



Regular observations from the world of
Delta Green
 Directives from A Cell

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Directive 105: *Delta Green and the Long War*

The 21st Century opened with America ‘discovering’ an enemy that had been making no attempt to hide itself for the past decade. Radical Islamists had been blowing up western interests around the world for the better part of the decade proceeding the 9/11 attacks. Nevertheless, few in the West were particularly interested in picking up that gauntlet no matter how many times the Islamists threw it down. The complacency about terrorism in the 1990s is almost the mirror image of the public panic about the subject in the 2000s. In the 1990s the American public was secure in its belief that the United States government was the most potent and unassailable power on the planet. Today many Americans see their country as helpless and impotent in the face of the Islamists’ fanatical devotion to obtaining a martyr’s death.

So what’s all this got to do with **Delta Green**? Well, following 9/11 there have been huge changes in US intelligence and law enforcement agencies, as well as the US military. In some cases government powers of surveillance and detention have been expanded; in other cases legal restrictions on government power have simply been ignored in the name of national security. New agencies have been created, budgets have been expanded, and new missions and responsibilities have been assigned. The question before keepers and investigators is “Does this situation make it easier for **Delta Green** to pursue its mission, or does it make it more difficult?”

The unequivocal answer to that question is “Yes.”

Pagan Publishing has a number of very radical changes planned for **Delta Green** in the post 9/11 world. Most of these changes are a direct result of the organizational and budgetary changes in the federal intelligence and law enforcement apparatus that followed the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington D.C. The old structure of **Delta Green** was a classic cell structure, much in the fashion of resistance movements and spy-networks. **Delta Green** relied on the idea that members of the conspiracy could find time to be assigned to fictional training cycles, impromptu hardship leaves, and unscheduled sick leave and vacations in order to get away from their legitimate federal job and fight the forces of the Mythos. The new priorities of the “War on Terror” mean that for federal intelligence and law enforcement agents there is no spare time, there is no getting away from the office, there is ducking out of the office. The old way of running **Delta Green** simply won’t work like it used to. More and more **Delta Green** operations would have to be run on the ground by Friendlies instead of actual Agents who cannot get away from their legitimate assignments.

So in order to adapt to the new conditions **Delta Green** is going to have to change. None of these changes are set in stone yet, but one of the strongest ideas we’ve considered is having **Delta Green** reunited with its wayward cousin Majestic-12. One version of this plan involves **Delta Green** seizing control of Majestic-12’s steering committee in a secret coup that purges those members of Majestic-12 who are compromised or corrupted by their contact with the Mi-Go. If **Delta Green** does accomplish this coup d’état, they would gain access to the vast covert resources of Majestic-12, but they will find themselves taking control right about the same time the Bush Administration is reacting to the events of 9/11.

Historically Majestic-12 has not informed presidents of its existence unless the Majestic-12 steering committee deems such action ‘in the national interests.’ **Delta Green**’s leadership is also suspicious of any kind of institutional oversight, especially the elected kind. The members of **Delta Green** and Majestic-12 both see themselves as protecting America, and because they take all the risks they don’t believe that anyone else has the right to tell them how to do their job. The last thing **Delta Green** is going to do after taking over Majestic-12 is tell any president what they’ve been doing for the last 50 years.

If the Bush Administration becomes aware of the existence of Majestic-12, it’s going to be a little surprised that there is a massive covert alien technology research agency that’s been conducting diplomatic relations with space aliens for the past 20 years without the president’s knowledge. The first thing the President is going to want to know is why this 20 year relationship with these oh-so-smart-alien didn’t provide either a warning about the 9/11 plot or some technological trinket that could have averted the tragedy. If **Delta Green** is running Majestic-12 by that time, then the Mi-Go and their puppets, the Grays, won’t be providing any more intelligence via The Report, any new technological trinkets, nor any assistance with high technology projects. Disappointed with the answer to his first question, the President is going to want to know how Majestic-12 and its assets can be used to overthrow the Taliban, depose Saddam Hussein and find Osama Bin Laden. After all, Majestic-12 is a completely black budget project with no congressional oversight. Few in the international intelligence community even suspect that Majestic-12 exists. If the Bush Administration finds out about Majestic-12, they are not going to be satisfied until Majestic-12 is brought completely under White House control: a completely off-the-books and utterly deniable weapon in the arsenal of ‘freedom.’ I leave it up to the political prejudices of individual keepers as to whether the