's most dangerous individuals without direct confrontation, it has become the council's most valuable asset. Yet despite its power, one question remains unanswered: who should control it? As part of the agreement that established the council, ownership of the Death Note was transferred to Project Kira, placing its use under collective oversight. While it enabled the council to act against high-level targets within the Helix Accord, it also introduced instability from within. Without a clear structure organizing its use, decisions risk becoming impulsive, emotionally driven, or influenced by internal division, particularly during high-pressure operations.

One position argues for centralized control, where a single individual makes all decisions. This allows for speed and efficiency, especially in time-sensitive operations where hesitation could cost lives. Those who support this approach may argue that the Death Note should be entrusted to someone who is decisive, trustworthy, disciplined, and capable of remaining composed under pressure. However, it concentrates extreme authority in one person, raising concerns about misuse and lack of accountability. Another position supports collective control through debate and voting before each use. While this distributes responsibility, it introduces delays and potential disagreement during moments that demand immediate action. Individuals for this approach may instead value transparency, accountability, and cooperation.

The question of security further complicates the issue. The Death Note must remain hidden from external forces while still being accessible for use. If it is held by one person, they become a direct and constant target for both the Helix Accord and potential internal challengers. If responsibility is shared, the risk of error or exposure increases significantly. At the same time, any system of documentation or oversight may improve accountability, but creates vulnerability if intercepted or leaked.

Without resolution, internal instability may weaken the council more than any external threat, turning its greatest weapon into its greatest liability.

Guiding Questions

1. What qualities should be prioritized when deciding who is best suited to control the Death Note?
2. How can the council balance speed of action with accountability in decision-making?
3. What systems can ensure the Death Note remains secure without limiting operational effectiveness?
4. How should the council address internal distrust regarding leadership and control?

Topic #3: Nowhere to Hide

Project Kira is no longer operating in the shadows. What were once dismissed as isolated deaths have now formed a pattern too intentional to ignore. The Helix Accord has recognized the signature of Kira's justice, and with every elimination, its investigation grows more focused. Significant efforts to dismantle the Accord have transformed Project Kira into a global threat. Rather than believing these killings are the work of an individual, the Helix Accord now suspects the existence of a task force dedicated to its destruction. Every action taken by the council now risks exposing another piece of the truth, bringing the Accord one step closer to uncovering Project Kira and the Death Note itself.

This suspicion quickly evolves into a full-scale intelligence investigation. The Helix Accord's intelligence networks operate through a system of digital surveillance, intercepted communications, financial monitoring and regional informants, allowing collected information to be shared instantly. Analysts began searching for behavioural patterns and communication breaches, narrowing down organizations with both the motive and ability to target Accord leadership. This effort allowed them to narrow their focus to Project Kira. Already known as an opposing force, the council now finds itself isolated within Japan. Though no direct confirmation exists, the possibility that Kira is operating within the council becomes the coalition's leading theory.

As pressure increases, the once hidden task force is now seen as a global threat. In response, the Helix Accord strengthened border security, restricted international travel, expanded digital monitoring, and increased surveillance of individuals connected to the investigation. Every operation conducted by Project Kira now risked creating intelligence for the Accord to analyze. Even successful eliminations could reveal patterns that brought the coalition closer to identifying the council and the Death Note itself. If Project Kira is exposed, the Accord could launch a coordinated effort to capture its members, seize the Death Note, and dismantle the council before it can complete its mission. The discovery of Kira's identity could also undermine any remaining public support for the council, leaving its members isolated with nowhere to turn.

The council must now determine how to proceed, creating a solid plan on how to manage information safely while responding to increasing global surveillance. The longer the

council operates, the closer the Helix Accord comes to uncovering the truth. If the council fails to adapt, it will not only lose the ability to act but will also cease to exist entirely.

Guiding Questions

1. How can the council continue operations while minimizing the risk of detection by the Helix Accord's intelligence networks?
2. What strategies can be used to securely manage communication and prevent sensitive information from being intercepted or leaked?
3. Should the council prioritize secrecy over speed, even if it slows down operations against the Helix Accord?
4. How should the council respond to the increasing pressure and surveillance from the Helix Accord?

Committee Mechanics

Influence System

Each delegate begins the committee with an Influence Level. Influence represents your political standing, credibility, and ability to shape the investigation on the Helix Accord. Influence is not permanent; throughout the committee, delegates may increase or decrease their Influence Level based on their actions, contributions, and roleplay. Stronger influence may provide delegates with greater access to information, allowing them to request more detailed investigations and receive information that would otherwise remain unavailable. Influence may also affect how seriously their proposals and recommendations are considered by other members of the council considering their proposals and recommendations.

How to Gain Influence

Delegates may request an increase in Influence by sending a note to the Backroom explaining why they believe they deserve one. Accordingly, delegates who remain inactive, make poor decisions, or fail to contribute to the committee may have their influence Level reduced.

Backroom will evaluate requests based on factors such as:

- Quality of speeches
- Creativity
- Leadership
- Crisis performance
- Successful plans
- Consistency in roleplay
- Meaningful contributions to committee

Influence Levels

Level	Description
1	Limited influence; your opinions are heard but carry little weight
2	Recognized participant with minimum credibility
3	Highly respected members whose opinions strongly influence discussion
4	One of the committee's most influential delegates; others are likely to follow your lead
5	Highest authority; your reputation gives proposals immense weight

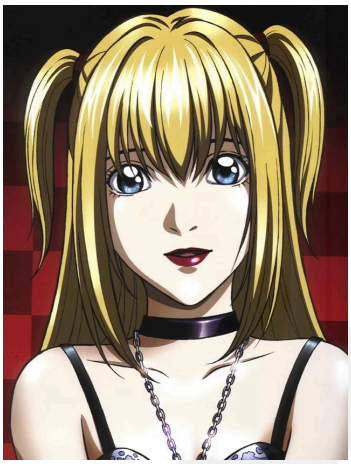
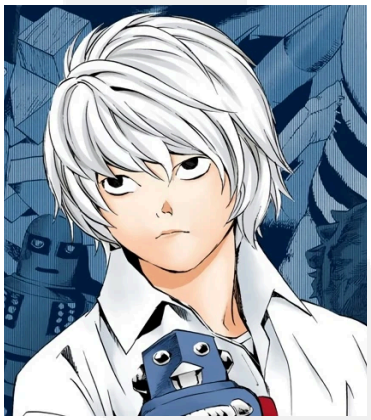
The Death Note

As previously explained, the Death Note is a supernatural notebook capable of killing a person whose name is written within it while the writer imagines the target's face. To successfully use the Death Note, delegates must have both the correct name and a clear image of the intended target. Information such as names or photographs can be obtained through public or private directives. **However, the Death Note may only be used with approval from the Crisis Backroom. Delegates must submit a private note requesting authorization before attempting to use the Death Note, and killing will not occur without confirmation from the Backroom.**

When submitting a public directive involving the Death Note, delegates must request access to the notebook from Backroom during an unmoderated caucus. Once access is granted, delegates must provide the target's name and attach an image of the individual alongside their directive. The directive will then be submitted to Backroom for review. Delegates are responsible for ensuring that the information they provide is accurate and sufficient for the Death Note to function. As a result, delegates should carefully consider how and when they choose to use it. After all, the Helix Accord is keeping watch.

Character List

Light Yagami  Influence Level: 2	Light Yagami, an academic achiever, masks his blossoming god complex behind the act of an innocent teenager. Driven by his beliefs of justice after discovering a supernatural notebook, Light views himself as the only individual worthy of ruling a “new world”, viewing his partnerships as mere stepping stones to achieve his goal. He joins the council only to manipulate his way into leadership, demanding control of the notebook while secretly plotting to eliminate the coalition members as quickly as possible. Despite the growing risks, he has no fear of taking those risks, ensuring that his lack of empathy sparks his inevitable downfall.
L (Lawliet)  Influence Level: 3	L, a genius who treats the hunt for Kira like a high-stakes game of logic, remains analytical and competitive even when his life is on the line. Due to his lack of trust, he advocates that the Death Note be treated as public property rather than the weapon of a single individual. To dismantle the coalition, L insists on a secretive and strategic approach. While others might act out of desperation, L maintains a steady philosophy, prioritizing cautious observation of action.

Misa Amane  Influence Level: 1	A fashion icon and model, Misa Amane operates as the second Kira, fueled by a tragic past and a desperate need for companionship. Her hyperactive personality hides her dangerous devotion to Light Yagami, one so deep she prioritizes his safety over all else and will oppose anyone who dares to threaten him. Despite typically acting upon raw emotion, Misa has a distinct characteristic of being composed under pressure. Her loyalty to Kira makes her strongly supportive of using the Death Note against those who threaten Project Kira, even if doing so carries significant risks. She is likely to favour action over investigation, particularly when the safety of the council is at stake.
Near  Influence Level: 2	Nate River, known as Near, demonstrates his blessed intellect as L's successor, yet he remains deeply distrustful of the council system and views the collective structure as a flaw. Operating with extreme detachment, he is suspicious of both Light and L, seeing them as players in a game. Near firmly believes Kira's power should be restricted as much as possible, preferring psychological traps over aggressive actions. This tendency to secretly investigate other detectives can easily delay decisions.

Rem  Influence Level: 2	Rem, a female Shinigami, a supernatural being known as a “god of death" possesses an emotional depth that stands in stark contrast to Ryuk’s carefree attitude. She has formed a sisterly bond with Misa Amane. Because Misa’s safety is her only priority, Rem remains highly guarded and distrusts Light completely, viewing him as a manipulative predator. She independently opposes any plan that puts Misa at risk, preferring minimal use of the Death Note. Though she appears calm, Rem is emotionally driven and prepared to act on her own the moment she perceives a threat to the human she swore to protect.
Teru Mikami  Influence Level: 1	Teru Mikami, a criminal prosecutor shaped by a violent childhood, operates as the fourth Kira with a near-religious devotion to absolute justice. Driven by a rigid mindset and intense morals, he strongly supports granting full control of the Death Note to Light, whom he views as a carrier of truth. Eager to carry out the mass killings required to cleanse the world, Mikami becomes increasingly obsessive, making the Shinigami eye deal to enhance his role. However, this uncompromising pursuit of justice leads to impulsive decisions that harm him in the long run.

Mello  Influence Level: 2	Alongside Near, Mello serves as a potential successor to L Lawliet, though he functions as an impulsive destroyer. Driven by an intense inferiority complex, Mello is obsessed with proving he is better than Near, a rivalry that pushes him to be highly risky and result-driven. Mello is a fearless actor, open to using unethical methods. The combination of emotional insecurity and impulsive decision-making dictates his methodology. Ultimately, his refusal to be second-best leads him to make the high-stakes, risk-driven decision that causes his downfall.
Ryuk  Influence Level: 2	Ryuk, a bored Shinigami, serves as a neutral catalyst for chaos, having dropped his notebook into the human world solely to escape the dullness of his own realm. Since he only cares about entertainment, Ryuk acts as an observer who will not help anyone unless it directly benefits him. This detachment makes him a violent presence within the investigation, as he may reveal or hide crucial information unexpectedly just to see how the people react. By constantly encouraging risk and reminding Light of his eventual demise, Ryuk ensures the stakes remain high.

Soichiro Yagami  Influence Level: 3	Soichiro Yagami, the Principal Chief of the National Police Agency and head of the Japanese Task Force, leads the hunt for Kira while carrying a solid belief that justice must be based on law, not fear. As a man who values transparency and order, he strongly opposes Kira's power, viewing the supernatural killings as a violation of the legal system he has sworn to protect. While he struggles to balance his professional duties with his family life, his commitment to his honour ensures he remains honest and serious. Ultimately, his refusal to accept that true peace can be achieved through killing, combined with his love for his family, makes it impossible for him to believe his son is the very murderer he seeks.
Naomi Misora  Influence Level: 1	Naomi Misora, a former FBI agent, uses her intelligence to begin a private investigation after Kira threatens her fiancé, Rey Penber. Driven by deep suspicions, she relentlessly investigates inconsistencies, using her federal expertise to stay several steps ahead of the office narrative. Her analytical edge makes her naturally distrustful of everyone, ensuring she operates as a cooperative yet guarded force. This legal combination of professional experience and personal grief allows her to be trustworthy and disciplined, with composure that makes her specific motives difficult to pin down.

Rey Penber  Influence Level: 2	Raye Penber, a 28-year-old FBI agent, is assigned to Japan to assist in tracking Kira while working closely with the task force. Trained in traditional investigative methods, he emphasizes surveillance, evidence, and cautious decision-making. As the situation grows more unconventional, he is forced to navigate a system that does not fully align with his principles. His position often places him between maintaining order and adapting to changing realities.
Matsuda  Influence Level: 1	Matsuda is a young and energetic member of the task force who often approaches situations with optimism and instinct rather than strict procedure. While he lacks the experience of others, his willingness to act can sometimes push the group forward in unexpected ways. He tends to trust those around him, though this openness may affect how he interprets risk. His perspective occasionally contrasts with that of more cautious members. As a result, Matsuda is a member who values cooperation and transparency, a trait important for roles like controlling the Death Note.
Shuichi Aizawa  Influence Level: 1	Shuichi Aizawa is a disciplined investigator who values structure, accountability, and clear decision-making. He approaches operations with a focus on procedure and tends to question actions that lack justification. While committed to the task force, he is not immune to doubt when situations become unclear. This enables him to be a good collaborator who values cooperation and trust. His insistence on clarity can create tension in uncertain environments, making him a crucial part of operations.

Kanzo Mogi  Influence Level: 1	Kanzo Mogi is a quiet and observant member of the task force, known for his reliability and patience. He often focuses on gathering information rather than leading discussions, allowing him to notice details others may overlook. Though he rarely challenges others directly, his actions reflect careful consideration. His reserved nature can make his intentions harder to interpret. This makes him decisive, which is crucial for successful advancements toward the end of the Helix Accord.
Watari  Influence Level: 2	Watari serves as a logistical and strategic support figure, operating behind the scenes to assist in investigations. He maintains a calm and controlled presence, ensuring operations run smoothly without drawing attention. His knowledge and resources make him a valuable asset, though he tends to reveal information selectively. His priorities are not always immediately clear to others.
Kiyomi Takada  Influence Level: 1	Kiyomi Takada is a public figure known for her intelligence, composure, and strong communication skills. She has the ability to influence public perception and shape narratives through media, making her a valuable voice in times of uncertainty. She presents herself as rational and principled, often aligning with ideas of order and justice. Her position allows her to observe and respond to shifting dynamics from a unique perspective. This leads her to value accountability and transparency.

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