

SPB Data Files

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Extracts from the SSCOPA Report 1991

Origins of Paranormal Powers

The first documented appearance of paranormal powers occurred in the early 1930s. Stories of paranormal abilities from earlier times have never been substantiated and may be mythical. The first subjects to exhibit these abilities were between 10 and 13 years old. It has been speculated that a single event caused these effects and that it occurred around 1921. A number of candidates for this cause have been suggested and the main current lines of research are:

- an extraterrestrial origin in the form of a comet or meteorite striking the earth around this date introducing alien elements into the atmosphere (the Cambridge Hypothesis);
- an extraterrestrial origin in the form of a change in the radiation reaching the earth either from deep space or from the sun;
- an alteration in the space-time continuum as a result of the earth entering a region of space in which different physical laws apply;
- natural evolution of traits already present to some degree in the human population (the *Homo Superior* Hypothesis).

Some alternatives have been suggested by fringe groups but are not considered worthy of further comment: alien intervention, genetic engineering by a government conspiracy, divine intervention etc.

The Cause of Paranormal Abilities

Research by MRO (Mehuen and Price 1989) indicates that all individuals who possess paranormal powers are in fact mutants from the human norm with a slightly different genetic structure. This structure is identifiable. It deviated from the human norm by approximately 1%: that is by about as much as separates *Homo Sapiens* from Chimpanzees.

MRO research (Price 1990) indicates that all forms of paranormal power are essentially psychic or psionic in origin. Their possessors use the power of will in some poorly understood way to manipulate space, time, natural forces, matter and energy. Tests have indicated that a characteristic and detectable alteration in certain physical properties of space occurs when a paranormal ability is used. Price speculates that the appearance of different forms of paranormal power is associated primarily with the psychological characteristics of the subject. Many mutants exhibit no paranormal powers or only begin to exhibit them when placed in a stress situation. Some of the effects associated with the use of paranormal powers may be a result of the intellectualisation of the abilities by the individual. In other words the mutant feels that the actions are necessary in order to make the abilities function: which may only be true in a psychological sense. Price argues that most mutants only exhibit certain types of powers for the same reason.

Types of Paranormal Power

MRO has divided paranormal powers into a number of classes (Kinley and Smith 1972) according to observed characteristics. It is current MRO theory that even abilities such as 'Magic' and 'Technology' are in fact simply effects of paranormal psionic ability though this has been disputed (Hawkins 1991, Hyatt 1991). MRO argues (Price 1990) that this explains why the apparently technological items produced by certain mutants have proved impossible to duplicate. He also believes that most of the enhanced physical abilities shown by mutants have the same origin.

Incidence of Mutation in the Population

Surveys on this matter (See HMSO1990a) indicate that within the UK as much as 1% of the population fall within the genetic variation described as 'mutants'. MRO divides mutants into four types based on their paranormal abilities (Kinley and Smith 1972): minor mutants, full mutants, paranormals and full paranormals.

Minor mutants make up 94% of the mutant population: that is 0.94% of the whole population (approximately 1 for every 100 population) and when tested show the characteristic genetic variation. There are no other external signs that a mutation has occurred and tests indicate no appreciable variation from standard human abilities. There is evidence to suggest that approximately 10% of minor mutants will later become one of the other classes. 35% of minor mutants are under the age of 20.

Full mutants make up 5.7% of the mutant population: that is 0.057% of the whole population (approximately 1 for every 5000 population) and when tested show the characteristic genetic variation. 16% demonstrate external features that deviate from the human norm. All when tested demonstrate manual dexterity, strength, endurance and speed about 1.5X that of the human norm.

Paranormals make up 0.1% of the mutant population: that is 0.001% of the whole population (1 for every 100 000 population). They exhibit physical characteristics in line with full mutants but have paranormal powers to some degree.

Full paranormals make up 0.05% of the mutant population: that is 0.0005% of the whole population (1 for every 200 000 population). They exhibit physical characteristics at least twice the human norm and frequently much higher. They possess extreme paranormal power.

A strong regional variation has been detected in the incidence of mutants (UNPS 1975). Exact figures are hard to come by for many regions but Farley (1978) demonstrated a statistical relationship between the percentage of mutants in the population and the genetic variation in the population as a whole and the degree of mobility within that population. For example incidence was low where genetic populations were very distinct. The incidence of mutants for some significant regions is listed below:

Brazil: 1.4%

United States of America: 1.2%

United Kingdom: 1%.

Other Central and South America: 1%

Eastern Europe: 0.8%

Southern Africa: 0.8%

Australia and New Zealand: 0.7%

Canada: 0.7%

Central Asia: 0.6%

Russian Federation: 0.6%

Western and Southern Europe: 0.5%

Near and Middle East: 0.5%

North Africa: 0.4%

Northern Indian Subcontinent: 0.3%

East Africa: 0.2%

South East Asia: 0.1%

Southern Indian Subcontinent: 0.08%

Central Africa: 0.06%

China: 0.04%

Oceania: 0.01%

It is notable that the proportions of the different classes of mutation do not appear to vary from region to region.

Social and Political Effects of Mutation

Summary

The development of the mutant population has resulted in some dislocation in all areas of the world. The degree of dislocation appears to depend on the proportion of mutants within the population with higher proportions producing greater social dislocation. The second main factor seems to be the degree of centralised control in the state with those states with weak central government suffering more. The final factor appears to be the degree of individualism within society with those societies organised on a more collective basis better able to resist disruption. The greatest effects have been experienced in the weaker African states where individuals with paranormal powers have come to dominate governments in a series of coups. A similar effect though less strong has been visible in Central and South America. The USA and Brazil have experienced strong disruptive tendencies that have encouraged regionalism and a weakening of central government. The Near and Middle East has suffered problems as mutants have been drawn into regional conflicts with has tended to exacerbate already serious regional difficulties. The collapse of the USSR was encouraged by the deployment of mutants. The Balkans has experienced similar problems. European countries and China have been less affected. European countries have experienced problems with racist Anti-Mutant movements and terrorism by the same and by paranormals.

Historians have speculated as to the effects on 20th Century history of the appearance of mutants. This debate is ongoing and most of these arguments are in dispute but some of the ideas include:

Leiber (1986) suggested that the Second World War was a product of the use of mutant hatred by the Nazi party to rise to power.

Griggson (1990) suggested that the USA would have risen to the status of the world's undisputed superpower if she had avoided the problems she experienced in dealing with a high mutant population.

Randal (1974) argued that the United Kingdom would have been far more able to retain her Imperial possessions if local insurrections had not been supported by those with paranormal powers. He even suggested that the UK would not have had to offer limited self-government to India in 1952 and that today Britain would still possess full Imperial authority rather than exerting control through the Commonwealth Commission. He presented a similar argument with reference to the French Imperial possessions.

Shostovich (1990) argued that mutants contributed directly to the collapse of the USSR and that without them the USSR would still exist as a superpower.

Many other ideas have been presented but these references give some idea of the significance of the subject.

Organizations

Full details are provided for those groups that have been encountered by our organisation or whose operations are considered significant. Certain other organisations have a brief entry that will be updated if necessary. The full files can be identified as they have an entry for last update. Descriptions of individual members are given when they are available.

Anti-Mutant

Notes: Anti-Mutant is a political organisation which aims to control mutants and other individuals with paranormal abilities. It seeks stronger legislation to control their activities and greater resources to combat the so-called 'mutant menace'. Anti-Mutant is seen by many as the political wing of OMEL. It has its' HQ in central London. The head of Anti-Mutant, Adrian Gormley was killed in the 'D-Day' coup. The following head of AM, John Cade, was killed in 1997 by Quicksilver. The current leader is Margaret Hepworth. No MPs are official members but several are known to be sympathetic. Anti-Mutant was linked to the SPB 'D-Day' coup attempt in 1996.

Brighton Research Group (BRG)

The BRG was one of the British front operations of the GEM. It appears to have represented GEM's internal enforcers. Its main functions were covert operations associated with the capture and recruitment of mutants and the suppression of Chaos supported activities in Britain. Members included Ebon, Hammer, Flay and Tyche. Following the GEM revelations all members of the BRG are missing and the group is disbanded.

Cardiff Research Group (CRG)

The CRG was one of the GEM's front organisations in the UK. Never a public body it remained a group of the more questionable GEM operatives. Its main functions were covert operations associated with the capture and recruitment of mutants and the suppression of Chaos supported activities in Britain. The leader of the group was Crisis and significant members included Black Bear, Ripper and Lamia. Ripper was apparently killed in action on 14/6/96 fighting the Circle though his body has not been recovered. Following the GEM revelations of 1997 Black Bear joined the SPB. The other operatives disappeared.

Chaos (All Ways)

Last update: 11/12/97

Known members: NB: the following names are those used by the individuals in question and have not been translated. Castellós, Billy Bones, Imago, Troll, Green Witch, Ice Age, Dire Wolf, Feathered Serpent, White Vampire (Captured by SPB), Banyan, Copper Colossus, Hypnotic Wraith, Camino, Calor, Gespenst, Padrino, Furacao, Unmenschlich, Tigre Invincible, Contagio, Vault, Mariner, Sharpshooter, Boneca, Eco, Mecanicienne, Spark, Megaton, Morning Star, Aguja,

Polis, Dogon, Assegai, Tzen Hui, Ronin, Woomera, Shrieker, Supersonic, Windsword (captured by SPB), Powerwraith (Captured by the SPB), Gray Ninja. Chaos has at least another ten full paranormals working for it and around eighty paranormals. It has hundreds of well-equipped full mutant agents and deploys substantial and well-equipped armed forces. The leaders of Chaos – the gods have only recently been identified and have not been seen in operations.

Leader: The leaders of Chaos are probably the beings who call themselves 'gods'. Castellós is the most powerful mutant working for Chaos but there is no clear evidence to suggest he is their leader.

Area of Operations: World-wide.

Base: Chaos has a large number of bases around the world. It is believed that the All Ways Corporation is a front of Chaos. The main base of operations is South America where Chaos controls Bolivia and Paraguay.

Purpose: Their efforts appear to be directed at creating a new world order by destroying established states and creating the conditions where powerful mutants can in effect dominate the world. It is not clear what their ultimate motives may be but they seem to be especially resisting the efforts of the GEM. Recent information indicates that Chaos is controlled by a mysterious set of beings with paranormal powers who call themselves gods. These beings intend to regain the domination of the world that they claim to have possessed in the past.

Known Actions: Chaos is a powerful group that operates internationally. They have been in operation at least since 1979. New reports and analysis indicate activities may go back much further to the 1950s but they were not connected to Chaos until recently. They are believed to have a large organisation. In the UK their most famous operation was an attempt to destroy London in 1988 with a nuclear device they had stolen from a missile base in the Ukraine. This attempt was thwarted by the Guardians at the cost of two of their members. This should help to indicate the degree of ruthlessness shown by this organisation. Internationally they are most famous for the following actions: the assassination of the president of France in 1980; the murder of 89 members of the Dutch parliament in 1983; their attempt to destroy the UN Building in 1984; the destruction of the city of Atlanta in 1986; and the defeat of the army of Paraguay in 1992. They suffered their greatest defeat in 1986 at the hand of three American groups in which 8 members of Chaos were killed and 23 captured including 4 full paranormals. The American groups failed however to prevent their greatest atrocity: the destruction of Atlanta. In 1995 Chaos launched a successful attack on the peacekeeping force in Bosnia. They may or may not have been acting alone but succeeded in destabilising the situation still further. It now appears that Chaos had important links with the pre-reform SPB and may have ultimately been behind the 'D-Day' coup attempt. On 18/3/97 it was discovered that Chaos was operating with the SPB Remnant to supply the Circle with high tech arms. These were being produced in Croatia. From 29/4/97 to 3/5/97 Chaos attempted to steal British nuclear weapons technology but were stopped by the SPB. On 10/5/97 Chaos launched a major assault on the UK in alliance with the Circle which caused major damage including the destruction of Brighton and the devastation of the south coast. Large areas of London and Birmingham were also reduced to ruins. Following their withdrawal on 21/5/97 the attack on Brazil began and the UK operation may have been designed to weaken Britain sufficiently to avoid intervention in South America. The Circle were left to continue the operation in the UK.

Threat Analysis: maximum.

Castellós: True name and birth date unknown but active since at least 1940. Believed to be Spanish. Castellós is one of the most powerful mutants known. He is tough, cunning and ruthless. He is extremely strong and is resistant to most attacks. Castellós first appeared working for the Spanish Nationalist Government but may have joined Chaos as early as the mid 50s.

Megaton: True Name: Lars Henrikson. Date of Birth: 6/3/68 Iceland. Megaton is an extremely powerful mutant who can fire fusion bolts. He is known for extreme violence and personally supervised the destruction of Atlanta early in his career.

Circle

Last update: 12/12/97

Known members: Ebon Queen, Quicksilver, Living Lightning, Macro, Meteor, Rock, Granite, Frost Grip, Silvereye, Hate, Meteor, Icon, Crawler, White Lotus, Grappler, Sunburst, Soldier, Star Strike, Man-at-Arms.

Known associates (mercenaries in Circle pay): Bonecrusher, Jupiter, Iron Gargoyle, Black Hole, Wild Boar, Steel Orchid, The Fallen.

Leader: Ebon Queen pre 1997. Quicksilver took over following her capture.

Area of Operations: United Kingdom.

Base: London

Purpose: The Circle are now known to have been set up by the Ebon Queen and are aiding her in here efforts to take over the underworld in England. The initial members were presumably hired sometime after the breakout from the prison on Skye on 20/12/95. It has recently been discovered that the Circle were operating with Chaos in an attempt to take over the UK.

Known Actions: variety of money collecting exercises raids on other criminal groups, collection of weaponry, fighting with law enforcement agencies. The Circle dominates the underworld in England. In 1997 they made an attempt with the support of Chaos to take over the UK but were defeated when Chaos withdraw their forces.

Threat Analysis: high.

Ebon Queen: True name: Caroline DeGris. Born: 20/5/50 Plymouth. The Ebon Queen is a mutant of great power. In the 70s and 80s she built up a powerful criminal organisation which dominated the underworld in the south. Her downfall was involvement in the Pyramid Conspiracy that resulted in her arrest and imprisonment on Skye. She escaped in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. Since her escape she has been building up her criminal organisation once more. She has recruited the Circle and has a number of other paranormals working for her. Her organisation defeated GEM forces on 14/6/96. Her attempt to take over the UK in 1997 failed and she was captured and sent to Skye on 23/7/97. Known powers: healing, life drain, power destruction.

Quicksilver: True name: Aaron Leowitz. Born: 15/5/46 London. Quicksilver is a mutant of impressive power and has been a problem for the authorities since 1966. His career began as a fairly typical criminal characterised by serious violent tendencies. He worked for various underworld figures around London. He was captured by the SPG after involvement with the Pyramid conspiracy in 1992. He escaped from Skye in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. He killed the leader of AM. Known powers: metal form, stretching.

Living Lightning: True name: Natalie Askins. Born: 15/8/70 Whitby. Living Lightning was serving a 12-year sentence for murder following a fight with OMEL terrorists before her escape. She was captured following the failed Circle coup attempt on 23/7/97 and is imprisoned on Skye. Known powers: electricity. NB: her living lightning attack is extremely effective flowing through all known defences.

Macro: True name: Ian Anderson. Born 14/9/68 Newcastle. Macro was serving a 15-year sentence following an attack on AM HQ in London before his escape. He is known for his ability to grow to a height of 10 metres in combat. He was captured following the failed Circle coup attempt on 15/7/97 and is imprisoned on Skye. Known powers: gigantic size.

Sunburst: True name: Alice Workingham. Born: 8/3/81. Sunburst was initially part of a mutant team called New Dawn (founded 1995) who were vigilantes known for publicity seeking. Early in 1997 they were defeated by the DAF and one of their members (Sandman) was killed. It is not known how they offended the DAF. She appears to have joined Circle soon after these events. Known powers: light.

Meteor: True name: Catherine Lloyd. Born: 11/2/80. The first entries on Meteor are from 1995 when she was a member of an anti-government subversive group in Swansea called Hidden Agenda. The group was defeated on 2/2/97 by the Paladins and broke up soon afterwards. She joined Circle soon afterwards. Known powers: flight.

Rock: True name: Alex Laybourne. Born (US) 6/2/70. Rock was initially part of a US group called the Confederates founded in 1962. He joined around 1988 and was involved in many of their actions. On 3/10/96 they fought a major battle with the Patriots in which they succeeded in their objective of destroying the Pentagon though most were captured or killed. He fled to Britain where he briefly operated with the publicity seeking vigilantes New Dawn. Early in 1997 they were defeated by the DAF and one of their members (Sandman) was killed. It is not known how they offended the DAF. He appears to have joined Circle soon after these events. Known powers: light.

Granite: True name: Hernandez DeRegio. Born (Brazil) 20/11/68. Granite was a member of a Brazilian criminal group known as the Jaguars from 1987 to 1993 when actions by the Columbian Cartel resulted in their breakup. He served as a mercenary for Chaos in South America from 1994 to 1996. He has recently been sighted working for Circle in London. Known powers: Earth.

Frost Grip: True name: Nikolai Ilyanov. Born (Russia) 20/9/72. Frost Grip was an operative of the KGB from 1986 to 1994. He worked for the Russian Mafias from 1995-1996. In 1997 he has been seen operating with Circle in the SE. Known powers: cold.

Silvereye: True Name: Natalie Field. Born: 22/4/77. Silvereye is currently on remand in Skye following her capture by the SPG on 16/4/97. Known powers: flying.

Hate: True Name: Aaron Lebowitz, Born (Poland) 30/11/77. Hate is currently on remand in Skye following his capture by the SPG on 16/4/97. Known powers: strength.

Icon: True Name: Yasmin Real, Born Brixton 19/8/79. Icon worked as a special operative for the Westside crime syndicate in Brixton before the operation was taken over by the Circle. She was involved in skirmishes with other criminal organisations but now seems to be a minor Circle operative. Known powers: speed.

Crawler: True Name: Liam Evans, Born 20/3/77. Crawler worked as an agent for Glaxo and was suspected of involvement in several examples of industrial espionage in Europe. In 1997 he appears to have fallen out with the company – probably because he was passing secrets to the Circle as he is now a Circle operative. Known powers: absorption and tunnelling, he also possesses a stealth suit of his own design.

White Lotus: True Name: Xiang Zi Zeung. Born 29/2/80 (Hong Kong). White Lotus was first reported as operating with a criminal gang in Hong Kong. She was probably recruited in 1997 by the Circle. Known powers: bo stick, throwing knives, 'Cloud of Confusion'.

Grappler: True Name: Scott Jones. Born 13/2/72, Grappler was has operated as an enforcer for various lone sharks in London and the SE. His employers have been put out of operation by the Circle who must have picked up his contract. Known powers: strength, tough skin.

Soldier: True Name: Mark Riley. Born 17/2/77. Soldier was a member of 3rd Special Commando based in Northern Ireland. He was accused of working with Loyalist Paramilitary forces to support drug running operation and fled. He apparently joined Circle. He was captured following the failed Circle coup attempt on 15/7/97 and is imprisoned on Skye. Known powers: powered suit.

Star Strike: True Name: Emma Thomas. Born 2/2/84. Star Strike is a young martial artist recruited by Circle. Considering her age she is quite skilled and therefore could be dangerous in the future. Known powers: ju-jitsu, shuriken.

Man-at-Arms: True Name: Kieran Slater. Born 10/10/77. Man-at-Arms is a Circle recruit seen operating in London. He is not known to have been active before this except as a petty criminal in Birmingham. Known power: halberd.

Direct Action Front

Last update: 12/12/97

Known Members: Gideon, Anvil, Scythe, Abyss, Case, Automation.

Leader: Gideon.

Area of Operation: UK.

Base: unknown.

Purpose: declared as clearing criminals, moral degenerates and other servants of Satan from God's earth. This category is broad and seems to include petty criminals, homosexuals and atheists as well as more predictable targets. There seems to be no obvious pattern to who they target except that the more famous an individual is the more likely they are to become a target.

Known actions: numerous murders. They were captured in 1994 by the SPG but escaped in the mass breakout from Skye. They have since killed the serial killer mutant Claw. They have had a number of clashes with the GEM but have always come out on top. They were defeated by the SPG late in 1997 in London. Scythe was killed and Gideon captured.

Threat analysis: moderate.

Gideon: True name: Mark DeVere (originally Gaye). Born 18/1/69 Luton. Gideon is the leader and greatest fanatic. He is not known for either compromise or, in fact, rationality. He has mentioned on several occasions how God appeared to him in 1988 to tell him to begin his campaign. Captured in 1997 by SPG and remanded to Skye. Known powers: Cosmic Power.

Anvil: True name: Io Jones. Born 6/3/69 Luton. Anvil has been with Gideon from the beginning and was his girlfriend before he 'saw the light'. She is a fanatical follower of his ideas. Known powers: Metallic Form.

Scythe: True name: Karen Meadows. Born 21/11/78. She was recruited in 1994 shortly before the group's capture. It was suggested in her trial that she had been brainwashed by Gideon and

Abyss –she certainly believes that they are God’s prophets. Killed in battle with the SPG in 1997. Known powers: fights with two scythes.

Abyss: True name: Luther Cain. Born 18/3/66 Boston. Abyss was a preacher for the Jehovah’s witnesses in Birmingham and lived a relatively normal life until a drunk driver killed his wife in 1991. After some vigilante actions of his own he was recruited by the Direct Action Front. He is insane. Known powers: entropy.

Case: True name: Lillith Cain. Born 18/8/86 Birmingham. Case is Abyss’ daughter and very much under his influence. Known powers: magnetism.

Automation: True name: Laurence Healey. Born 18/6/67 Cumbria. Automation is a psychotic and a fanatical follower of Gideon. Known powers: technology.

Earth Defenders

Last update: 18/11/97

Known members: Jadis, Mercurius, Geo, Ianna, The Rat, Pixy.

Leader: Mercurius.

Area of Operation: United Kingdom.

Base: unknown.

Purpose: Has been declared as defending the environment through direct action.

Known Actions: Operating since 13/6/93. Wanted for murder, manslaughter, destruction of private property, criminal assault. Destroyed the G-Fornax chemical plant in Liverpool on 13/6/94 killing one security guard in the attack and causing the death of 8 workers. Destroyed the construction site of the oil terminal at Port Talbot 18/11/94 causing 12 deaths and a large number of injuries. On 16/2/95 were involved in a fight with the Immortals at a chemical plant in Tyneside which left a member Earthwatch dead. The Rat was handed in to police shortly afterwards. Sometime later in 1995 Ianna and Mercurius were recruited into the group. On 30/6/96 destroyed the main construction site on the Newbury by-pass in which they were helped by the MLF. They defeated an SPG team in the process. They have been involved in many minor actions. They were captured by GEM agents during the MLF power campaign near Dounreay power station on 1/10/95 but were released for an unknown reason. They have recently allied themselves with the MLF and Justice Bringers in a campaign against the government. On 18/11/97 they attacked an RAF base near Cardiff where they stole ‘bunker-buster’ bombs which they used on the Severn Barrage damaging it severely. Attempts by SPB Delta to stop them failed.

Threat analysis: minor but their actions can be very destructive.

Jadis: True name: unknown. Birthplace and date unknown. Wanted for murder, manslaughter, destruction of private property and criminal assault. A founder member of the Earth Defender she has been involved in all their main actions. Known powers: cosmic power control and teleportation.

Geo: True name: Catherine Neil. Born London 11/3/68. Wanted for murder, manslaughter, destruction of private property and criminal assault. Geo was educated at Imperial College London in Applied Geology. She became involved in demonstrations against the mining industry

cumulating in the first documented appearance of her powers on 10/4/88 when she destroyed a road building programme during a demonstration. Known powers: earth control.

Mercurius: True name: Lee Thomas. Born Shrewsbury 11/6/70. Wanted for criminal assault and destruction of private property. Mercurius was a local celebrity hero in his home town but has since become a member of the Earth Defenders for an unknown reason. Known powers: flight.

Ianna: True name: Ianna Sunset/ Jane Horricks. Born Exeter 23/6/76. Wanted for criminal assault and destruction of private property. First recorded as involved in a school fight on 11/4/90 that left three pupils with serious injuries. Was excluded from school and reported missing on 12/5/90. Next recorded under the name Ianna Sunset having been arrested for shoplifting near East Lynne 13/4/92. Appears to have been a member of a group of travellers. Joined the Earth Defenders in early 1995. Known powers: unclear.

The Rat: True name: Gordon Cambell. Born Strathclyde 13/4/67. A founder member of the Earth Defenders. The Rat was in the SPG's top security prison on the Isle of Skye but escaped in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. Known powers: rat like powers.

Pixy: True Name: Pixy Sunset/ Amy Horricks. Born Exeter 17/7/85. The younger sister of Ianna. She was recruited into the Earth Defenders in 1997. Known powers: shrinking, power copy.

Edinburgh Research Group (ERG)

The ERG was one of the British front operations of the GEM. Never a public body it remained a group of questionable GEM operatives. Its main functions were covert operations associated with the capture and recruitment of mutants and the suppression of Chaos supported activities in Britain. The leader of the group was Wild and other members had been members of the first Riot: Endure and Pulsar. Ion was a mutant of unknown origin. Following the GEM revelations all members of the ERG are missing and the group is disbanded.

The Fallen

Last update 18/11/97

Known members: Fallen Angel, Deluge, Killing Machine, Barbarian, Neutron Star, Bonecrusher.

Leader: Fallen Angel.

Area of Operations: worldwide.

Base: varies.

Purpose: The Fallen are a group of mercenaries who will work for whoever pays well and provided them with a suitable lifestyle. They do not seem to be at all fussy about their employer.

Known Actions: The Fallen are an aggressive group and have been responsible for several deaths. On the whole they do not seem to kill people out of hand. They will take part in any activity their employer decides on as long as it isn't too dangerous. They have been active since 1993 though some were working independently earlier. In 1997 they began to operate under the direction of the Circle.

Threat analysis: Moderate.

Fallen Angel: True name: Sarah Harrison. Born 12/3/75 Chichester. Fallen Angel is an attractive and charismatic woman. However her academic record was not outstanding and several

operations have shown her to be overconfident and inconsistent in command. Powers: Sound, note that her powerful shield makes her a difficult opponent.

Deluge: True name Annabelle Mateley. Born 18/12/76 Kettering Northamptonshire. Powers: Water.

Killing Machine: True name: unknown. Birthplace and date: unknown. Killing Machine is an extremely dangerous fighter who has psychotic tendencies. He has been known to beat enemies to death with his bare hands if he becomes irritated. Powers: Strength.

Barbarian: True name: Connor O'Neil. Born 1/2/70 Enniskillen. A dangerous fighter armed with a battle-axe the Barbarian is not known for pulling his blows. He seems to have a rivalry with killing machine as to who can do the most damage. Powers: fighting.

Neutron Star: True name: unknown. Birthplace and date: unknown. Neutron Star is an aggressive fighter. Powers: Gravity.

Bonecrusher: True name: Angus McRae. Born: 12/3/70 Stirling. Wanted for assault, armed robbery and grievous bodily harm. Bonecrusher is a reasonably powerful mercenary mutant. He works for the highest bidder but is also known to have a vendetta with Dr Jerico of the NRG for reasons that are unclear. On 19/11/97 he was seen working with Fury for the first time. Intelligence indicates he may have begun working for them when they were hired by the Circle. Known powers: force, teleportation.

The Fury

Last update: 14/11/97

Known Members: Blowtorch, Jetpack, Thunderhead, Sabre, Fireblade, Shamrock.

Leader: Blowtorch.

Area of Operations: Scotland.

Base: unknown probably near Edinburgh.

Purpose: Criminal activity.

Known Actions: In 1997 engaged in a campaign of extortion against companies in Scotland. They defeated SPB Gamma when they tried to stop them.

Threat Analysis: low.

Blowtorch: True Name: Jack MacKenzie. Born 19/3/78. Uses a blowtorch as a weapon. Demonstrates an aggressive attitude and a casual disregard for human life and property. Known powers: fire.

Jetpack: True Name: Margaret Campbell. Born 20/2/80. Flies using a jetpack. Known powers: powered suit.

Thunderhead: True Name: Jarl Kroner. Born 27/1/77. Thunderhead's powers seem to be concentrated by his gauntlets. Known powers: air control.

Sabre: True name: Yvonne Torrence. Born 1/12/79. Sabre appeared both indecisive and overconfident when encountered by the SPB. Known powers: sabre fighting, wall crawl, life support.

Fireblade: True Name: Irene Lomax. Born 7/10/78. Appears to be mentally unstable. She owns an air-raft which is used to transport the group. Known powers: flaming sword.

Shamrock: True Name: Patrick O'Brendan. Born 29/8/71. Known powers: luck.

Four Horseman of the Apocalypse

Last update: 12/12/97

Known members: Death, Pestilence, War, Famine.

Leader: unknown.

Area of Operations: world-wide.

Base: unknown.

Purpose: the Four Horsemen believe themselves to be the gods of their respective areas of power. They travel the world bringing death and destruction to any settlement that does not tithe its wealth to them and set up a temple in their honour.

Known Actions: Up until 1975 the Four Horsemen were fairly normal criminal mutants of their type. They did not operate together. Sometime in that year it is believed that they were all called to a meeting somewhere in Mexico. They were then not seen again until New Year 1977 when they appeared as the Four Horsemen complete with their unusual steeds. Since then they have attacked a number of towns and cities throughout the world concentrating their efforts in the Americas and in Europe. In Central and South America several communities did indeed set up temples and tithe to them. They were arrested in 1984 by 1st and 2nd Special Commando operating in Belize, They escaped in the mass breakout of 20/12/95 from Skye and operated in Mexico and Columbia. Following the fall of Columbia to Chaos they have been operating in Argentina and Brazil.

Threat analysis: High.

Death: True name: William Born. Born: 17/2/45 Bedfordshire. Known powers: death.

War: True name: Maxwell Sharkey. Born 18/3/47 Belfast. Known powers: weapons.

Pestilence: True name Joan Irving. Born 15/6/54 Orkney. Known powers: gas.

Famine: True name: Angela Zjallik. Born 15/3/30 Warsaw. Known powers: power destruction.

GEM

Last update: 4/5/97

The GEM is a secretive organisation whose exact aims are unclear. They appear to have front operations controlling mutants throughout the world, rear support bases and large logistic and supply HQs. They are believed to have command bases. Assets include large numbers of full paranormal agents and full mutant agents and troopers. They also seem to control high technology items of an unusual and possibly alien design. GEM has been associated with creatures known as 'greys' which have variously been believed to be aliens, androids or a type of mutant. These 'greys' are known to use craft which resemble the classic flying saucer. GEM's main activities seem to be recruiting full paranormals by persuasion or force, covertly taking over

countries and countering the actions of Chaos. Which of these activities is their main aim and which are means to that end remains uncertain. They operated until 1997 through front organisations in the UK called Research Groups but these seem to have been disbanded and their current organisation is uncertain. GEM operations go back as far as the 1940s at least.

Known Members:

Wild: Wanted for treason, robbery, assault and criminal damage. Known associate of Techno. Was the leader of Riot. Captured 14/8/85 by NRG. Became the leader of the ERG but is now missing. Known powers: illusion and items.

Pulsar: True name: Rebecca Morris. Wanted for treason, murder, robbery, assault, and criminal damage. Born Portsmouth 11/3/77. Revealed as mutant in local press 13/12/89. Parents killed in OMEL terrorist attack 18/2/90. Implicated in murders of 7 Anti-Mutant activist between 20/4/90 and 22/2/95. Became a member of Riot. Captured 14/8/95 by NRG in Reading. Became a member of ERG. Current whereabouts unknown. Known powers: Light

Endure: True name: Elizabeth Griffin. Wanted for treason, robbery, assault and criminal damage. Born Bristol 18/6/77. Revealed as a mutant in local press 12/11/94. Anti-Mutant campaigned for her removal from a sixth-form college in Bristol as a danger to other students. Reported missing by parents 5/2/95. Arrested London 2/4/95 for possession of Class B drugs and cautioned following tip-off from Anti-Mutant. Became a member of Riot. Captured by NRG in Reading 14/8/95. Became a member of ERG. Known powers: Cosmic Power and Flight.

Ion: True name: Declan O'Shea. Wanted for treason. Ion was a member of GEM assigned to support the ERG. His background before this is unknown. He operated successfully with the ERG for some time and appeared to be their most powerful member. Current whereabouts unknown. Known powers: light.

Frost: True name: Georgina Feri. Wanted for treason. Frost was first encountered as the leader of the ORG. She appeared to be a competent commander and loyal to GEM. Her current whereabouts are unknown. Known powers: Cold.

Steel Eagle: True name: Moses Churchill. Wanted for treason, murder, criminal damage and assault. Born: 19/2/65. Steel Eagle was a member of the SPB but left in 1989 at about the time it was apparently dominated by Chaos. He became an important member of the ORG and was significant in many of their operations. Known powers: strength and flight.

Twister: True name: Kirsty Wilkes. Wanted for treason. Born 30/1/72. Twister is first recorded in our files in 1986 when OMEL terrorist attempted to kill her in Solihull. An attempt was made to recruit her into the SPG but this was unsuccessful and she escaped from an attempt at capture by MRO. She was seen operating with the ORG in 1989. Her current whereabouts are unknown. Known powers: air.

Swordsman: True name: Sean O'Hanlan. Wanted for treason and murder. Born Cork, Ireland 24/3/71. Swordsman was implicated in the deaths of 4 OMEL terrorists in Belfast in 1990. He probably became a member of the ORG soon afterwards. His current whereabouts are unknown. Known powers: swordfighting.

Crisis: True name: Natalie Dales. Wanted for treason and murder. Born 17/4/74. Crisis was taken for study by MRO in 1984 at the request of her parents who subsequently died in a mysterious house fire. She escaped from MRO Northampton in 1990 with the help of the ORG killing a number of personnel in the process. She operated with the ERG. Her current whereabouts are unknown. Known powers: power drain.

Lamia: True name: Beatrice Angellus. Wanted for murder and treason. Born 16/2/68. An obvious mutant Lamia was taken for study by MRO in 1978. In 1986 she became an operative of the SPB. She was captured by the ORG following a battle in Portsmouth in 1991. Subsequently she became a member of the ORG. Her current whereabouts are unknown. Known powers: poison bite.

Ripper: True name: Rhys Thomas. Born 8/3/70. Ripper was an obvious mutant who was taken into MRO custody in 1988. By this time he had committed a number of murders mainly of MRO or SBP agents who were attempting to apprehend him. He was released from MRO Oakham by the NRG on 13/2/95 and joined that group but transferred to the CRG on 20/6/95 following disputes with Dr Jerico. On 3/12/95 Ripper was captured by the SPG following an attack on MRO. In the process of resisting arrest he killed SPG Special Agent Thoreson. He was remanded to the prison on Skye. He escaped in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. After this he continued to operate with the CRG. He is believed to be dead following a fight between the CRG and the SPB Remnant in Rotterdam on 20/3/97.

Ebon: True name: unknown. Birth date unknown. Ebon appears to have been a member of the BRG and operated as a GEM enforcer. She is probably one of the inner circle of GEM operatives in the UK. Known powers: dark.

Tyche: True name: unknown: unknown. Birth date unknown. Tyche appears to have been a member of the BRG and operated as a GEM enforcer. She is probably one of the inner circle of GEM operatives in the UK. Known powers: luck.

Flay: True name: Alistair Mackenzie. Birthdate: 19/8/64. Born in Glasgow Flay was taken into local authority care in 1970 following a family break-up. He became a psychotic mutant and an infamous serial killer. He killed and flayed a total of 22 women between 1982 and 1989. A pattern seemed to exist as six women were killed in each of Leeds, Glasgow and Edinburgh. Four women were killed in Cardiff before his arrest. The skins of his victims were initially tanned and delivered in packages to the home of the Director of Glasgow social services: Thomas Hamilton despite several changes of address. In 1985 Hamilton suffered a breakdown and resigned from his job. He died, apparently a suicide, in 1986. From 1986 to 1988 the packages were delivered to Hamilton's replacement Mrs Alice Cope (former deputy director). She died in 1988 in a road accident. The final three packages were delivered to the new director Angus MacRae. He is also killed a further six law enforcers during this period but these died in combat and did not appear to follow in his obsessive pattern. Flay was arrested by the SPG and though found to be criminally insane he was placed in custody on Skye as the only institution secure enough to hold him. He escaped in the mass breakout of 20/12/95 continued his career flaying 2 more women in Cardiff and 3 in Birmingham. He was captured by the NRG on 20/8/96. Flay has never spoken about his actions though he left pages of notes which are held by the SPG. They use a variety of symbols and have never been deciphered. Flay appeared with the BRG (GEM enforcers) and now appears to work for GEM. No more packages have been sent since 1996. Known powers: strength.

Hammer: True name: unknown: unknown. Birth date unknown. Hammer appears to have been a member of the BRG and operated as a GEM enforcer. He is probably one of the inner circle of GEM operatives in the UK. Known powers: strength.

Blinder: True name: Stephen Hadley. Birth date: 18/4/68. Blinder was an SPB operative from 1988 and took part in operations up to and including the 'D-Day' Coup. He was involved in actions against the MLF and Earth Defenders. He also fought GEM operatives. After the failure of the coup he operated with the SPB remnant supplying arms from Chaos to Circle. He was captured by GEM on 20/3/96 his whereabouts were unknown until he began operating as a GEM agent in 1997. Known powers: light.

Believed captured by the GEM:

Blue Tornado: True name: Beccie Child. Born 18/7/71 Kings Lynne. Blue Tornado was serving an 8-year sentence for GBH, resisting arrest and escaping from custody before her escape from Skye. This followed an incident in 1992 when she was attacked during an Anti-Mutant demonstration in Norwich. Before this she had no problems with the law but during the incident 16 AM activists, 12 spectators and 8 police were injured. She became an operative of the Circle. Captured on 18/3/96 by the NRG. Her current whereabouts are unknown. Known powers: air.

Bulldozer: True name: Frank Churchill. Born 14/2/69. Bulldozer was a professional criminal from 1987 to 1992 working for criminal organisations in the SE of England. He was captured by the Guardians and subsequently sentenced to 12-years in prison. He then became a member of Circle. Captured by the NRG on 18/3/96. Known powers: strength.

Fusion: True name: Mark Breslaw. Born: 14/7/67 Nottingham. Fusion was serving an eight-year sentence for armed robbery before his escape. He was captured by the NRG on 18/3/96 whilst working for Circle. Current whereabouts are unknown. Known powers: nuclear.

The Rose: True name: Natasha Vaughn. Born 16/9/68 Shropshire. The Rose was serving a six-year sentence for armed robbery before her escape. Captured by the NRG on 8/4/96 whilst working for Circle her current whereabouts are unknown. Known powers: plant.

Mercenary: True name: unknown. Birthplace and date: unknown. Mercenary has worked for a variety of organisations and nations. He is quite dangerous if faced on his terms. Captured by the NRG 8/4/97 in London. Current whereabouts unknown. Powers: battle suit.

Recharge: True name: unknown. Birthplace and date: unknown. Recharge is a mercenary mutant who has worked for a variety of organisations. She is an associate of Bonecrusher. Captured by the NRG on 8/4/97 her current whereabouts are unknown. Known powers: electricity.

Crystal: True name: Felice Shade. Birth date: 18/9/74. Crystal was an SPB operative from 1990 and took part in operations up to and including the 'D-Day' Coup. She was involved in actions against the MLF and Earth Defenders. She also fought GEM operatives. After the failure of the coup she operated with the SPB remnant supplying arms from Chaos to Circle. She was captured by the NRG on 20/3/97 and her current whereabouts are unknown. Known powers: fighting and illusion.

Furie: True name: Emily Askins. Birth date: 18/2/73. Furie was an SPB operative from 1991. She was engaged in operations against the GEM and in defence of MRO operations. Furie was involved in the 1996 D-Day coup and subsequently operated with the SPB Remnant in the Netherlands. She was captured by GEM on 20/3/97 and is now missing. Known powers: acrobatics and fighting.

Jewell: True name: Nicola Yeo. Birth date: 13/3/68. Jewell became an SPB Special Agent in 1988. Her main operations were against GEM including the battle with the NRG at Command Centre 'A'. Following the 'D-Day' coup she operated with the SPB Remnant in the Netherlands. She was captured by GEM on 20/3/97 and is now missing. Known powers: hi-tech weapons.

Mindlock: True name: Nathan Alexander. Born: 15/2/65. Mindlock became an SPB Special Agent in 1985. His main operations were against GEM including the battle with the NRG at Command Centre 'A'. Following the 'D-Day' coup he operated with the SPB Remnant in the Netherlands. He was captured by GEM on 20/3/97 and is now missing. Known powers: psychic.

Aeolis: True name: Marc DeGaurd. Born: 16/2/72. Aeolis was an operative of the OPF from 1992 to 1995 . His whereabouts from then until 1997 are unknown. He operated with the SPB Remnant in the Netherlands from 1997 and was captured by GEM on 20/3/97. He is now missing. Known powers: speed.

The Guardians

Last Update: 12/12/97

Known members: The Earth Shaker, Valkyrie, Furnace, Photon, Mid-Knight, Wildfire, Standfast, Wail, Cage, Sequence, Helion, Atomic.

Leader: Valkyrie appears to lead most operations but the Guardians are known to have another leader who is not seen in public.

Area of Operation: United Kingdom but have been seen operating outside this area on several occasions.

Base: Unknown though it is suspected to be in the area around Shrewsbury.

Purpose: The Guardians have stated that their aim is to counter crimes by those with paranormal abilities and thus protect the country. However they do not have official backing and their actions are often therefore criminal in nature. Whilst a number of their known actions seem to be within their declared aim the purpose of others is less clear.

Known Actions: Wanted for murder, manslaughter, criminal assault, destruction of private property. The Guardians popularity with the public is believed to have hampered their arrest. The Guardians have been in existence since 1963. The majority of their known actions involve battles with groups and individuals acting outside the law. However they fought with the SPG on at least four occasions and with the SPB five times. They were responsible for at least two raids on MRO installations. The Guardians are most famous for their battle with the Chaos group in which they are believed to have halted an attempt to destroy London using a nuclear device on 12/8/88. In this battle two Guardians were killed: Guardian (the leader and founder member) and Renegade. They are also known for having staged an unsuccessful raid on the SPG prison on the Isle of Skye on 17/7/94. In other actions 2 other Guardians are known to have been killed Mammoth (by OMEL) and Trident (by the SPB). Four members were in the high security SPG prison on Skye all escaping in the mass breakout of 20/12/95 in which the other Guardians were involved. They fought to defeat the 'D-Day' coup on 24/1/96. They disappeared on 17/5/96 following capture by the Iron Baron after they were lured to Estonia. They were freed in a SPB operation on 17/3/97 and returned to London to fight Chaos. Following the defeat of Chaos in the UK they went to Brazil to fight the invasion

Threat Analysis: Major.

Valkyrie: True name: Irma Gudradattar. Born Reykjavik 12/12/45. Wanted for murder, manslaughter, criminal assault, destruction of private property. The leader and most powerful member Valkyrie is a founder member of the Guardians. Known powers: strength, flight, fighting.

The Earth Shaker: True name: unknown. Birth place and date: unknown. Wanted for manslaughter, criminal assault, destruction of private property. One of the most powerful members of the Guardians he has been a member since 1970. Known powers: earth.

Furnace: True name: Alexander McGruder. Born Birmingham 14/3/54. Wanted for murder, manslaughter, criminal assault, destruction of private property. One of the most powerful Guardians he has been a member since 1972. Known powers: fire.

Photon: True name: unknown. Birth place and date: unknown. Wanted for manslaughter, criminal assault, destruction of private property. Photon operated outside the Guardians between 1976 and 1980. She has been a member since then. Before joining the Guardians she appeared to operate as a mercenary. Known powers: light, teleportation and outphase.

Mid-Knight: True name: unknown. Birth place and date: unknown. Mid-Knight has been a member of the Guardians since 1987. She is a particularly dangerous opponent. Known powers: dark, fighting, items.

Wildfire: True name: Mark Jackson. Born Halifax 23/8/66. Wanted for murder, manslaughter, criminal assault, destruction of private property. Wildfire has been a member since 1984. Known powers: fire.

Standfast: True name: unknown. Birth place and date: unknown. Wanted for criminal assault, destruction of private property. Standfast has been a member of the Guardians since 1990. He has become an important team member and is used on many operations. He operated for 2 years before joining the Guardians as a member of the SPG. Known powers: strength.

Wail: True name: Wendy Taylor. Born 13/4/76. The newest member of the group she has been a member since 1994. Known powers: sound.

Cage: True name: Warren Welding. Born West Midlands 15/4/62. Cage was serving a 14 year sentence in the SPG prison on Skye following arrest and conviction in 1990 but was released in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. He has been as member of the Guardians since 1982. Known powers: magnetism.

Sequence: True name: Susan Bennett. Born 13/5/75. Sequence was detained at Her Majesty's Pleasure in the SPG prison on Skye following arrest and conviction in 1990. Her case has caused particular outcry amongst the public as she was 15 when arrested and had been a member of the Guardians since 1989. She was convicted of belonging to an illegal organization. She escaped in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. Known powers: light and illusion.

Helia: True name: Ayesha Dehal. Born Birmingham 12/9/66. Helia was serving a 14 year sentence in the SPG prison on Skye following her arrest in an attack on the same prison in 1994 but escaped in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. She has been a member of the Guardians since 1984. Known powers: fighting and acrobatics.

Atomic: True name Kenneth Jacobs. Born: East London 29/1/47. Atomic was serving a life year sentence in the SPG prison on Skye following his arrest in an attack on the same prison in 1994 but escaped in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. A founder member of the Guardians Atomic is one of their most powerful members. Known powers: nuclear.

The Harbingers

Last Update: 4/5/97

Known members: Faultline, Wynnock, Titan, Sierran, Lugh, Wolfman, Fryja, Firelance, .

Leader: Lugh when operating alone otherwise often Mystic.

Area of Operation: Europe.

Base: Varies.

Purpose: the Harbingers appear to wish to create a mystical change in the nature of the Earth. What exactly this means is unclear but it seems to involve a revival of ancient pagan religion and a variety of magical conjunctions. They are usually considered to be insane, however there is some evidence to suggest that their programme does have practical results.

Known Actions: The Harbingers have been active since 1984. Until 1986 their actions appeared to be largely non-violent and of confusing purpose but always associated with ancient monuments or unusual landscape features. During 1986 they became associated with Mystic and their campaign took on a violent though still confusing turn. They were involved in conflicts with the Guardians, SPG and SPB. They were arrested with Mystic by the SPB on 12/1/87 following an undercover operation. Exactly what was going on remains unclear but they were convicted of treason and sentenced to life imprisonment on Skye. They escaped from Skye in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. They then seem to have continued their programme lead by Mystic but were defeated by the NRG. From 1997 the Harbingers appear to have a new programme and on 20/2/97 they captured SPG Special Agents Farnham and Hope near Salisbury and on 25/4/97 they performed a ceremony at Avebury.

Threat Analysis: Average but numerous.

Faultline. True name: Paul Hill. Born 3/7/67 Otterburn Northumberland. Faultline appears as though made of stone. He is a religious fanatic following Celtic religion. Powers: Earth.

Wynnock. True name: Rhiannon Hywell. Born 12/2/70 Pwllheli Gwynedd. Wynnock is a native Welsh speaker and is known to be a Welsh nationalist. She also appears to believe that she is the reincarnation of an ancient Welsh princess and acts and dresses accordingly. Powers: Gas.

Titan: True name: Christopher Carter. Born 8/11/67 Ionia Michigan. Titan is known for leaving signs of his activities in the form of announcements describing the Harbingers motives. He appears to believe that he really is a Titan – a creature from classical mythology. He is psychologically unstable with some psychotic tendencies. Powers: Strength.

Sierran: True name: Iona MacRae. Born 8/9/69 Kinbrace Scotland. Sierran appears to act in a rather immature fashion – governed by emotion and attempts to gain notoriety. She is a follower of Celtic religion. Powers: fighting, flight.

Lugh. True name: Owain Griffiths. Born 14/11/65 Ystrad Dyfed. Lugh dresses like a Celtic warrior of ancient times. He can be identified by a glowing halo that he manifests in action. Powers: Weapon Master.

Wolfman. True name: Gunter Luus. Born 18/4/62 Stuttgart Germany. Wolfman appears as a wolf when he transforms into hero form. In hero form he has a taste for raw meat and is extremely ferocious. Powers: Animal.

Freyja. True name: Astragrid Miko. Born 12/12/67 Svappavaara Sweden. Freyja is a fanatical Harbinger – especially committed to the group's aims. Powers: Cold.

Firelance. True name: Rani Mairi. Born 2/2/66 Mahajan Rajasthan India. Firelance is a fanatical Hindu and appears to particularly hate monotheistic religions. Powers: fire.

The Immortals

The Immortals are a little known group of individuals with special powers. They have been operating at least since the early 40s. They do not seem to be based in any one country and no clear pattern has ever been detected to their activities. They seem to counter certain actions by other groups: either government controlled or criminal and are believed to be responsible for other actions. They never claim credit for their operations. In the UK their most prominent recent actions have been a fight with the Earth Defenders in Tyneside where they seemed to be protecting a chemical plant and a battle with a SPG team in Manchester where they stopped them arresting a minor group called The Takers. Abroad they were notably involved in the destruction of the Contra guerrillas in Nicaragua and the overthrow of the military junta in Chile. There may be as many as ten Immortals and they all seem to be very powerful. Interestingly the Immortals appear the same in recent appearances as when first seen in the 40s.

Justice Bringers

Last Update: 4/5/97

Known members: Gyro, Psyche, Ironbar, Deathbird, Black Cat, Fireline, Id. Miko Yamoto.

Leader: Uncertain. Analysis indicates Psyche is most likely leader.

Area of Operation: United Kingdom.

Base: Unknown.

Purpose: Unclear but appear to attempt to damage government organisations especially the police. They also steal money.

Known Actions: Operating since 10/10/94. Murder (62 counts- list available), assault, robbery and criminal damage. Destroyed PDU Manchester, Sheffield, Birmingham and Worcester. Destroyed a total of 12 police stations (list available). Destroyed 4 Crown Courts. MRO installations destroyed: East London and Exeter. Engaged in a fight with NRG probably because they held NRG responsible for the arrest of the MLF who appear to be on fairly friendly terms with them. NRG were defeated. In 1997 appeared to have formed an alliance with the MLF and joined their campaign against the government.

Threat Analysis: Average but have proved hard to capture.

Psyche: True name: Sophie Smythe. Born Canterbury 13/5/73. Known associate of Amara. Wanted for murder, assault, criminal damage, and robbery, escaping lawful custody. Arrested 6/8/91 with Amara for her part in the Bank of England raid. Sentenced to 12 years in prison. Escaped 25/4/94 killing 4 prison officers. Known powers: Psionics.

Ironbar: True name: Kurt Ryan. Born Sunderland 6/7/69. Wanted for murder, assault, criminal damage, and robbery. Entered MRO Programme 12/10/87. Escaped from MRO Cumbria 11/10/90 killing four operatives. Known powers: Magnetism.

Deathbird: Wanted for murder, assault, criminal damage, and robbery. True name: Chloe Rives. Born Amiens, France 3/1/72. Recruited into the MRO research programme in 3/4/88. Arrested 6/7/93 for attempted assassination of Hon. Mary MacAllaister M.P. Escaped custody 16/7/93. In several press interviews has claimed that she was ordered to kill MacAllaister by her superiors in the SPB and told that she was a traitor and a threat to national security. Examination of our files indicate that these claims are essentially true. Known powers: sound.

Gyro: Wanted for murder, assault, criminal damage, and robbery. True name: unknown. Birth place and date: unknown. First record 22/6/90 attempted arrest by SPB. SPB have made several attempts to capture Gyro in the past all of which have been unsuccessful. Known powers: None.

Black Cat: True name: Lara McLean. Born 17/6/78 (US). Lara operated as a mercenary for large US corporations from 1994 to 1995 when she seems to have had a change of heart. On 11/2/96 she destroyed the corporate headquarters of Monsanto and fled the US. Since then she has operated with the Justice Bringers. Known powers: speed.

Fireline: True name: Alicia Wilmington. Born Canterbury 12/3/77. Fireline was arrested on 8/2/92 following a criminal assault near her home. During her escape she killed two police officers. She operated as a mutant terrorist from 1992 to 1995 when she joined the Justice Bringers. Known powers: fire.

ID: True name: none known. Born: unknown. As ID has the power to take on any appearance its history is extremely uncertain. Known powers: chameleon.

Miko Yamoto: Born: 18/7/80 (Japan). Yamoto joined the Justice Bringers in 1996. Known powers: power destruction.

Liberation International

Last update 12/12/97

Known members: Fire Imp, Sophia, Interdict, Blue Ice, Sentinel.

Leader: Originally Sophia now probably Blue Ice.

Area of Operations: Europe, Middle East and North Africa.

Base: unknown.

Purpose: Liberation International are usually considered to be vigilantes by the press but most of their actions are associated with maintaining freedom and social justice.

Known actions. Justice International have been operating since 1990. They have operated in Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain usually protecting mutants or racial minorities from extremist organisations and government action (1990-93). In 1993 they also fought the Ebon Queen and her organisation. They have operated in Algeria and Libya protecting the local population from the effects of war and government oppression (1993). They fought to protect the Kurds from the Turks and Iraqis (1994). In late 1994 they attacked an MRO installation where mutants were being held for experimental purposes and were captured in an SPB operation. They were sentenced to 20 years in prison on Skye. They regained their freedom in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. In 1997 they began to fight against Chaos in London but any real alliance with the SPB would be unlikely. Following a defeat against the Fallen on 15/7/97 Sophia was apparently killed. Liberation International went to Brazil to fight Chaos and are now missing.

Threat analysis: average.

Sophia: Wanted for criminal assault, resisting arrest, escaping custody, treason. True name: Sophia Angelopolis. Born 6/12/70 Areopolis, Lakonia Greece. Sophia (Gk. wisdom) is believed to be one of the world's most intelligent people. She is an expert on sociology and liberation theory. Educated at the University of Athens she continued to work there and wrote many books and papers until her identity was revealed following her arrest in 1995. Apparently killed by the Fallen on 15/7/97. Known powers: speed.

Interdict: Wanted for criminal assault, resisting arrest, escaping custody, treason. True name: Hienrich Klinsman (known to use various aliases). Born 13/3/69 Munnerstadt Germany. Known powers: psionics (telepath).

Blue Ice: Wanted for criminal assault, resisting arrest, escaping custody, treason. True name: Hannah Cheville. Born 18/7/71 Nancy, France. Known powers: cold.

Sentinel: Wanted for criminal assault, resisting arrest, escaping custody, treason. True name: Brendan O'Shea. Born 18/7/69 Ballingarry, Eire. Known powers: strength.

Fire Imp: Wanted for criminal assault, resisting arrest, escaping custody, treason. True name: Anna Conchitas. Born 3/7/81 Cartagena. Fire Imp was only 11 when first seen with Liberation International in 1992. She had fled from Spain the previous year following the destruction of a Spanish government scientific institution in mysterious circumstances. Spain. Known powers: fire.

Mutant Liberation Front (MLF)

Last update: 12/12/97

Known Members: Powerarc, Minefield, Icesherd, Cloud, Chain, Binder, Termagent, The Shape of Fire, Sapphire, Red Fury, Mercuria, Forge, Shrike, Hippolyta, Confusion.

Leader: Powerarc.

Area of Operations: United Kingdom.

Base: The MLF appear to operate from a number of safe houses around the country.

Purpose: For mutants to gain sufficient power in the country for them to be immune to persecution and/or create a mutant controlled state. To destroy Anti-Mutant, OMEL, MRO and the SPB.

Known actions: Operating since 12/10/88. Crimes include murder, assault, resisting arrest, destruction of private property and escaping lawful custody. The MLF have specialised in attacks on the police, government installations and especially MRO. The MLF suffered an important defeat on 16/7/93 at Taunton when they were ambushed by the SPG. Only Powerarc escaped. The current leader Red Fury was captured along with Termagent, The Shape of Fire, Sapphire and Mercuria. The Shape of Fire and the Termagent were released in late 1995 apparently as part of a prisoner exchange with the SPB. They were the main organisation behind the power line campaign from 10/9/95 to 30/9/95 that brought chaos to the country. They were captured by our agents on 30/9/95 and were held briefly at the SPG prison on Skye before the whole organisation regained their freedom in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. They were involved in resisting the SPB coup attempt. Following the failure of the coup they began a campaign for equal representation for mutants in political bodies. This has included a destructive attack on GCHQ. During the Chaos attack of 1997 they offered to support the fight in exchange for an equal share in the government. This offer was rejected and they joined forces with the Circle to try to take over the government. This attempt was defeated on 25/7/97 by the SPB.

Threat Analysis: serious.

Powerarc: Wanted for treason, murder, assault, resisting arrest, destruction of private property, escaping lawful custody. True name: Simon Slade. Born: Sheffield 14/3/69. History before joining the MLF is unknown. He became leader (and only member) in 1993 and has been recruiting ever

since. He was captured by GEM agents and handed over to the authorities but escaped from Skye in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. Known powers: electricity.

Minefield: Wanted for treason, murder, assault, resisting arrest, destruction of private property, escaping lawful custody. True name: Craig McHoan. Born Dundee 12/1/69. Minefield was arrested 23/5/94 by London PDU following an incident when he was attacked in the street. He was handed over to MRO on 25/5/94. Powerarc and Icesherd rescued him from MRO East London on 30/5/94. He has been a member of the MLF since that date. He was captured by GEM agents on 30/9/95 and handed over to the authorities but escaped in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. Known powers: force, concealment.

Icesherd: Wanted for treason, murder, assault, resisting arrest, destruction of private property, escaping lawful custody. True name: Camille Soren. Born: Colchester 15/7/73. Nothing is known of Icesherd before she was first seen operating with Powerarc on 20/10/93. Captured by GEM agents on 30/9/95 but escaped in the mass breakout from Skye of 20/12/95. Known powers: cold.

Cloud: Wanted for treason, murder, assault, resisting arrest, destruction of private property, escaping lawful custody, absconding from local authority care. True name: Hayley Sinclair. Born Leicester 18/4/82. Following attacks in Leicester Cloud was arrested and taken into Local Authority care from which she was handed over to the MRO Programme. She was sent to an installation near Oakham. She was rescued 28/3/95 by GEM agents and was handed over to the MLF for unknown reasons. She was recaptured by GEM on 30/9/95 but escaped in the mass breakout from Skye of 20/12/95. Known powers: air.

Chain: Wanted for treason, criminal damage, assault, resisting arrest, escaping lawful custody. True name: Michael Ryan. Born: Leeds 16/7/71. Was first seen operating with Powerarc on 18/7/95. Binder's brother. Captured by GEM agents on 30/9/95 but escaped in the mass breakout from Skye of 20/12/95. Known powers: magnetism.

Binder: Wanted for treason, criminal damage, assault, resisting arrest and escaping lawful custody. True name: Marie Ryan. Born Leeds 13/9/84. Was first seen operating with Powerarc on 18/7/95. Chain's sister. Captured by GEM agents on 30/9/95 but escaped in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. Known powers: mental trap.

Red Fury: Wanted for murder, assault, resisting arrest, destruction of private property, escaping lawful custody. True name: Ben Farley. Born Amersham 14/3/62. The first leader of the MLF Red Fury fought against Anti Mutant and OMEL primarily. He was arrested on 16/7/93 by the SPG and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Escaped in the mass breakout from Skye of 20/12/95 and became leader of the MLF. Was captured by the SPG on 23/7/97 and is currently on Skye. Known powers: speed and fighting.

Termagent: Wanted for murder, assault, resisting arrest, destruction of private property. True name: Sarah Alan. Born Portmadoc 15/4/67. She was arrested on 16/7/93 by the SPG and was sentenced to life imprisonment and was held at the maximum security SPG prison on the Isle of Skye. Appears to have been released from prison some time around 8/85 possibly in a prisoner exchange with the MLF. Captured by GEM agents on 30/9/95 but escaped in the mass breakout from Skye of 20/12/95. Known powers: strength.

The Shape of Fire: Wanted for murder, assault, resisting arrest, destruction of private property. True name: Aaron Leighton. Born Handsworth 23/5/66. He was arrested on 16/7/93 by the SPG and was sentenced to life imprisonment and was held at the maximum security SPG prison on the Isle of Skye. Appears to have been released from prison some time around 8/95 possibly as part of a prisoner exchange with the MLF. Captured by GEM agents on 30/9/95 but escaped in the mass breakout from Skye of 20/12/95. Known powers: fire, out phase.

Sapphire: Wanted for murder, assault, resisting arrest, destruction of private property. True name: Lisa DeSar. Born Nuneaton 23/4/69. She was arrested on 16/7/93 by the SPG and was sentenced to life imprisonment. She escaped in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. Known powers: crystal.

Mercuria: Wanted for murder, assault, resisting arrest, destruction of private property. True name: Amy Greenwood. Born Oakham 12/12/70. She was arrested on 16/7/93 by the SPG and was sentenced to life imprisonment. She escaped in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. Known powers: body change, metal.

Shrike: True name: Marcus Granger. Born: 18/6/68. A former member of the GEM, Shrike left to join the MLF in 1997. Captured by the SPG on 27/7/97 he is currently in prison on Skye. Known powers: Fire.

Hippolyta: True name: Helen Hope. Born: 7/1/71. Hippolyta was released from an MRO installation following the collapse of that organisation following the 'D-Day' coup. She joined the MLF soon afterwards. Known powers: sword and shield.

Confusion: True name: Amy Allardyce. Born: 8/2/70. Confusion was released from an MRO installation following the collapse of that organisation following the 'D-Day' coup. She joined the MLF soon afterwards. Known powers: illusion, powers suit.

Mutant Research Organization (MRO)

MRO was a branch of the SPB that was responsible for investigating mutants and mutant powers. The locations of its research facilities were not made public and several operated undercover behind front organisations. Certain MRO compounds were in known locations: East London Compound, Glasgow Compound and Dartmoor Compound. The public locations had very heavy security. As a branch of the SPB MRO was not open to public scrutiny and this allowed it to be infiltrated by Chaos who began to control its operations. Following the coup attempt of 24/1/96 in which the SPB were discovered to be complicit MRO was shut down. The equipment used in its installations was removed by means that remain unclear. This equipment which was extremely high technology and was probably supplied by Chaos. MRO's function appeared to have been to gather genetic material from humans, mutants and some unknown sources and to use this material to clone creatures with paranormal powers. It was discovered that MRO and the SOMC were one and the same. The SPB is now under the supervision of SSCOPA and MRO has been reduced to a branch of this new organisation.

OPF

The OPF is the paranormal powers unit of the French Empire. It has wide powers and duties including internal security and police work, military operations and black ops. There is no real separation of powers within the French command structure. The OPF has 8 Regiments each consisting of 5 platoons: 1 G-Tank Platoon (3 tanks) and 3 Infantry Platoons (3 squads each with one G-Carrier carrying 8 troopers, a driver and a gunner). Paranormals make up a separate body who are attached as necessary. The OPF has around 30 paranormals including Neige, Ultime, Reacteur, Acier, Vie, Chronos, Velours and Adjima.

Organization for Mutant Elimination (OMEL)

OMEL is a terrorist organisation in existence since 1972 that aims to kill mutants and protect humanity from super powered take-over. It is organised in a cell structure but has a Command

Council. It is a crime to be a member of OMEL so naturally no members are known. Usual techniques include assassinations and bombings. In the 1990s OMEL become a more serious threat with the acquisition of a good supply of heavy weapons. The source of this supply is now known to have been the SOMC. The insurgents used OMEL in the 1996 coup attempt. They managed to disappear after the coup and acquired even more equipment. It is now believed that they have some major arms dumps located around the country and will continue to be a major threat as long as they can recruit new members from Anti-Mutant. On 26/9/96 they attacked the NRG using two full squads with heavy weapons. All were captured. See also Anti-Mutant.

Oxford Research Group (ORG)

The ORG was one of the British front operations of the GEM. Its main functions were covert operations associated with the capture and recruitment of mutants and the suppression of Chaos supported activities in Britain. The leader of the group was Frost and other members included Twister, Swordman and Steel Eagle. Following the GEM revelations all members of the ERG are missing and the group is disbanded.

The Paladins

Last update: 12/12/97

Known Members: Europa, Falcon, Giant, Raptor, Fornax and Spirit.

Leader: Giant.

Area of Operations: United Kingdom and Europe.

Base: unknown.

Purpose: The Paladins are mutant crime fighters who especially resist mutant criminal groups. They are outside the law due to some of their past actions but have quite a good reputation with the public.

Known actions: The Paladins have been active since 1989. In this period they have fought many battles with villain groups but are most famous for their conflict with Pyramid in 1991. In 1993 they were attacked by the SPB and in the resulting battle several SPB agents were killed. This battle lead to their arrest and imprisonment on Skye until the mass breakout of 20/12/95. They were involved in resisting the SPB coup attempt. In 1997 they were controlled by the Pyramid using some unusual technology probably stolen from the GEM and used in Pyramid's attempt to take over Tunisia. They were freed by GEM agents. They moved their operations to London to counter the Circle and took part in the fight against the Chaos invasion. They were defeated by Chaos on 15/7/97 and Europa (their leader) was seriously wounded. The Paladins then went to Brazil to fight the Chaos invasion and are currently missing.

Threat Analysis: moderate.

Europa: True name: Dominique Capitane. Born 8/5/72 St Jean d'Angely. A charismatic and attractive leader motivated by altruism and known for her chivalry she is not noted for great tactical ability but her telepathic powers are invaluable in battle. She was seriously wounded in the fighting with Chaos on 15/7/97 and is currently in the SPG Hospital London. Known powers: Psionics.

Falcon: True Name: Heather Crofts. Born 20/10/71 Wolverhampton. Powers: Flying.

Giant: True name: Christopher Hill. Born 23/11/70 Sheffield. Giant took over as leader following the loss of Europa. He may not be entirely suited to this role. Powers: Body Change (Growing).

Raptor: True name: Alex Owen. Born 15/7/68 Carlisle. Raptor has often been the cause of problems for the Paladins as he has a tendency to kill his enemies. MIA following battle with Chaos on 13/3/97. Powers: Fighting.

Fornax: True name Carlo DeAngelo. Born 18/1/68 Verona Italy. The minor-hero Spirit has always loyally followed Fornax. Powers: Fire.

Spirit: True name: Maria Beneona. Born 16/3/72 Verona Italy. Spirit is extremely attractive and is a favourite with the tabloid press especially The Sun. Powers: Out Phase.

Paranormal Defence Units (PDU)

Notes: the PDU are special squads set up by each Police Authority to contain events outside the ability of the normal police to deal with. They have heavy equipment and armoured vehicles. Numbers vary around the country but they are often as few as 20 strong in each region. They are also not very effective against serious threats from super powered individuals being too slow to reach the scene of many incidents in sufficient force. They are also frequently overmatched by larger or more powerful groups of opponents. Public confidence in their ability was not high. In 1997 the PDUs were upgraded following the recruitment of the Barley Brothers who reequipped their units with hi-tech weapons and G-Carriers. The PDU now also have hi-tech combat robots and have recruited a number of mutants: Icicle, Sniper, Grizzly and Amp who operate in London. Sniper was badly wounded in battle against Chaos on 13/3/97 and is currently out of action.

The Puppeteer

The Puppeteer is the name given to a very powerful mutant who is believed to control a large international organisation which operated under a wide variety of covers. The real name of the Puppeteer is unknown but this code has been used by some of his organisation under interrogation. It is believed that the Puppeteer controls a wide variety of criminal activities including drug production and distribution, prostitution, gambling and protection rackets. He has been able to defeat many other organised criminal organisations with his wide use of mutants and he is now considered to control the largest such organisation in the world.

Pyramid

Last update: 4/5/97

Known Members: Key, Eclipse, The Vision, Replica.

Leader: Unclear. In operations seems to be The Vision but we believe the true leader of the group has not been identified.

Area of Operations: Worldwide but mostly Europe.

Base: Unknown.

Purpose: not entirely clear but appears to involve gaining clandestine control of various countries.

Known Actions: Pyramid are most famous for a nearly successful coup in the UK in 1992. The SPG discovered that they had taken prisoner the Prime Minister and Home Secretary some months before and that The Vision and Replica had duplicated their appearance and were in fact running the country. They had a number of powerful allies (e.g. Techno, Ebon Queen, Quicksilver) and the support of very impressive resources. SPG telepaths cracked the conspiracy and Pyramid were arrested however the SPG were unable to arrest their backers. After receiving life sentences for treason they escaped in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. In 1997 they nearly succeeded in taking over Tunisia using a combination of disguise and some high technology equipment apparently stolen from the GEM. The plot was defeated by GEM agents. They were captured by the OPF and now appear to be working for them.

Threat Analysis: major.

Key: True name: Lucien Headbridge. Born: 16/1/65 London. Key is very dangerous individual. He appears to have serious resources and often leads a group of eight 'Black Guards': full mutants equipped with superior equipment (Juggernaut Armour, Laser Rifles etc.). Known powers: technology.

Eclipse. True name: Nazeeba Azmaht. Born: 18/2/67 Birmingham. A powerful opponent Eclipse uses some unusual effects with her powers notably time delays and triggers. Known powers: darkness.

The Vision. True name: Delphine D'Galle. Born 18/7/66 Jersey. The Vision is known to be able to exactly duplicate the appearance of other people. Powers: Illusion.

Replica. True name: Fiona Farral. Born 16/3/66 Strathclyde. Replica can duplicate the appearance of other people. She even fools telepaths and was only detected as Prime Minister because The Vision knew she was a fake. Known powers: duplication.

Raiders

Last update: 4/5/97

Known Members: Blocker, Dynamo, Glacier, Sylph.

Leader: Uncertain. Analysis indicates Blocker.

Area of Operations: United Kingdom mostly near London.

Base: Unknown.

Purpose: Appears to be profit.

Known Actions: Robbery, assault, resisting arrest, escaping lawful custody. Operating since 13/7/93.

Threat Analysis: Minor.

Blocker: Wanted: robbery, assault, resisting arrest, escaping lawful custody. True name: unknown. Birth place and date: unknown but speaks with a slight German accent. Arrested 12/3/94 following a battle with GEM in London. Escaped from an ambulance afterwards having appeared badly hurt. Known powers: none.

Dynamo: Wanted for murder, robbery, assault, escaping lawful custody. True name: Dr Kenneth Roach. Born Sheffield 11/8/65. Was an archaeologist working at University of Leeds. He was not known as a mutant until 12/6/91 when he murdered several academics following a funding review, He was arrested 12/3/94 following a battle with GEM in London. He was rescued shortly afterwards by Blocker, Known powers: electricity and magnetism.

Glacier: Wanted: robbery, assault, resisting arrest, escaping lawful custody. True name: unknown. Birth place and date: unknown. Believed slain in battle with GEM in London 12/3/94. She disappeared from the police morgue and appears to still be operating with the Raiders. Known powers: cold.

Sylph: Wanted: murder, robbery, assault resisting arrest, absconding from the care of the Local Authority. True name: Claire Old. Born London 11/2/83. Taken as part of the MRO Programme with the permission of her parents on 12/3/91. She escaped during the Justice Bringers assault on the East London MRO compound on 15/2/93. Arrested 2/3/94 following a battle with GEM in London. She was rescued shortly afterwards by Blocker, Dynamo and Glacier. Known powers: air.

Riot II

Last update: 4/5/97

Known Members: Sorceress, Kore, Kali, Panther, Nova, Flowstone.

Leader: Sorceress.

Area of Operations: UK.

Base: Unknown.

Purpose: Riot I were attempting to antagonise the OMEL. Riot II has unknown objectives but are connected with Circle.

Known Actions: Riot I: Robbery, assault and criminal damage. Post office raids in Reading 24/6/95, 5/7/95. First appearance 24/6/95. Three members captured 14/8/95 by GEM agents in Reading. These members are now working for GEM: Wild, Endure, and Pulsar. Riot II seems to have been formed in late 1995 when new members joined the group and began using this name. So far actions have been limited to armed robbery and serious criminal damage. They were captured by GEM on 31/3/97 but were released in a prisoner exchange. They are now known to be working for Circle.

Threat Analysis: Minor.

Sorceress: True name: unknown. Wanted for robbery, assault and criminal damage. Birth place and date: unknown. Known powers: magic.

Kali: True name: unknown. Wanted for robbery, assault and criminal damage. Birth place and date: unknown. Known powers: death.

Panther: True name: unknown. Wanted for robbery, assault and criminal damage. Birth place and date: unknown. Known powers: fighting.

Nova: True name: unknown. Wanted for robbery, assault and criminal damage. Birth place and date: unknown. Known powers: light.

Flowstone: True name: unknown. Wanted for robbery, assault and criminal damage. Birth place and date: unknown. Known powers: earth.

Kore: True name: Catherine O'Neil. Wanted for robbery, assault and criminal damage. Born Reading 14/7/83. Taken into care of Local Authority care in Reading 6/10/88. Absconded most recently 14/7/93. Involved in fight with our agents on 14/8/85 in Reading but evaded capture. Known powers: Dark.

Special Commando

Notes: The special commando units are part of the British Army. There are 3 Special Commando units, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. These units are not normally allowed to operate within the UK except under special circumstances: that is a major threat to national security, martial law or disaster. They do not have police powers. They do operate against terrorism especially in Northern Ireland and in parts of the Commonwealth. Special Commando is made up only of mutants and has an established strength of 4 full paranormals per unit, 8 paranormals with the remaining members being full mutants to bring each commando up to a strength of 3 platoons. The 1st Special Commando was formed during WWII. Special Commando has seen action in all of the UK's military actions since then and was significant in the Anglo-French victory in the Suez War as well as taking a major part in the Falklands Campaign where they faced a similar Argentine formation. Following the mass breakout from the Skye prison of 20/12/95 1st Special commando were put under the control of the SPB as part of the State of Emergency. They fought rather unwillingly for the insurgents in the 1996 coup attempt under the SPB's orders but changed sides when the plot was revealed. As of 1997 1st and 2nd Special Commando are based in Bosnia where they are engaged against Chaos and the OPF. 3rd Special Commando is deployed in Northern Island. Names of members of Special Commando are secret and all are identically uniformed.

Special Organization for Mutant Control (SOMC)

This name was used as a code for MRO when it was associated with illegal activities. Several compounds nominally controlled by MRO appear to have actually been SOMC. The SOMC had access to some very unusual technology. They were involved in an attempt to clone mutants genetically engineered to show certain abilities. SOMC and their equipment disappeared after the 1996 coup. It is believed that SOMC was essentially a branch of Chaos controlled via the All Ways Group.

Special Operations Squad (Australia)

Last update: 10/12/97

Known Members: Woomera, Blue Diamond, Outback Sun, Redrock, Quasar, Remould.

Leader: Woomera leads the group on missions. Strategic direction is provided by the Colonial Office.

Area of Operations: British Empire but especially Australasia.

Base: HQ is the SOS bunker in Sydney.

Purpose: The SOS consists of a number of units responsible for special operations in the Empire. The units are regionally based and recruited but each operates anywhere in the Empire. They are responsible for police and counter-terrorism.

Known Actions: Founded in 1954 the membership has varied considerably since the beginning. In recent times they have been involved in countering the actions of Chaos, Terror Incorporated and The Australian People's Liberation Organisation.

Threat Analysis: average.

Members:

Woomera. True name: Bruce Baxter. Born: 23/5/72. Woomera has been leader of the SOS since 1994. His popularity and fame in Australia are nonparallel. He is considered to be amongst the most loyal and competent servants of the Empire. Known powers: Speed, Teleportation.

Blue Diamond. True name: Sheila Samuels. Born: 3/10/84. A member of the SOS since her powers first manifested in 1994 Blue Diamond is considered somewhat inexperienced and overconfident. Known powers: Reflection, Sword, Teleportation.

Outback Sun. True name: Shane O'Neill. Born 30/3/75. Outback Sun has been a member of the SOS since 1995. His unusual appearance has always been a problem to him and he has always sort to be accepted by Australian society. Known powers: Light Control.

Redrock: True name: Kylie Kelly. Born 16/6/76. A member of the SOS since 1994. Redrock is a popular figure with the 'alternative' community in Sydney and this coupled with the frequent appearances of her girlfriend at public occasions has caused her to be considered something of a security risk. Known powers: Strength, Regeneration, Absorption.

Quasar: True Name: Brad Bradshaw. Born: 18/5/75. Quasar was a journalist on the Melbourne Post until 1996 when his powers first appeared when members of Terror Incorporated blasted him. He was transformed into a glowing energy shape with great powers to control energy. Despite this he seems to enjoy his new status and powers. Known powers: Cosmic Energy Control.

Remould: True Name: Janet Jones. Born: 26/1/76. Remould joined the SOS in 1996. Some assessments have expressed doubt about her stability as an agent. Known powers: rapid alteration technology.

Special Powers Bureau (SPB) pre 1996

See also: MRO.

Last update: 4/5/97

For details of organisation and membership today refer to SPB Organisation.

Previous Members: Crystal, Blinder, Jewell, Djinni, Mindlock and Furie. The SPB also used unusual troops and agents who seem to have been genetically modified clones.

Leader: The SPB was a branch of MI5 under the supervision of SSCOPA. Before the coup of 1996 the head of the SPOB was Sir Lawrence Agneau who is now missing.

Area of Operations: United Kingdom and the British Empire.

Base: The official HQ was Thornbury House, Westminster, London. The SPB maintained area offices in other areas. They also had a large compound near Stafford and command centres such as SPB Command Centre 'A' in Leicestershire which were closed down after the coup attempt.

Purpose: The official purpose of the SPB was to protect the state against subversion by super powered individuals and organisations controlled or using the same. The coup attempt revealed that their actual purpose prior to 1996 was to take over the country. The SPB had been infiltrated by Chaos which was able to provide it with high technology equipment.

Known Actions: Founded 12/3/40. The SPB used undercover operations and direct action to achieve its' aims. It did not advertise its' activities and many of its' operations go on unknown to the public at large. The SPB called on other organisations to support them notably MI5, Special Branch, PDU and the SPG. Chaos influence probably began around 1980 and reached full dominance around 1990.

Threat Analysis: none.

SPB Remnant

This was the name used for the surviving elements of the SPB after the 1996 'D-Day' coup which operated in the Netherlands shipping arms to the Circle from Chaos factories in Croatia. GEM eliminated the Remnant.

Special Powers Group (SPG)

Last update: 12/12/97

Known Members: The SPG has an establishment strength of 50 Special Agents but rarely has more than 30 on active service. They are divided into 3 grades. The Elite may be identified by 3 bars on the right sleeve of their uniforms. Leading Agents have 2 bars on the right sleeve. The SPG also has 60 well-equipped Agents and a number of supporting staff. There are also staff at the SPG's prison on Skye.

Leader: Elizabeth Beaufort until 15/2/97 replaced by Sir Kingsley Soames. The SPG is under the direct authority of the Home Secretary.

Area of Operations: United Kingdom and British Empire though the SPG have been known to send teams abroad with the agreement of foreign governments.

Base: HQ is the SPG Bunker in Whitehall, London. They have regional offices in Birmingham, Edinburgh, York and Cardiff. They also maintain a Top Security prison on the Isle of Skye which has now been rebuilt following its destruction by the X-Mutant.

Purpose; The SPG has full police powers and acts as a law enforcement agency with a special brief to counter crimes by super powered individuals and organisations.

Known Actions: Founded 11/5/52. The SPG tends to mount fairly straightforward operations especially those requiring substantial force. They fought on the side of the insurgents in the 'D-Day' coup but were persuaded to change sides once the plot was revealed. From 1996 onwards they have had serious problems coping with Circle actions in England. On 14/2/97 the SPG suffered a catastrophe when they were defeated in a major showdown with the Circle who were supported by The Fallen, Iron Gargoyle and Black Hole. A number of agents are MIA following this event. They fought in the resistance to the Chaos invasion and have recovered to some extent since the invasion with some members being rescued from the MLF.

Threat Analysis: serious.

Members since 1990. Those still active are in red.

Elite Agents:

Iona McAlaister. Powers: psionics. MacAllister is known for her powerful telekenesis and her telepathic assaults.

Dr Michael Ashfield. Powers: technology.

Sarai Ahmed. Powers: generalist. MIA following battle with Circle 14/2/97. Freed by SPB 20/4/97.

Gareth Lee. Powers: earth. Captured by MLF 23/3/97. Rescued 24/10/97 in SPG operation.

Leading Agents:

Neil Carter. Powers: light. Carter is renowned for his long range laser power which is incredibly accurate. Captured by Chaos 17/5/01.

Rebecca Charles. Powers: earth. MIA following battle with Circle 14/2/97. Freed by SPG on 16/4/97.

Anita Durham. Powers: plant. Captured by MLF 23/3/97. Rescued 24/10/97 in SPG operation..

Tanya Gore. Powers: power control. KIA vs the Circle 13/3/97.

Nathan Harrison. Powers: psionics. MIA following battle with Circle 14/2/97.

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Special Agents:

Lauren Burns. Powers: nuclear.

Damon Dale. Powers: entropy. MIA following battle with Circle 14/2/97. Freed by SPB 20/4/97.

Katerina Dornier. Powers: power suit. Captured by MLF 23/3/97. Whereabouts unknown.

Cara Ellis. Powers: flight.

Claire Farnham. Powers: speed. Captured by Harbingers 20/2/97. Whereabouts unknown.

Francis Grey. Powers: electricity. MIA following battle with Circle 14/2/97.

Annette Hope. Powers: life. Captured by Harbingers 20/2/97. Whereabouts unknown.

Dr George Hyat:. Powers: growth.

Kirsty James. Powers: flight.

Peter Knight. Powers: fighting. MIA following battle with Circle 14/2/97. Freed by the SPB 20/4/97.

Esther Martins. Powers: air. KIA vs X-Mutant 28/12/95.

Sean McNeil. Powers: animal (hawk).

Phoebe Miller. Powers: water. MIA following battle with Circle 14/2/97. Freed by SPG on 16/4/97.

Amy O'Connor. Powers: cold.

Tara O'Connor. Powers: cold. MIA following battle with Circle 14/2/97. Freed by SPG on 16/4/97.

Quentin Parish. Powers: out phase.

Lance Proctor. Powers: psionics (telekenesis).

Jago Smith. Powers: technology.

Mark Thoreson. Powers: martial arts. KIA vs Ripper 3/12/95.

Laura Thornton. Powers: power suit.

Benjamin Wilcox. Powers: strength.

In training:

Helen Jones. Powers: psionics.

John Leedham. Powers: power suit.

Claire Michaels. Powers: electricity.

Zeshan Sangha. Powers: teleport.

Jade Shield. Powers: weapons. KIA by OMEL car bomb 21/4/97.

Gwynedd Williams: Captured by the Harbingers 10/11/97. Powers: psionics.

Standing Strategic Committee on Paranormal Affairs (SSCOPA)

Notes: SSCOPA is a government body set up to oversee the state's response to paranormal activity of all kinds and includes within its brief mutants and other individuals with paranormal abilities. SSCOPA was set up by the 1954 Paranormal Threat to the Nation Act. SSCOPA is responsible directly to parliament. The membership consists of 10 MPs selected proportionally to represent the current makeup of parliament. These MPs select a chair of the committee each year. The committee then co-opts any number of advisors to work as non-voting members of the committee. The current chair of SSCOPA is Sir Marcus Huntingdon. SSCOPA supervises the SPG and is responsible for maintaining parliament's control of their actions. SSCOPA can also designate individuals as SSCOPA Special Investigators who then have the power to gather information for the committee with legal rights based on acts of parliament.

Terror Incorporated

Last update: 10/12//97

Known Members: Armageddon, Marble Chrysanthemum, Iron Storm, Earthwave, New Wave, Tawhiri

Leader: Armageddon is the most powerful member but Marble Chrysanthemum generally speaks for the group.

Area of Operations: worldwide.

Base: somewhere in Australia.

Purpose: Terror Incorporated are a mercenary group who specialise in terrorist operations. They seem to have a particular grudge against the British Empire but since marble Chrysanthemum took over the leadership from Armageddon they have moderated their activities to some extent.

Known Actions: Armageddon began operating in 1985 and has recruited various members since then.

Threat Analysis: average.

Members:

Armageddon. True name: Clifford Cane. Born: 10/3/65. Armageddon began his career as an anti-British terrorist in 1985 and has been involved in an attack on the Australian Colonial Office, British military bases and commercial operations. In 1993 he was responsible for the death of the leader of SOS Australia: Southern Cross. Known powers: Technology.

Marble Chrysanthemum. True name: unknown. Born: unknown – probably Chinese. Marble Chrysanthemum joined the group in 1998 and was soon able to take command of the group. She appears to possess skills associated with espionage as well as considerable personal charm. There has been a belief circulated in the agency that she is actually a Chinese agent. Known powers: Martial Arts.

Iron Storm: True Name: Jonah January. Born: 17/4/67. Joined the group in 1986 and has appeared relatively loyal to Armageddon since then. Known as an aggressive fighter. Known powers: Magnetic Control.

Earthwave: True Name: Laura Lannes. Born 10/5/81. Joined the group in 1997. Known powers: Earth Control.

New Wave: True name: Tammy Tasmania. Born 14/3/85. Joined the group in 1995. Amazingly strong considering her size and age New wave also possesses considerable resources and appears to bank-roll the group. Known powers: Strength.

Tawhiri: True Name: Abannu-Loa. Born 11/8/76. Joined the group in 1995. Appears to have a particular grudge against the British. Known powers: Flight.

The Takers

The Takers are a large group of paranormals (usually around 10). They specialize in sudden raids on town centres in which they disable any opposition as quickly as possible and load as much loot into vehicles as they can and leave before serious opponents can arrive. They have been doing this since 1990. Averaging about 2 raids per year. Their most dangerous moment was when they were engaged by an SPG team during a raid on Manchester. They were rescued by the Immortals for reasons which are very unclear.

United Nations International Special Rapid Reaction Force (UNISRREF)

UN Resolution 871 passed in 1972 allowed the creation of a UN force designed to combat insurgency by paranormal forces around the world. Each UN member was requested to provide one full paranormal of the highest class to join this body and funding was to be provided by member states. In practice few countries have sent one of their better agents and many have sent none at all. In addition funding has always been a problem. Commentators see the underlying difficulty in being that the organisation is most popular with smaller and poorer countries who lack special forces of their own and least popular with the Great Powers. In practice there are usually around 60 members of the force organised into 3 units. Their abilities vary widely and in operation they have often found co-operation difficult. In addition their reaction is by no means rapid and many UN members have expressed extreme frustration at the speed of their response. The main problem here is that a resolution of the Security Council is necessary to deploy them.

Individuals

Adam Zarw

Adam Zarw appears as a tall white skinned man with totally black eyes. His origins are uncertain but he does not seem to be a mutant in the conventional sense. Zarw is the name of an Ancient Egyptian city and he possesses a board-game of Ancient Egyptian origin with unusual powers. There is some evidence to suggest that he was active early this century with a sighting in Syria in 1910. He seems to be the enemy of mystical cults such as the Harbingers as well as of Mystic and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. His powers are hard to classify but include some conjuring abilities.

Black Hole

True name: Mark Anson. Born 6/8/63. Wanted for murder, grievous bodily harm, criminal assault, escaping custody and armed robbery. Black Hole is a powerful mercenary mutant works for a variety of criminal organisations throughout the world. He is dangerous especially if crossed but does not seem to be especially vindictive or ambitious. He escaped from prison on Skye during the mass breakout of 2012/95 where he was serving a life sentence for the murder of a policeman during a fight in London. In 1997 he began working for the Circle. Powers: gravity.

Hekete

True name: unknown. Born: sometime in 1920s or 30s in Exeter. Hekete must have been one of the earliest mutants. She appears to have the ability to create mutations of a similar sort in normal humans thereby creating her 'Ghouls'. She appears as a semi-rotten corpse, She is a dangerous opponent especially in her own ground. Driven away from Exeter by the NRG in 1995 her current whereabouts are unknown.

The Iron Baron

True name: Klaus von Tek. Born 18/3/52 Neubrandenburg Germany. The Iron Baron is one of the world's most powerful mutants. In 1993 he became ruler of Estonia where his regime is known for efficiency. Under his rule Estonia has been quite successful economically and the population

have some freedom as long as this does not involve criticising the Iron Baron or his policies. A powerful body of mutant mercenaries supports him. On 7/2/96 the Iron Baron managed to lure the Guardians into a trap and held them prisoner until he was defeated on 17/3/97 by the British SPB and Special Commando. The Iron Baron was taken to the UK and is currently on Skye.

Iron Gargoyle

True name: Declan Kennedy. Born: 13/3/66 London, England. Iron Gargoyle is distinctive in as much as he looks rather like a church gargoyle. He was placed in care soon after birth but experienced many problems due to his appearance in early life and was soon in secure accommodation. In 1982 he escaped and began a career of violent crime. He worked for a variety of criminal organisations especially for the Ebon Queen until Steel Eagle captured him in 1993. He escaped prison in the mass breakout of 1995 and now works for the Ebon Queen once more.

Mystic

True name: Laura Eyzies. Born 6/6/66 Devizes. Mystic is powerful mutant who controls various demonic entities. She is able to operate alone but sometimes operates with various cults (notably the Harbingers). Her aims are difficult to determine but appear to involve magical or mystical changes in the environment and are therefore similar to the Harbingers. She was arrested by the SPB on 12/1/87 following an undercover operation involving the Harbingers. Exactly what was going on remains unclear but they were convicted of treason. She escaped from Skye in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. On 14/3/96 she began an operation with the Harbingers which involved kidnapping some of our agents. The NRG, Agent Smith of the SPG and Adam Zarw defeated her though she escaped. Known powers: conjuring.

Steel Orchid

True name: Alexis Shostovitch. Born: 24/11/66 Tula, Russia. Steel Orchid is a mercenary mutant who has been known to work for a variety of organisations especially the Russian Mafia. She was arrested in London in 1993 by the SPG following the assassination of various business leaders, She escaped in the mass breakout from Skye in 1995. In 1997 she began working for the Circle.

Techno

True name: Anne Christopher. Born 15/6/58 Lincoln. Wanted for murder, treason. Techno is a powerful individual. Her actions appear to be directed at gaining personal power. Though capable of acting alone she often forms alliances with other mutants if it serves her interest (e.g. Pyramid). She was arrested by the SPG on 15/7/92 after the Pyramid coup attempt failed. She escaped from the SPG prison on Skye in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. Techno uses impressive paranormal technology and often recruits agents to work for her though she has a loyal guard of eight full mutants. She is capable of building a large variety of vehicles especially large carriers and APCs that move using anti-gravity. These vehicles are usually cloaked to defeat radar, which makes them especially dangerous. Known powers: technology.

Wild Boar

True name: Gaston Deuchas. Born 3/7/64 Nerac France. Wanted for murder, criminal assault, armed robbery, escaping custody and resisting arrest. Wild Boar is a dangerous and violent criminal mutant who has worked briefly for a number of employers. He was serving a life sentence on Skye for the murder (on contract) of the board of BP before the mass breakout of 20/12/95. He now works for Circle. Known powers: animal (wild boar).

X-Mutant

The X-Mutant is the most powerful single mutant currently known. It is not clear if it is more powerful than the Immortals for example. The X-Mutant first appeared in 1958. Its name, sex and origin's are all unclear. It seems to possess an endless rage against humanity. The only individuals with which it has been known to appear reasonably friendly is other criminal mutants. The X-Mutant appears as a glowing vaguely humanoid shape. It's known actions appear to involve wanton destruction of individuals and organisations. No clear pattern has been detected except that the X-Mutant always exacts revenge on anyone who tries to stop it. The X-Mutant was arrested on 14/4/70 in a combined operation by the SPG and 1st- 3rd Special Commandos in a battle which left central Leeds in ruins. The method used in the capture is still classified. It escaped from Skye in the mass breakout of 20/12/95. In recent times the X-Mutant has been hovering over the Mid-Atlantic Ridge where it appears to be constructing a new island. The X-Mutant causes distortions to the time-space continuum in regions within 1 km of its location. These include time dilation effects, changes in mass and energy, 'lost time' and distortion of the physical structure of objects. These effects are more extreme close in. Known powers: power, stasis.

Timeline

The following section contains a log of some major events.

1921: Possible date of comet of unusual composition striking Earth's atmosphere in the Cambridge hypothesis on mutant origins.

1939: Beginning of Second World War.

1942: Germans forced out of France.

1943: War begins between USA and Japan.

1944: Hitler other thrown. Germany defeated: armistice signed. USSR occupies eastern Europe.

1945: Resistance to British rule in India begins.

1947: Japan defeated in Pacific by USA. Armistice signed. Military other thrown in Japan with US support.

1948: Communists take over China. Nationalists retain Taiwan. French reorganise Indo-China into three units: Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Insurrection follows.

1950: North Korea invades South Korea aided by China. Indonesia gains independence from the Dutch.

1951: South Korea falls. Korea unified under communists.

1952: Limited self-rule granted to Commonwealth countries. Britain retains control of foreign policy. Some unrest continues.

1954: Limited self-rule granted to Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos. France remains in control however with continuing sporadic fighting.

1955: USA loses control of Cuba.

1956: USSR launches first satellite

1958: Revolt begins in Algeria.

1960: USSR puts first man in space using a rocket.

1968: Russian nuclear bomb?

1970 – 1990: Widespread mutant coups in Africa and S. America.

1974: King Zog (a full paranormal) gains control of Albania.

1975: Britain lands first rocket powered moon mission.

1980: Revolutions begin in Eastern Europe.

1984: USSR loses control of Eastern Europe.

1990: Red Guard: former top Soviet super team take over Latvia which they rule as an independent fief.

1991: Break up of Yugoslavia begins. War in Croatia,

1992: Chaos defeats the army of Paraguay. Chaos gains control of the country.

1993: Iron Baron conquers Estonia. War in Bosnia.

1994: UN peacekeeping force in Bosnia.

1/2/95: NRG founded: Dr Jerico, Cyclops and Black Bear.

13/2/95: NRG go to Leicester to try to collect a mutant (Hayley Sinclair –Cloud). Traced to an MRO special installation in Oakham. NRG break her and Ripper out of the base. Cloud joins the MLF but Ripper becomes a member of our organisation.

23/3/95: NRG goes to Winchester to investigate some unusual space/time distortions. They are involved in an inconclusive battle with members of the SPG who are also investigating. A government science lab investigating an unusual piece of high technology equipment apparently caused the distortions. This object was brought in by the NRG and the problems subsided. The object had been retrieved from a mysterious crash site in the Grampian Mountains. NRG investigated this site and were observed by a security device.

16/5/95: NRG sent to the Newbury by-pass to try to capture the Earth Defenders who were attacking the site. NRG become involved in an operation by the SPB to capture the MLF who are also present. The NRG fight with the SPB and defeat them. The MLF take the captured SPB agents. The Earth Defenders destroy the site. Later in a prisoner exchange the MLF gain the release of Termagent and the Shape of Fire.

19/5/95: The Justice Bringers destroy the PDU station in Manchester.

24/5/95: Riot raid a post office in Reading.

16/6/95: MLF rescue a mutant later found to be Chain out of prison in Scotland.

20/6/95: Ripper and Black Bear are transferred to the CRG. Mirage joins the NRG. The NRG rescue a paranormal – Djinni from an MRO transport vehicle. She later becomes a member of NRG.

3/7/95: MLF raid an army base near Salisbury. Two new members later known as Chain and Binder are present.

18/7/95: NRG sent to reading to capture Riot. It turns out that Riot are trying to attack OMEL. The ORG engage an SPB unit in town whilst the NRG succeed in capturing Wild, Pulsar and Endure. Kore escapes. The captured members of Riot later form the ERG.

19/7/95: Chaos attack peacekeeping forces in Bosnia. Serbs and Croats accuse one another of complicity.

1/8/95: Takers raid Edinburgh town centre.

3/9/95: Beginning of MLF/Earth Defender power line campaign. Damage to National Grid.

14/9/95: Boncrusher kidnaps A friend of Dr Jerico, Dr Muller. The NRG fight Bonecrusher and Recharge and succeed in regaining Dr Muller but the villains escape.

22/9/95: MLF/Earth Defender power line campaign continues with three more attacks.

24/9/95: NRG and ORG are sent to stop the MLF's power line campaign at Dounreay. The operation is successful and the MLF are captured. There are some problems with the SPG.

6/10/95: Reports of unusual magnetic effects in Bicester. Later found to be part of Justice Bringer plot.

8/10/95: NRG sent to investigate reports of a new mutant in Bicester. This turns out to be an ambush by the Justice Bringers who tip off the local PDU to attack the NRG and then attack the NRG themselves. The NRG are defeated and handed over to the authorities. Agents in SSCOPA succeed in gaining the release of Dr Jerico, Cyclops and Mirage. Djinni is taken by the SPB and is later found to be working for them.

20/10/95: Fortuna joins the NRG.

14/11/95: MLF trial in London. They refuse to give evidence and are sent to the prison on Skye.

15/11/95: The Raiders attack a diamond merchant in Central London.

18/11/95: Situation worsens in Bosnia. Chaos involvement continues.

3/12/95: CRG are arrested by the SPG during an attack on an MRO compound. Ripper kills SPG Special Agent Thoreson.

7/12/95: CRG remanded to prison on Skye awaiting trial.

11/12/95: NRG sent to investigate unusual reports from Exeter that turn out to be the Ghouls. In their report NRG say they drove the Ghouls off – in fact they drive them to Bristol to continue with their activities.

20/12/95: NRG, ORG and the Guardians mount an attack on the SPG prison on Skye aiming to free the CRG, captured Guardians, Paladins and Liberation International. In a disaster an SPB agent on the inside allows all prisoners to escape. NRG and ORG particularly get the blame.

21/12/95: Psychotic paranormal Claw who escaped Skye in the mass breakout is killed by the DAF.

21/12/95: X-Mutant destroys the SPG compound in Edinburgh. Six SPG Agents and Special Agent Esther Martins are killed.

22/12/95 Emergency session of parliament announces a state of emergency. Sir Lawrence Agneau head of the SPB is put in charge of a special task force consisting of SPB, SPG, PPU and Special Commando to deal with the mutant menace.

23/12/95. Bandits are arrested following an SPB operation near Glasgow.

3/1/96: NRG sent to the MRO compound at Market Harborough to capture Alison Williams who is believed to be the agent who released the prisoners from Skye. On the way NRG are captured by the Guardians and taken to meet their leader. The NRG manage to persuade the Guardians that they weren't responsible for the debacle at Skye and continue with their mission. The mission is successful but Alison Williams turns out to be a clone.

5/1/96: following the Market Harborough mission SPB attacks disrupt our organisation's chain of command. Contact is lost with NRG. NRG discover coup plot. NRG capture Saul Ryan- a high ranking OMEL member who is involved in the 'D-Day' operation. Agent on the inside in Northampton is found to have tipped off the SPB.

10/1/96: NRG re-establishes contact with Bookbinder. NRG, ORG and CRG sent to attack to attack Command Centre 'A' of the SPB. Operation is successful and details of 'D-Day' are discovered. Information released to Guardians, Paladins, Justice International, MLF and Justice Bringers.

24/1/96: 'D-Day' coup attempt is defeated by NRG, ORG, CRG, ERG, Guardians, Paladins, Justice International, MLF, Justice Bringers, Pyramid and Techno. There is also an intervention by the X-Mutant.

25/1/96: Disappearance of Sir Lawrence Agneau and SPB Special Agents.

26/1/96: SPB placed under the authority of SSCOPA.

29/1/96: NRG and ORG become public organisations.

28/1/96: Reformed SPB founded with the creation of a training group for new special agents: Snowflake, Flipper, Daemon, Mono and Predator. Wildcard recruited as their leader.

2/2/96: State of emergency ends.

5/2/96: Guardians leave the country for unknown destination.

7/2/96: 1st and 2nd Special Commando sent to Bosnia to counter Chaos' actions.

8/2/96: Announcement by MLF, Justice Bringers and Earth Defenders of demands for equal share in government for mutants.

9/2/96: Circle raid a London bank.

10/2/96: Bonecrusher, Recharge and Mercenary raid a bank in London.

12/2/96: NRG attack the Circle at a London arms warehouse. The Circle escape. Exploding munitions kill Mirage when an agent throws a grenade into the arms store.

13/2/96: Government rejects MLF ultimatum. Refuse to negotiate with terrorists.

14/2/96: Underworld leaders in SE begin to disappear as Ebon Queen takes over the crime world.

17/2/96: 1st and 2nd Special Commando defeat a Chaos unit in Bosnia.

18/2/96: Polaris and Changeling join the NRG.

2/3/96: The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse active in Mexico.

14/3/96: Harbingers and Mystic kidnap ORG. Aided by agent Smith of the SPG and Adam Zarw the NRG defeat Mystic and rescue the ORG.

16/3/96: Harbingers sent to Skye awaiting trial.

14/4/96: Bandits put on trial briefly before being returned to Skye for 20 years.

15/4/96: Special Agents Harrison, Ellis, Knight and McNeil attempt to arrest Circle during a raid in London but are defeated.

15/5/96: Attack on British base in Bosnia by Chaos results in many casualties and serious damage. Chaos announces that they are acting on behalf of the Serbian government. The Serbs deny this.

17/5/96: Some concerns expressed in the press as to the whereabouts of the Guardians.

2/6/96: Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse in action in Colombia.

14/6/96: NRG sent to attack the Circle's base near London. All are captured except Dr Jerico. This is a planned operation and tracking devices allow the ORG, ERG and CRG to discover the Ebon Queen's base. The base is destroyed but the Ebon Queen and her forces escape.

14/7/96: Nightwraith (aka Nightstoat) joins the NRG.

20/8/96: NRG sent to capture Flay and the DAF. They succeed in the former but the DAF defeat them.

22/8/96: Circle continues raids in SE England. Kore formerly of Riot is seen with them.

24/8/96: MLF attack and badly damage GCHQ. Earth defenders destroy Spaghetti Junction.

26/9/96: OMEL attack NRG at their base near Northampton. Two squads of OMEL terrorists are captured.

1/10/96: MLF destroy tax office in Glasgow.

3/10/96: Major battle in USA between Confederates and Patriots. Pentagon is destroyed. Confederates are captured with one killed.

12/10/96: X-Mutant is sighted in the central Atlantic.

18/10/96: Rebuilding programme at the prison in Skye is completed.

1/11/96: Coup in Tunisia led by the Sword of Allah and his group of mutants. Government toppled.

3/11/96: UN debates whether to send forces to Tunisia.

5/11/96: UN issues protest concerning coup in Tunisia.

10/11/96: UN announces an arms embargo against Tunisia.

15/11/96: Attempts to deploy UN forces in Tunisia are vetoed by France.

7/12/96: Fortuna transferred to CRG.

6/1/97: NRG operation in Tunisia results in defeat of Sword of Allah who is revealed to be the Vision of Pyramid. Paladins are released from Pyramid control.

3/2/97: Adjima who was working for GEM revealed as an agent of the OPF. Pyramid taken by OPF and later recruited.

14/2/97: SPG agents Ahmed, Charles, Harrison, Dale, Grey, Knight, Miller and T. O'Connor are captured by the Circle working with the Fallen, Iron Gargoyle and Black Hole.

15/2/97: Elizabeth Beaufort replaced by Sir Kingsley Soames as head of the SPG.

20/2/97: Chemical plants in Liverpool destroyed by the Earth Defenders. MLF destroys military depot in Colchester. Harbingers capture SPG agents Farnham and Hope.

23/2/97: Nightwraith transferred to the CRG. Freeze and Shrike join the NRG.

18/3/97: The NRG attack a Circle warehouse in London and capture Bulldozer, Fusion and Blue Tornado. An arms delivery from the SPB remnant is stopped and Furie and Djinni captured. Djinni is sent to the CRG.

20/3/97: NRG are captured following an attack on the SPB remnant in Rotterdam but are freed by the CRG and ORG. The SPB Remnant is destroyed with the capture of Blinder, Mindlock, Jewell, Crystal and Aeolis.

22/3/97: Croats invade Serbian Bosnia. War begins.

23/3/97: NRG attack Chaos base in Croatia and capture Mechennicianne but she escapes and Changeling is captured by Chaos.

25/3/97: Nightwraith appointed leader of the NRG. Cyclops and Shrike are transferred to the CRG. Xenith (Weapon X) and Forge join the NRG.

26/3/97: Britain accuses French of supporting Croatia in the Bosnian War and Croatia of being in alliance with Chaos. OPF sent to Bosnia. Circle destroys New Scotland Yard.

27/3/97: Battle between SPG, Circle and The Fallen outside London PDU is inconclusive.

28/3/97: ORG and Paladins arrive in London to fight the Circle.

29/3/97: MLF, Justice Bringers, Earth Defenders and Riot II issue a joint announcement that their deadline for a joint share in the government has passed.

30/3/97: Changeling seen fighting for Chaos in Bosnia as fighting breaks out between OPF and Special Commando.

31/3/97: NRG capture Riot II in Manchester but ORG captured by the Justice Bringers.

1/4/97: Fake message tells NRG to attempt a rescue of the ORG. Most of the NRG are captured.

2/4/97: A deal brokered by the MLF allows the release of the NRG, ORG and Riot II but links between Riot II and the Circle are revealed.

3/4/97: The prominent mutant rights lawyer Fiona Adams is killed by an OMEL sniper.

8/4/97: Anti-Mutant demonstration in London is interrupted by the murder of AM's leader, John Cade, by Quicksilver. NRG attack Circle at demo and capture The Rose, Mercenary and Recharge.

11/4/97: Prisoner exchange discussions between SPG and Circle are inconclusive.

12/4/97: Castellós visits the NRG. NRG discover the 'Grey' saucer at GEM logistics and support HQ. They are frightened off by the appearance of the BRG,

13/4/97: GEM go underground. Frederick Hillcroft of SSCOPA disappears.

14/4/97: Members of NRG and CRG recruited into reformed SPB: Black Bear, Cyclops, Djinni, Freeze, Dr Jerico, Xenith, Nightwraith and Polaris join current SPB Agents Wildcard, Snowflake, Predator, Daemon, Mono and Flipper.

15/4/97: Bomb in mutant area of London (Lewisham) kills three mutants and six others. OMEL claim responsibility.

16/4/97: SPG team lead by Carter attack a Circle base and free agents T. O'Connor, Miller and Charles. Capture two Circle members Hate and Silvereye.

17/4/97: Serbs launch a major offensive in Bosnia. French accuse British of supporting them.

18/4/97: Chaos annex Columbia and Ecuador by taking over The Cartel. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse leave Columbia for Argentina.

19/4/97: Reformed PDU go into service.

20/4/97: SPB Agents attack The Fallen in Chingford. The Fallen escape but SPG agents Ahmed, Dale and Knight and freed.

21/4/97: Special Agent Jade Shield of the SPG is assassinated by an OMEL car bomb.

23/4/97: MLF capture Radio Sheffield and broadcast 20 minutes of anti-government propaganda.

25/4/97: Harbingers perform a ritual at Avebury.

27/4/97: Worries are announced at World Climate Conference concerning the effects of the major volcanic eruptions in the mid-Atlantic caused by the X-Mutant's construction of a new island (now being called Atlantis).

29/4/97: Chaos team break into weapons research station at Portland Down.

3/5/97: Chaos attack British nuclear missile base at Woomera. The SPB try to stop them but Nightwraith is blasted by Megaton and thought to be dead (actually transported to Earth 4) where as a member of the resistance Nightwraith had a child (Nightblade) with the Earth 4 version of V2. Redemption appears from the Australian desert to save the SPB which he later joins. Changeling freed from the control of Chaos and rejoins the SPB.

6/5/97: Blackstrike, a former member of the Harbingers, is recruited into the SPB. Hawkman and his 12 loyal Hawkmen followers volunteer to join the SPB. They claim to come from another planet. Annihilator is also recruited – a former independent thug he has decided to see if the pay is better for the government. Freeze is appointed head of SPB Ops.

10/5/97: Chaos assault on UK begins.

11/5/97: SPB Alpha team defeated by Chaos and Circle mercenaries near Brighton. Polaris disappears in the fighting and is believed to have been captured or killed. An assault on SPB Ops in Birmingham is repulsed by SPB Beta.

12/5/97: SPB Gamma team sees an assault on a GEM base by Chaos. Team Gamma is pursued but manages to defeat a minor Chaos force and capture Windsword. An attack on PDU London by Chaos results in a defeat for the PDU and Paladins. Raptor is captured and Sniper is badly

wounded. V2 is recruited by the SPB (a former agent of the MLF she left following a disagreement).

13/5/97: A second assault on SPB Ops resulted in a defeat for Chaos. White Vampire is captured. Inconclusive fighting in London between the SPG and Chaos.

14/5/97: A nuclear attack is launched against Chaos forces in Brighton which destroys their conventional forces in the area as well as destroying the city and devastating surrounding regions. SPB Alpha tries to capitalise on the confusion without success and Xenith is forced to escape by teleporting to Earth 4. Freeze temporarily incapacitated due horror at the consequences of his actions when he sees the ruins of Brighton and resigns as leader of the SPB.

16/5/97: Circle attack on Buckingham Palace which is guarded by SPB Beta. In the attack Prince Philip is killed and the Queen, Prince Charles and Princess Anne are captured. Redemption is badly injured and Flipper is demoralized at having accidentally killed Philip, one of his heroes. Chaos defeat the SPG capturing Carter. Chaos seize Westminster and Whitehall. Nightwraith returns from Earth 4 sent back by Xenith but he says little of his experiences there and never mentions a need to return. Did he lose his memory in the transfer or did he say nothing for another reason? He takes back his position as head of the SPB.

17/5/97: SPB Team Alpha assault Estonia and free the Guardians who are being held by the Iron Baron. The Iron Baron and Razzo are captured.

18/5/97: Unusual temporal events originate here.

19/5/97: Attempt to regain Whitehall by small SPB team is a failure.

20/5/97: A major counterattack is launched against Chaos, the Circle and their mercenaries in London. The Circle A team is defeated at Whitehall by the SPG. Macro and Soldier are captured. Chaos A is defeated by the Guardians at Westminster. Megaton and Morning Star are badly wounded. Chaos B is defeated by the SPB Beta Team at the SPG HQ and Unmenchlich and Copper Colossus are captured. An attack on The Fallen at the BBC by Liberation International fails and Sophia is MIA. The Paladins are defeated by the Mercenaries of the Circle at Woolwich and Europa is badly wounded by Black Hole. In the West End a battle between the SPB Alpha and the Circle B results in a defeat for the SPB. Nightwraith last seen being electrocuted by Living Lightning.

21/5/97: Chaos assault on Brazil begins. Chaos forces withdraw from Britain. The Guardians and the remnants of the Paladins and Liberation International go to Brazil. Redemption recovers from his injuries. Changeling appointed head of SPB Ops.

22/7/97: Ebon Queen announces a new half mutant government with the support of the MLF. The initial announcement is made from BBC Pebble Mill by the MLF lead by Powerarc. An attempt to disrupt this by the SPB Beta is a failure. In Scotland MLF forces lead by Sapphire take over the Scottish office. SPB Gamma fail to protect the minister. Red Fury and the MLF take Westminster brushing aside SPB Alpha.

23/7/97: A crowning ceremony at Buckingham Palace for the Ebon Queen is halted by the SPB Alpha and Beta who capture the Ebon Queen and Living Lightning.

24/7/97: The SPB stop MLF reinforcements reaching London at the Watford Gap.

25/7/97: The formation of the new parliament is stopped by the SPB. They capture Red Fury and Shrike. The SPG drive the MLF out of Edinburgh and release the minister.

28/7/97: Serious defeat for Brazil against Chaos. Rio de Janeiro is threatened. Whereabouts of the Paladins and Justice International unknown but the Guardians are defending Brasilia.

29/7/97: The Four Horsemen move into Brazil.

1/9/97: Rio falls to the Chaos advance.

3/9/97: The start of the Gangsta Rising in the US.

15/9/97: Nightblade appears at SPB London. She has come from Earth 4. SPB travel to Earth 4 to halt an OMEL invasion of Earth 2 and rescue Xenith 2 and V2 (4). The mission is successful.

22/9/97: Chaos launch an attack on Brasilia. Argentina declares war on Chaos. This activates Chaos' alliance with Chile who declare war on Argentina and Brazil.

25/9/97: Severe disruption in US East Coast cities produced by the Gangsta Rising.

3/10/97: Atlantis appears to be complete. X-Mutant seen transporting vegetation to it.

7/10/97: Uprising in Vietnam and Cambodia. French forces surprised by early attacks.

11/10/97: Battle between the DAF and SPG in London. A continuing investigation into DAF activities leads to the capture of Gideon and the death of Scythe. Gideon will be held at the rebuilt facility on Skye.

12/10/97: UN resolution result in the assignment of UNISRREF to defend Brasilia and Buenos Aires.

14/10/97: The entire SPB transported to the Mean Arena for the Hyper-Celestials Challenge Tournament. The event is won by Redemption who is appointed Champion of Earth.

24/10/97. An SPG operation near Carlisle attacks an MLF base. MLF agents escape but SPG prisoners are freed.

6/11/97. Siege of Brasilia begins. UNISRREF, Guardians and Brazilian heroes are trapped. The Goddess of Change and the Goddess of Destruction join the assault.

10/11/97: An SPG force is defeated by the Harbingers in Winchester. One agent captured.

12/11/97: Eve Kenya, girlfriend of Black Bear, is kidnapped by the Fallen. A rescue attempt fails and Dr Jerico reported that he saw that Black Bear, Annihilator and Eve were killed before he fled the scene.

14/11/97. SPG Gamma are defeated by the Fury near Edinburgh. SPB Alpha travel to Los Angeles to demonstrate organised techniques to the LA Angels. The UFO Cult the Church of the Consolation is defeated but not before their leader Arc has summoned a demon which kills 10000 cultists. The demon is killed by Redemption.

18/11/97: The Earth Defenders inflict severe damage on the Severn Barrage defeating SPB Delta in the process. Polaris' moral cracks following the defeat and he is assigned to intensive therapy. Dambuster moved from training to join Delta.

19/11/97: Science God launches his cloned army against Brasilia. A mysterious plague breaks out in Argentina. It resemble Ebola but is much more infectious.

30/11/97: SPB Gamma manage to track The Fury to their base through contacts but are defeated. Demon and Flipper are captured.

1/12/03: Deathmaul and Hellfire are brought out of training to join the SPB.

7/12/97: Argentina is being ravaged by the plague. Strangely it does not spread to surrounding countries. Dr Jerico is asked to look into the plague by the UN.

20/12/97: Brasilia falls to Chaos. UNISRREF are allowed out of the city before it falls but the whereabouts of the Guardians and the Brazilian heroes are unknown.

2/1/98: Chaos announces that Brazil is now part of their empire.

4/1/98: SPB Alpha are assigned to work with the SOS (Australia) but become involved in a plot by Terror Incorporated to mind control the SOS in order to discredit them and the SPB. SPB Alpha are successful in defeating both the mind-controlled SOS and Terror Incorporated.

The World in the 1990's

The Imperial Powers

British Empire

England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland.

Direct Rule: Gibraltar, Cyprus, Malta, British Guiana, Barbados, Trinidad, Ascension, St Helena, Tristan da Cuhana, Falklands, Kuria Muria Is, Socotra, Laccadive Is, Maldives, Nicobar Is, Andaman Is, Solomon Is, Fiji, Mauritius, Tonga, Christmas Is, Ellice Is, New Hebrides, Hong Kong.

Dominions: Canada, S. Africa, Rhodesia, India, Australia, New Zealand.

Protectorates: Egypt, Sudan, Palestine, Estonia.

French Empire

Direct rule: Algeria, French Guiana, Guadelupe, Martinique, Marquesas, Taumotu Is, New Caledonia, Loyalty Is, Congo.

Provinces: Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Madagascar.

USSR

Ukraine, Byelo-Russia, Russia.

China

Tibet

USA

United States, Hawaiian Islands, Midway, Wake is, Marshall Is, Marcus Is, Bonin Is, Philippine Is, Puerto Rico, Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala.

Chaos

Paraguay, Bolivia, Columbia, Ecuador.

Independent States

South and Central America

Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Chile, Mexico, Venezuela, Cuba, Jamaica

Europe

Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Czech republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Croatia, Slovenia, Yugoslavia, Bosnia.

Asia

Turkey, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Arabia, Thailand, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Korea.

Africa

Morocco, Libya, Mauritania, Mali, Zaire.

Controlled by Mutants

Latvia (Red Guard), Haiti (Voodoo), Empire of Nigeria (Warrior Cult), Empire of Zaire (Golden Emperor), Empire of Kenya (Logos), Empire of Ethiopia (Lion Emperor), Angola (Diamond Syndicate), Antarctica (Snow Queen), New Guinea (Feathered Serpent), Iceland (Viking), Albania (King Zog the Invincible).