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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRS

Dear Delegates,

Hey squad, welcome aboard! On behalf of the dais, we are thrilled to kick this thing off with you. Honestly? It's kind of the coolest thing ever to be chairing a council like this, with all of your sharp minds and big personalities coming together.

Now, this isn't just any session. We've got an explosion at One Police Plaza, shady syndicates crawling out of the shadows, and yeah— a whole lot of trust issues. Basically, it's a recipe for drama, plot twists, and some top-tier detective work. And you? You're the heroes in this story.

Here's the deal: every single one of you brings something unique to the table. Some of you are logical masterminds, some are fearless leaders, and some of you have that wild-card energy that keeps everyone guessing (looking at you, Boyle). When all those vibes mix? That's when the magic happens. So don't hold back, question stuff, pitch bold ideas, and team up like your city depends on it— because it does.

We also want to remind you that this is a space of respect, learning, and growth. While the crisis in our storyline is grave, this council is also about you building confidence, developing skills, and discovering the power of teamwork under pressure.

So buckle up, detectives. Thanks for showing up, for bringing the energy, and for diving headfirst into this mission. NINE-NINE!

With gratitude and anticipation,

Inushka and Rachael

<u>WELCOME TO THE NYPD - MAY WE PRESENT... OUR BINDER!</u>

Brooklyn Nine-Nine isn't just another cop show; it's a workplace comedy wrapped in a police procedural.

At its core, the show plays with contrasts. You've got Detective Jake Peralta, brilliant but reckless, who cracks cases with a grin and a bad pun. Then there's Amy Santiago, who thrives on rules, structure, and organization, balancing Jake's chaos with her precision. Captain Raymond Holt anchors the squad with his famously deadpan delivery and unshakable sense of duty, while Rosa Diaz brings pure intensity, mysterious, intimidating, and impossible to read. Charles Boyle is Jake's ride-or-die, loyal to a fault, and Terry Jeffords is the muscle with the biggest heart of them all, constantly juggling being a leader with being a family man. Add in Gina Linetti, the squad's civilian administrator who operates in her own eccentric universe, and you've got a cast of characters who couldn't be more different but somehow make perfect sense together.

The brilliance of Brooklyn Nine-Nine is how it balances the serious with the absurd. Sure, they're detectives dealing with robberies, heists, and investigations, but the real hook is how they deal with each other. The bullpen becomes as much of a stage for their banter and inside jokes as it is for strategy and casework.

But beneath the humor, there's a strong thread of respect for the work and for the people who do it. The characters support each other through failures, celebrate their wins together, and constantly grow—individually and as a squad. That balance—between comedy and heart, between professionalism and play—is what makes Brooklyn Nine-Nine such a rare gem. It's a show about cops, yes, but more than that, it's about a family that just happens to wear badges.

OPERATION AEGIS

YOUR CLOCK IS TICKING, DELEGATES...

In the 1980s, New York City was a powder keg. The Five Families of the Mafia, Gambino, Genovese, Lucchese, Colombo, and Bonanno controlled vast stretches of Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan. Their grip extended beyond racketeering and gambling; black-market arms dealers thrived under their protection, smuggling weapons through the city's ports and fueling gang wars that left blood on the sidewalks. Corruption was rampant, and whispers of police collusion haunted the NYPD.

Decades later, those shadows return...

It began on what should have been an ordinary day. At 07:00 hours, Detective Amy Santiago arrived at One Police Plaza to take her Sergeant's exam. At exactly 15:00 hours, a bomb tore through the Major Crimes Unit floor, killing officers and civilians instantly, leaving the NYPD reeling. Among the casualties was said to be Detective Pembroke, "The Vulture", though no body was ever confirmed.

But the real mystery lay not in the blast itself, but in its silence. Every camera in the building worked just fine except for the ones on that floor. Someone with intimate knowledge of NYPD systems made sure the truth of those final moments stayed buried.

Amid the wreckage, investigators recovered a partially destroyed access key, blackened and warped by the blast. The device had clearly been used to penetrate the precinct's most secure systems, granting its holder temporary entry to restricted data. Despite the damage, three letters remained legible: B O L. The presence of the key confirmed that a significant data breach had occurred and whoever used it had walked away with the stolen information, leaving only this fragment behind.

Later that night, Detective Jake Peralta received a message on his precinct computer, its origin untraceable:

"What lies within will turn against itself and the hunters will become the hunted. I circle above the damned and I see all. Consider this your caution."

Further anomalies emerged throughout the precinct. Amy Santiago's Sergeant exam roster had been tampered with 48 hours prior, raising questions about whether her presence at One Police Plaza that morning was coincidental. During cleanup, Terry Jeffords' precinct locker revealed a Wolfang-shaped USB containing extensive classified documents, including internal operation reports and encrypted communications, capable of destabilizing multiple precinct divisions if misused. Given Terry's position and the enormous stakes, suspicion naturally fell on him.. The circumstances could also suggest a more sinister possibility: the USB may have been deliberately planted, a silent provocation.

Additionally, a burner phone recovered from the rubble traced back to Adrien Pimento, suggesting that old connections to criminal elements may be resurfacing at the wrong moment, raising further concerns about the infiltration of the precinct.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner Wuntch ordered a search of Kevin's residence, suspecting him of involvement with the syndicate. However, the operation was halted due to lack of evidence, highlighting the difficulty of acting against high-profile targets without proof.

New York City's darkest days are no longer safely buried in history they are looming, and the future hangs by a thread. Corruption lurks within every corner of the NYPD, and the choices you make now will decide whether the city endures or collapses under its own corruption. The Leaders of the syndicate sit within this council, each hiding lies and agendas of their own. The truth is buried beneath layers of deception, and only by uncovering it can you prevent catastrophe.

You must solve this, or the hunters will become the hunted, and the city will fall.

TACTICAL BRIEFING

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

Delegates, you've been handpicked from across the NYPD, along with a few honorary members, to sit on this council. Your task: contain and neutralize the mysterious Syndicate and restore order to New York City. This is no ordinary investigation. We're facing a well-organized, mafia that traffics arms, manipulates the streets and thrives on secrecy. The recent breach of police databases has given them unprecedented access and this council's guidance is the city's only hope.

Operation Aegis is your chance to stop them. Guns, drugs, trafficking, hidden identities and silent betrayals are all on the table. But it's also a test of cunning, strategy and teamwork. The city depends on your ability to think ahead, anticipate moves and adapt to the unexpected.

PROCEDURE

- The council operates as a crisis chamber, where every choice matters and every voice carries weight. You are expected to:
- Submit your position paper: draft your perspective, your priorities and your initial suspicions.
- Deliver your opening speech:: frame your approach, engage your fellow delegates and establish your stance in the council.
- Participate actively in debate and drafting directives: where strategies are brainstormed, plans are proposed, and crucial decisions are made.

Remember: trust is fragile, alliances will be tested, promises may be broken and the unexpected is inevitable. The Syndicate is clever, patient, and highly organized and they'll strike when you least expect it. Every delegate's insight matters. You are not just observers, you are problem-solvers, strategists, and protectors of the NYPD's integrity. Alliances will shift, betrayals may surface, and every decision carries consequence. Operation Aegis will succeed only if you collaborate, think critically, and remain vigilant at all times.

CASE FILE

File Number: OP-AEG-0425

Date: 12/01/2017

Prepared By: Chairpersons

Incident Details

Date/Time:, approximately 19:00 hours

Location: One Police Plaza, Major Crimes Unit floor

Event Description: Explosion causing multiple fatalities and severe infrastructure compromise, concurrent with a confirmed breach of precinct databases.

RECOVERED EVIDENCE

Access Key

Amy Santiago — Sergeant Exam Roster

Terry Jeffords — Wolfang-shaped USB located in precinct locker.

Adrienne Pimento — Burner Phone

Additional Observations

Security footage from the MCU floor during critical hours was deliberately erased; other surveillance systems remained fully operational.

No unauthorized personnel detected during routine checks, indicating exploitation of internal access and knowledge.

Investigation Status: Active and ongoing. The extent of compromised data, origin of the breach and identification of all responsible individuals remain under immediate review.

CHARACTER BIOGRAPHY

Jake Peralta

Detective Jake Peralta is the kind of detective who somehow makes chaos look like a strategy. He's brilliant and quick on his feet, solving cases nobody else can, but he's just as likely to be cracking a joke or quoting die hard. Loyal to his squad and endlessly enthusiastic, Jake keeps the precinct alive with energy, charm, and his classic lines: "Cool, cool, cool, cool, no doubt, no doubt" and "No doubt, no doubt,"

ROLE IN CASE: Jake's improvisational thinking and uncanny intuition make him indispensable when it comes to spotting patterns, decoding cryptic messages, and tracking suspicious activity. His impulsive nature can sometimes lead to riskier moves, but it's often this same instinct that uncovers hidden leads others might miss. However, his unorthodox methods and tendency to bend rules mean that, under close scrutiny, Jake could also appear complicit in suspicious activity— particularly when coincidences seem too perfect or evidence points toward hasty decisions. Even as he helps track the Syndicate, other council members may question whether some risks were taken with knowledge beyond what's immediately apparent.

Rosa Diaz

Detective Rosa Diaz is the squad's most intimidating and inscrutable detective. Stoic and fiercely private, she rarely shows emotion, and when she does, it's usually sharp, sudden, and dangerous. She's survived undercover in biker gangs, drug rings, and violent operations that would have broken most people. Her instincts, combat skills, and fearlessness make her one of the NYPD's most effective detectives.

ROLE IN CASE: In Operation Aegis, Rosa's tactical and undercover expertise becomes indispensable. The Syndicate's reach into arms trafficking and violent gangs directly overlaps with Rosa's past infiltrations, making her one of the few detectives with the experience to anticipate their methods. The burner phone linked to Pimento immediately draws Rosa into suspicion — her loyalty to him is unshakable, but others may question whether that loyalty blinds her to his instability. Rosa's instinctive distrust of institutions means she's skeptical of the council itself, but once she commits, her focus is absolute. Her ability to remain calm under fire makes her the squad's sharpest weapon against the Syndicate.

Raymond Holt

Captain Raymond Holt is the steady, rational core of the precinct. Disciplined, brilliant, and stoically calm, he rarely shows emotion, but his care for his detectives runs deep. Holt has led the squad through organized crime takedowns, high-level corruption cases, and complicated task forces, always guided by his unshakable moral compass. His rivalry with Deputy Commissioner Wuntch is legendary, fueling power struggles within the NYPD. Known for his deadpan delivery, Holt's monotone "Bingpot" and rare exclamations like "Hot damn!" stand out amid his normally precise demeanor. He despises inefficiency and thrives on order. After the One Police Plaza bombing, Holt becomes both strategist and stabilizer for the council.

ROLE IN CASE: His knowledge of internal systems makes him a target of suspicion, though his squad trusts his integrity. Wuntch's quick assumption that Kevin is involved forces Holt into a professional dilemma. As the council's guiding force, he demands discipline and focus, warning that the Syndicate preys on division. For Holt, the challenge isn't just stopping the Mafia, it's keeping the NYPD from unraveling under paranoia.

Adrian Pimento

Adrian Pimento is chaos incarnate. A detective who spent over a decade undercover in mob families and cartels, Pimento's trauma has left him unstable, erratic, and prone to violence. In B99, he is known for his reckless nature, paranoia, and violent solutions. He frequently threatens suspects with horrifyingly specific forms of torture and admits to bizarre survivalist habits.

ROLE IN CASE: In Operation Aegis, Pimento is a double-edged sword. A burner phone recovered from the rubble is linked to him, making him a prime suspect in the bombing and data breach. Some delegates may suspect he's working with the Syndicate; others know his violent past with Mafia families makes him a target rather than a conspirator. His connections to black-market arms dealers could either compromise the council or serve as their most direct link into the Syndicate's inner workings. Rosa defends him fiercely, but even she cannot deny that his unpredictability poses a danger. If properly channeled, Pimento's knowledge of mob tactics and underworld players could be the council's secret weapon; if not, he could bring the entire operation down

Amy Santiago

Detective Amy Santiago is the definition of order and precision. Competitive, ambitious, and obsessed with procedure, Amy thrives in structure. In B99, she was known for her binders, her eagerness to impress superiors, and her desire to climb the ranks. Her sharp intelligence and investigative ability make her invaluable in complex cases.

ROLE IN CASE: Amy's Sergeant's exam roster being tampered with ties her directly to the bombing at One Police Plaza. Was her presence there manipulated to eliminate her as a rising star, or was she the target of a deeper conspiracy? In Operation Aegis, Amy becomes the council's data analyst and procedural watchdog. She scours digital evidence, examines the altered rosters, and ensures the council follows a structured investigative process. Her vulnerability as a possible Syndicate target makes her sympathetic, but her commitment to rules can frustrate other delegates who prefer faster, riskier action. Amy insists that solving the case requires precision, discipline, and absolute trust in facts over paranoia.

Sergeant Terry Jeffords

Detective Sergeant Terry Jeffords is a powerhouse of strength and compassion. A natural leader, he balances his intimidating physical presence with empathy, often serving as the emotional anchor for the squad. Known for his devotion to his daughters, Cagney and Lacey, Terry inspires loyalty and confidence, but his protective instincts sometimes put him in morally gray situations.

ROLE IN CASE: A Wolfang-shaped USB containing highly sensitive files was discovered in Terry's precinct locker, immediately placing him under suspicion. Whether the device was planted or genuinely his, it casts doubt on his credibility and forces the council to question his loyalty. The data it contains could potentially expose officers and their families, giving Terry a personal stake that could be exploited. His leadership is crucial to coordinating responses to the Syndicate, but delegates must weigh whether his instincts to protect make him an invaluable ally or a potential liability. Terry's struggle is twofold: maintaining order within the council while navigating suspicion from his peers.

Gina Linetti

Gina Linetti is highly perceptive and unpredictable, blending intuition with an unorthodox approach. Though untrained in police tactics, her unconventional strategies consistently yield effective results. She thrives in chaos and can read people in ways that others cannot, making her both a wildcard and a potentially decisive player in high-pressure situations. Her creativity and fearlessness often allow her to navigate situations where conventional thinking fails.

ROLE IN THE CASE: Gina's skill set lies in psychological insight and strategic manipulation. The Syndicate relies on secrecy and influence — Gina's unpredictability could either expose hidden plans or complicate council coordination. Delegates must weigh her value as an asset against the potential disruption she might introduce.

Kevin Cozner

Kevin is calm, analytical, and methodical, approaching challenges with logic and precision. His deep understanding of patterns, codes, and human behavior complements Holt's disciplined leadership. Kevin's academic insight makes him a stabilizing voice during complex investigations. Outside of crisis scenarios, his sharp intellect allows him to spot connections and inconsistencies that might elude others, making him an invaluable thinker in tense council deliberations.

ROLE IN THE CASE: Kevin serves as an intellectual advisor, offering clarity and analytical insight into patterns, codes, and behavior. Though not a detective, his proximity to Holt and the ongoing crisis exposes him to suspicion, particularly from those looking for easy scapegoats. Delegates must consider his value as a rational mind amidst potential deception.

Doug Judy (The Pontiac Bandit)

Doug Judy is charming, opportunistic, and unpredictable, walking the line between ally and adversary. He possesses an intimate knowledge of criminal networks and is skilled at exploiting gaps in law enforcement operations for personal advantage. Despite his criminal past, his connections and street smarts often provide insights inaccessible to law-abiding detectives. He thrives on calculated risk and is nearly impossible to predict.

ROLE IN THE CASE: Doug Judy's intelligence on organized crime networks provides critical insight into Syndicate operations. However, his allegiance is uncertain. Delegates must carefully evaluate whether he is assisting to

dismantle the Syndicate or subtly undermining the council for personal gain.

Jason Stentley

Jason is meticulous, procedural, and intensely focused on maintaining order. He rarely draws attention but ensures that administrative systems and records run smoothly. His knowledge of internal documentation may hold key insights into irregularities or tampering. Though quiet and unassuming, his ability to notice small anomalies could prove pivotal when piecing together complex evidence.

ROLE IN THE CASE: With the bombing targeting data systems, Stentley's access to records makes him a critical source of potential evidence. Delegates must determine whether he holds overlooked insights or could be exploited as an unwitting conduit for Syndicate interference.

<u>Mlepclaynos</u>

Mlepclaynos is enigmatic and elusive, leaving minimal trace. The identity may refer to a human operative or a digital mechanism, capable of misleading investigators and sowing confusion. Its presence in fragmented databases suggests highly sophisticated planning, and the name itself may conceal multiple layers of deception.

ROLE IN THE CASE: The presence of "Mlepclaynos" in corrupted database fragments signals either a Syndicate mole or a sophisticated digital decoy. Delegates must decide whether they are dealing with an actual agent infiltrating council systems or a fabricated obstacle meant to fracture trust.

Teddy Wells

Teddy Wells is earnest, straight-laced, and well-meaning, but his awkwardness and single-minded focus on "settling down" make him socially clumsy. His good intentions sometimes lead him into uncomfortable situations, and he struggles to read between the lines, which can make him easy to manipulate. Despite this, his genuine nature and adherence to rules make him predictable and reliable when kept in check.

ROLE IN THE CASE: Though not central to the bombing, Teddy's proximity to Amy — whose exam roster was tampered with — raises questions. Could

the Syndicate exploit his lingering attachment to manipulate roster entries or track her movements? Teddy insists he's uninvolved, but his vulnerability makes him a potential pawn.

Charles Boyle

Charles Boyle is loyal, enthusiastic, and endlessly supportive of Jake. Often dismissed as awkward or overly sensitive, his meticulous attention to detail allows him to notice critical clues others overlook. Boyle's passion for food, family, and crime-solving gives him unique insights that combine intuition with persistence. His unwavering loyalty sometimes clouds judgment, but his commitment ensures no detail goes unnoticed.

ROLE IN THE CASE: Boyle's thoroughness makes him essential for analyzing overlooked evidence from the bomb site and other crime scenes. Delegates can rely on his persistence and careful observation, but must remain aware of biases stemming from his loyalty to Jake.

Michael Hitchcock

Michael Hitchcock is lazy, gluttonous, and seemingly inept, yet his decadeslong tenure at the precinct has given him a surprisingly deep knowledge of internal workings and obscure connections. Often overlooked due to incompetence, he occasionally uncovers crucial insights purely by chance. Hitchcock's unpredictability and personal schemes make him a loose cannon, but he can provide critical information when least expected.

ROLE IN THE CASE: Hitchcock is largely comic relief, but his history with the precinct allows him to reveal connections between Syndicate figures and corrupt officials. Delegates must decide whether to leverage his accidental expertise or dismiss him as a distraction.

<u>Norm Scully</u>

Norm Scully is slow-moving, food-obsessed, and seemingly oblivious, yet his decades of service have given him an instinctive knowledge of the precinct and its quirks. Often overlooked or underestimated, Scully's long memory and accidental insights can reveal connections others miss. His laziness and complacency make him a liability in high-stakes operations, but his experience 'occasionally yields unexpected advantages.

ROLE IN THE CASE: Scully's knowledge of past precinct operations and personnel makes him a potential source of overlooked information. Delegates must decide whether to view him as a harmless background figure or a hidden reservoir of insight that could illuminate Syndicate activity.

Madeline Wuntch

Madeline Wuntch is politically ruthless, manipulative, and cunning, always seeking to advance her own agenda. Her rivalry with Holt has defined her career, and she thrives on creating chaos to consolidate power. Wuntch's strategic mind, bureaucratic knowledge, and unrelenting ambition make her both a dangerous adversary and a potentially useful ally when her goals align.

ROLE IN THE CASE: Wuntch immediately ordered the search of Kevin Cozner's residence, not to uncover the truth but to destabilize Holt. Her influence within the commissioner's office gives her significant power, forcing delegates to weigh whether she genuinely seeks to uncover Syndicate infiltration or is simply exploiting the crisis for personal gain.

PROCEDURAL CONTEXT NYPD CHAIN OF COMMAND & INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

CHAIN OF COMMAND

Understanding the hierarchy is crucial for navigating operations and interpreting events:

Police Commissioner – Overall head of NYPD; sets policy, allocates resources, but rarely involved in day-to-day investigations.

Deputy Commissioner (Wuntch) – Oversees high-level administrative operations; can authorize investigations, hold back evidence, or halt operations for political reasons. Delegates should note her influence on access and decision-making.

Captain (Raymond Holt) – Commands the Major Crimes Unit; responsible for daily operations, assigning cases, and maintaining ethical standards. Delegates must respect his authority while also leveraging his analytical skills.

Lieutenants / Sergeants – Manage squad shifts, coordinate investigations, and act as liaisons between officers and Captain. Example: Sergeant Amy Santiago taking the Sergeant's exam to move up the chain.

Detectives (Jake, Rosa, etc.) – Conduct field investigations, gather evidence, interview suspects, perform stakeouts, and coordinate with internal and external agencies.

Support Staff / Civilian Analysts – Process evidence, maintain surveillance equipment, handle administrative documentation. Gina Linetti is a wildcard observer with insights that are often unconventional but valuable.

ACCESS RULES

Restricted Areas: Captain's office, Major Crimes floor, evidence locker, and surveillance room require clearance. Unauthorized access is considered a breach and could compromise investigations.

Evidence Handling: Only trained personnel can touch or log evidence (e.g., Terry Jeffords oversees secure storage). Tampering can invalidate a case or misdirect investigations

Communication Channels: Sensitive communications (emails, burner phones, encrypted files) are logged and monitored. Delegates should note unusual or untraceable messages as potential leads.

MUST-WATCH EPISODES

Pilot (S1E1)

Halloween(S1E6)

The Pontiac Bandit (S1E10)

Undercover (S1E13)

Operation: Broken Feather (S1E15)

The Chopper (S2E22)

Halloween II (S2E4)

The Jimmy Jabs Games (S2E3)

The Wednesday Incident / Det. Teddy Wells (S2E9)

The Negotiation (S2E19)

Johnny and dora (S2E23)

The Big House (S3E3)

The Audit (S3E15)

Coral palms, part 1 (S4E3)

The Bureau (S4E17)

The Fugitive, Part 1 & 2 (S4E12-13)

Chasing Amy (S4E18)

BONUS - handling sensitive data and internal security - usb leaks ,document tampering (S6E10,S6E15,S8E4)

Note for Delegates: Up to the Sergeant Exam episode (S4E18) the storyline follows the canonical NYPD precinct operations, relationships, and character growth. After this, the story evolves into council-driven scenarios and new crises—your decisions will guide the narrative beyond these episodes.