

Incoming Deputy Director Briefing: SEVENTEEN / SIXTEEN / EIGHTEEN

1. SEVENTEEN

1.1. SEVENTEEN is the informal cryptonym of an independent intelligence/wetwork contractor specializing in covert activities and assassination. His actual identity is currently unknown.

1.2. The individual known as SEVENTEEN is the pre-eminent representative of a free-standing system of such contractors mediated by a system of so-called 'handlers' who act as a co-ordinating layer between CIA/DIA/DOD/NS, other USG branches, other nation state intelligence services and the contractors themselves.

1.3. Within this network an informal but strictly observed hierarchy exists, with the leading (most feared, most effective) operative of the day given an incremental numerical cryptonym (eg FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, SEVENTEEN) as a form of honorific to signify their place atop the ranking system. This cryptonym is retired on their death and the next in the sequence granted to their successor.

2. SIXTEEN

2.1. SIXTEEN is the informal cryptonym of SEVENTEEN'S predecessor, former CIA operative [REDACTED].

2.2. SIXTEEN's employment with the agency was terminated with extreme prejudice as a result of OPERATION [REDACTED] and his subsequent imprisonment and torture in [REDACTED]. Multiple attempts to neutralize SIXTEEN were unsuccessful and culminated in the deaths of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and corresponding adverse publicity for the Agency.

2.3. After a decade in the field as an independent contractor SIXTEEN unexpectedly went dark. His long-term handler [REDACTED] claims to have no knowledge of his status or location. We assess these claims as credible.

2.4. Should SIXTEEN re-emerge, we assess that internecine conflict with SEVENTEEN is highly likely to clarify the dominance hierarchy.

3. EIGHTEEN

3.1. The cryptonym EIGHTEEN is currently unassigned and will be awarded on the successful termination of SEVENTEEN by a third party as yet unknown.

3.2. CIA has identified the following individuals for monitoring as possible candidates for EIGHTEEN:

NAME	NATIONALITY	STATUS	SEX
KOVACS	Czech	Active	F
BERNIER	Canadian	Active	F
DYKSTRA	Dutch	Active	M
HARKONNEN	Finnish	Active	M
OLUSI	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

3.3. There is no guarantee that any of these individuals will become EIGHTEEN. Historically (see in particular TWO, NINE and THIRTEEN) such individuals have often been previously unknown to CIA and its antecedents.