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LIVE ANOTHER DAY

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It is important to note that this background guide is based on the TV series *24: Live Another Day*. The imaginative elements that make this narrative possible are solely intended to emphasize the structure and goals of this committee. In consequence of this, this background guide will explore sensitive topics including cybersecurity to violence. These topics serve the purpose of enhancing this committee's direction and engage with delegates in formal debate. These ideas exist in this background guide for the overall success of the committee, and the actions and doings in this committee should by no means be replicated in real-world conduct.

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DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Dear Honourable Delegates,

Welcome to the committee of 24: Live Another Day! One filled with political dilemmas, espionage, and a cyber attack in the midst of all. We cannot tell you what will happen by the end of the committee (no one can). All you need to know is that you can impact what occurs, whether it be good or bad is your decision to make.

We have had many thoughts about a crisis committee for a couple years now. Especially after participating in multiple conferences with delegates and staff members, we felt a closer connection to Model United Nations. As we made the decision to take a shot and write a committee, two themes remained: politics and conspiracy. That is why, when we first watched the show 24: Live Another Day, we knew we had to make it into a committee of our own. This show revolves around a federal agent that works with the U.S. Government to protect the president at all costs. We used this and experimented with other mysteries, attacks, vulnerabilities, everything. We ended up with what you are about to read now: a destructive breach of security… from the inside. Everyone is equally to blame, or maybe not… but again, that on you to decide. So you need to remember that what happens next affects you but you can ensure it does not affect you for the worse.

Remember to use the background guide, a little bit of research, and most important, your creativity to uncover the truth. For all of our beginner delegates, we are thrilled to have you join the 24: Live Another Day committee as your first experience of Model UN. We assure you that this day sparks the beginning of a bigger MUN journey, all starting with an international hack. We look forward to welcoming everyone!

Sincerely,

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Directors of 24_Live Another Day

Background Information

      24: Live Another Day takes place following a catastrophic cyberattack that destroyed London. **At 04:08 GMT**, Protocol Trinity, an undercover digital bypass system, was triggered. **There was a general blackout of the transportation system, emergency services, and electricity grid.** Although there were **no indications of the attacker's identity** or intentions, **the attack appeared to have come from the United Kingdom's (UK) own systems.** Airspaces were shut down, trains stopped with people still on board, and hospitals lost medical records.

      UNIT (Unified Network for International Threats) is a global coalition of officials and agencies working together to respond to major international crises and threats. The coalition recently **approved a proposal for a policy known as Mandate Zero.** The temporary policy would give UNIT authority even for a nation's systems during a crisis situation. UNIT would be allowed to close down communications, close down equipment, and put in place measures to stop any more harm from being passed through under the policy. **The scheme also revealed that Protocol Trinity had been secretly developed. This raised the question of what exactly UNIT had been keeping from the public—and even from their own agents.**

      Following the attack, individuals stepped up and said they knew what resulted in Protocol Trinity. They identify themselves as government contractors and former government agents. **They are among the individuals wanted for breaking the law for purposes of gathering intelligence as well as stealing information. Even if they prove beneficial, the public is not certain they can trust them.** Meanwhile, there is vociferous condemnation of UNIT. As many as thirty countries are conducting demonstrations against it. Governments are being compelled to account for their behaviour under Protocol Trinity. People are asking now why UNIT has this kind of power and why it is exercised with so little transparency. **By UNIT having this kind of power, questions have been raised about sovereignty at the national level, cybersecurity, and cooperation between countries.**

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

TOPIC #1: MANDATE ZERO

At 4:08 GMT, an unidentified code activated Protocol Trinity, the nation's last-resort digital override system embedded within the UK's infrastructure. Within minutes, London's power grid, emergency services and transportation systems shut down. Hospitals lost access to confidential medical records. **Air traffic control froze. Automated transit locked citizens, leaving them shocked. Despite this, no demands were issued. No fingerprints were left. No evidence. The breach came from the inside - it had to.**

The chaos exposed more than just a technological flaw. It exposed the dangerous interconnection of all systems in London. A lack of communications technology allowed little to no international communication. **Even if a message got through, it would still be too slow to command a real-time response. In a desperate attempt to control the chaos, UNIT leadership introduced Mandate Zero, a temporary framework to grant centralized authority over international digital operations.** Under this revamped mandate, UNIT would be able to intercept international data, find the root cause and deploy containment measures.

This would have been an unquestioned measure, if the power had been given to all members of Protocol Trinity. An imbalance of power and authority in Protocol Trinity led diplomats and political figures to determine if this was a necessity or just a ploy for power.

The question no one wants to ask aloud: Was Protocol Trinity used to stop a threat… or to test how much control UNIT could take before anyone noticed?

GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. Should **Mandate Zero** be invoked to **centralize crisis response** powers?
2. What **safeguards** can exist within an **emergency system** that **overrides national control?**

3. How can **global security** be ensured **without replicating** past **intelligence abuses**?

4. **Does urgency justify bypassing sovereignty in the digital age?**

Figure 1: Map of all interconnected gridline systems across London

Topic 2: Asylum or Asset?

Since the breach in London, a string of people came to the forefront with **alleged vital information about the origin of Protocol Trinity**. They consist of **former intelligence agents, government contractors, and agents outside the circle of UNIT**. They are mostly wanted for different offenses ranging from **unauthorized surveillance, data pilferage**, or even **breaches of international security treaties**. Some say that they **hold knowledge capable of unmasking the party responsible for the breach**. Others say that they are **driven by vested interests**.

Their lives have been contentious. Certain individuals believe their evidence could **expose corruption, avert future disasters, and bring the right people to justice**. Others find them **threatening and unreliable**, and feel that **protecting them will discredit UNIT and encourage people to disregard the law**. A few countries already **provide protection to informants**, while others **order their arrest and extradition**.
They bring us difficult questions of **justice, trust, and accountability.** If what they say is true, **ignoring them could be a serious mistake.** But if they are untruthful, **believing them will do irreparable harm.**

In a time where **truth is in doubt and trust is lost**, the issue is: **Will UNIT listen to what the rule-breakers say—or ignore them and perhaps never discover what they knew?**

Guiding Questions

1. **Should individuals with a** history of illegal activity be allowed **to provide evidence in a high-level investigation?**
2. Does protecting informants set a dangerous precedent, or is it necessary to **uncover the truth?**
3. **Who should decide whether an informant is credible—individual member states or** UNIT as a whole?
4. **Can UNIT maintain** its legitimacy if it **relies on people who were once considered threats to** international security?

Topic 3: Unit's Crisis of Legitimacy

Since the beginning of Protocol Trinity, UNIT has come under mounting pressure—both from the government but also from the public at large. Leaked documents, conflicting statements, and mounting distrust triggered demonstrations across various cities. **People allege that UNIT is conducting operations with too much confidentiality, too little transparency, and too little accountability to the people they are meant to protect.**

There is now pressure on some nations to pull out of UNIT or to suspend the cooperation entirely. Others are being urged to reveal their involvement in the breach and to explain what role they played in the development of the Trinity Protocol. **As the committee carries on with internal discussions, the world waits — and grows impatient.**

UNIT's issue is now no longer a matter of correcting systems or determining accountability. Its main concern is proving to the international community that the organization still has a legitimate reason to exist.

In this time period of accountability, will UNIT survive against the backdrop of a decline in public trust — has the decay come too far? And if public opinion keeps spiraling downward, must nations reconsider their association, or hold fast with the group hoping for stability to be regained?
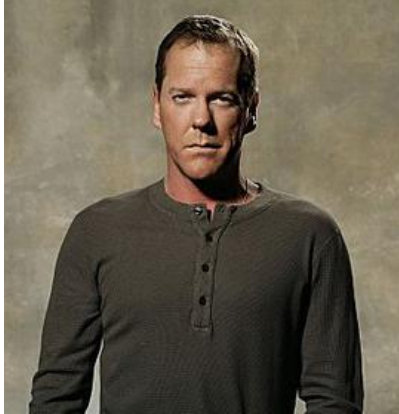
Guiding Questions

1. **Should UNIT increase transparency to** rebuild public trust, even if it risks exposing sensitive information?
2. How can delegates within UNIT assist member states in addressing public protests and political pressure linked to UNIT involvement?
3. What role should the media and civil society play in international crisis response?
4. **Can UNIT** function as **an effective** organization if **its legitimacy is publicly**

questioned?

CHARACTER LIST

Jack Bauer	**(Imaginary character: No delegate is playing this character and it is run by the backroom): Jack Bauer is your go-to counter-terrorism operative, defined by his obsessive and** extremist dedication to preventing catastrophic attacks, often at the expense of his **personal life and well-being.** His practices are questionable and unorthodox, **but he makes them work. He goes all out, bending, or even breaking the law to ensure the safety of his people, a characteristic that lands him in deep trouble with higher authorities.** With a constant drive to **outdo himself, Jack operates with a sense of urgency that borders on desperation to get his work done.** He is a man of war, decisive and relentless, willing to make risky and impossible choices, only replicable by himself. **Even at the cost of his own morality, Jack Bauer carries out any task assigned to him, if it means protecting his country.**
Chloe O'Brian	Chloe O'Brian is the mastermind **tech analyst shadowing CTU's (Counter Terrorist Unit) operations behind a computer screen.** Her exceptional computer skills, **unwavering commitment to justice,** and fierce loyalty makes her an invaluable asset to the organization. **Her dedication, specifically to Jack Bauer is immeasurable, completing any tasks assigned to her at any cost. Hack digital landscapes, done.** Track confidential information, done. Anything for Bauer. **While her moral compass occasionally clashes with the rather illegal work she does for the CTU, Chloe's loyalty to those she trusts is unbreakable. She has proven her resourcefulness time and time again, effectively deciphering** critical information from the digital realm, which solidifies her role within the hostile and shady environment **of CTU. Her support and loyalty for her allies remain constant, no matter what kind of personal or professional obstacles are** thrown at her.

President James Heller	**President James Heller** embodies your typical leader **that wants what's best for the country, even at the cost of facing ethical dilemmas.** A former secretary of Defense, he was elected as President for his confident strategies and his **courageous execution. His deep and abiding familial devotion, along** with old age, has softened him **a bit, making others question his leadership. Heller effectively interjects severe crises that demand his immediate attention with the company of his daughter Audrey Heller is constantly in a bind between doing what is legally correct and what is** morally correct. **He constantly strives to uphold his moral integrity while being able to carry out decisions that could change the** course of the nation. **The only thing holding him back is people's lack of trust** in his judgement after previous misexecution and his worsening Alzheimer's.
Audrey Bourdeau	**Audrey Boudreau is the** compassionate and resilient daughter **of President Keller. She finds herself entangled by the high-stakes situations involving her father, and Jack Bauer. She lives a risky life, working with both Jack Bauer and** her husband Mark Boudreau, **driving a wedge between her personal relationships.** Audrey's empathetic persona is evident as she navigates **exceptionally dangerous and emotionally-draining circumstances with a smile on her face and a care for the others around her. She offers emotional and practical support to her fellow colleagues,** consistently advocating for civil and diplomatic resolutions, especially in **times of conflict.**
Mark Boudreau	As Audrey's **steadfast** husband and the **strategically minded** Chief of Staff, **Mark is driven** by his deep **commitment** to protect his beloved wife. At the same time, he **possesses** an **unwavering sense** of professionalism in his demanding, **high-pressure role** within the government. **Being at the forefront of the government, it isn't unusual for Mark to** encounter security threats, **conflicting political necessities, and** even life-threatening occurrences. While he occasionally takes **a hit at Jack Bauer's unconventional methods, his utmost priority is still protecting his loved ones and the** nation he serves.

Steve Navarro	A dedicated **CIA agent and an outwardly professional individual. Or is it just a facade?** His second side is exposed when a subtly manipulative **and a deeply compromised nature emerges from beneath the** carefully **constructed facade of loyalty and dedication.** His dedicated demeanor and his line of work allows him to hold secrets **that could land him in deep trouble. His questionable loyalties slowly begin to unravel as the CIA gets closer to the** kingpin behind the high-stakes crises. **As the CIA progresses, Navarro's trust and respect within the organization also** starts to deplete.
Kate Morgan	**Kate Morgan's** sharp intuition and relentless pursuit of justice established **her as an exceptional agent at the CIA. Her relentless pursuit of** justice is to balance **out the injustice in the morally** ambiguous **world, at least that's what she says. Haunted by personal and** deeply wounding personal tragedies **linked to her** physically demanding and dangerous profession**, she approaches every mission with a fierce necessity to see it through, regardless of personal consequences.** Kate's formidable and highly effective combination of keen **analytical** intelligence **and impressive and practical combat prowess** consistently makes her **an exceptionally capable and resolute operative.**
Erik Ritter	**Erik Ritter, a skilled and notable CIA agent who finds himself working** with Kate Morgan, time and time again to navigate **the volatile field of counter-terrorism operations.** His distinctively dry and **sardonic wit provides a stark, yet welcome contrast to the intense and** gruesome events that he **routinely encounters**. Though **seeming** disconnected, or reserved, Erik, in **reality is a highly capable and reliable** operative with **a deep sense of professional responsibility**

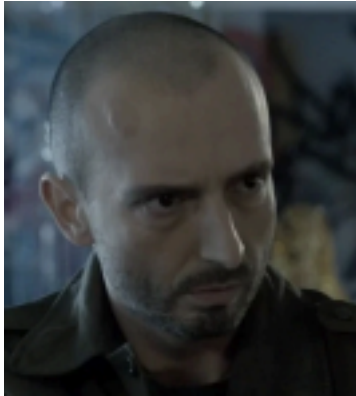|	
Adrian Cross 	**Brilliant yet disillusioned, the former CIA analyst focused primarily on the gray realm of cyber security,** driven to prevent injustice and corporate corruption. **His almost obsessive personality allowed him to question everything, from corporate lords to even government** officials. Adrian used his exceptionally specialized technical **skills to ruthlessly challenge power structures that** he deems to be corrupt, often blurring between activism and **outright cyber-terrorism in his relentless pursuit of his** self-defined version of truth **and accountability.**
Jordan Reed 	Accomplice to Adrian Cross, Jordan Reed is part of a **tight-knit team of cyber-activists that devote their time and knowledge solely towards exposing government secrets.** Reed's considerable computer and advanced hacking skills consistently prove **to be vital in the success rate of their cyber discoveries.** Being a part **of the team taught him to voice ethical concerns** and question methods that the government uses to **achieve their controversial goals, still not on the level of Adrian Cross.** He often displays **a more pronounced and perhaps somewhat naive sense of idealism when directly compared to** the hardened and cynical Cross. His perfectionism, though articulate and useful, can sometimes make him selfish, prioritizing his own tasks over those of others.
Margot Al-Harazi 	Once a chillingly effective and ruthlessly **determined terrorist mastermind, now under threat to be put behind bars and held hostage. Her demeanor is consistently cold,** always calculating without a hint of empathy or remorse. **Margot's knowledge of** terrorist **crime makes her a valuable asset to CTU, constantly being** interrogated on the disappearance **of her two children who followed a similar path to her. Her calm and relaxed demeanor has raised suspicions within CTU that she may have intended to be in prison all along.**

Simone Al-Harazi	**Following her mothers footsteps, Simone finds herself** deeply enmeshed **in her mother's dangerous terrorist activities. After Margot's arrest,** Simone has developed a different identity, although her morals **and motives remain the same. She has various links inside the CTU and is waiting for the right** time to attack. Her main goal is to get her mother out safely, and will pull out any stops necessary.
Ian Al-Harazi	**Ian Al-Harazi, son of the ruthless terrorist**, Margot Al-Harazi, has involved himself in the same terrorist **activities to say the least. His extreme and violently** decisive **actions are driven by a strong ideological conviction, similar to his mother.** Accomplice to Simone, **Ian is also waiting for the right time to strike, although is starting to** lose his patience.
Anatol Stolnavich	**Anatol Stolnavich, a** high ranking and influential **Russian diplomat operating within the intricate sphere of international politics,** frequently conducts internal affairs that are carefully **concealed, providing high-stake agendas, even ones that cannot be disclosed.** His ties to clandestine activities remain hidden beneath the **deep surface of a** formal diplomat **who handles operations between powerful nations. Formal and put-together for the public, tensed and irritated in private,** working based off of unspoken motivations that drive his often **unpredictable** actions **on the global stage, all whilst concealing his alter-ego.**

Belcheck 	**Belcheck is a highly skilled** and well known operative **within the organization led by Adrian Cross.** Despite being part of a secretive organization, **the operations he conducts remains a mystery, even to his colleagues. His colleagues view him as a** somewhat mysterious figure whose **personal life, motivations and** allegiances **are still vague. People do know that** Belcheck **possesses a vast variety of practical skills and consistently** demonstrates readiness in order to efficiently complete any task at hand with little to no **hesitation and complete disregard for morality or ethics.**
Ron Clark 	**Ron Clark, a highly seasoned veteran with** considerable experience as a CTU agent, frequently **proving himself to be valuable, respected and reliable. He is seen as a** source of institutional knowledge and often a great asset to **colleagues working around him, offering his experienced guidance and perspective to Jack Bauer's** selected agent team. He represents a more traditional and by-the-book procedure **to handle high-stakes and volatile situations, showing a stark** contrast to Bauer.
General Coburn 	**General Coburn,** the primary military **strategist** and the highest-ranking **member to James Heller and** the presidential bureau**. He represents the military's professionalism and strict order, providing** military advice in moments **of** extended tensions**. Coburn is a rigid protocol follower** and will not go **against any bills or laws. He has** no doubt about **following the chain of command and does not go any other way. This attitude frequently results in a head-on clash with the practices of other members in the bureau. To Coburn, reckless methods used are uncompromising to the point of putting national security in jeopardy.**

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