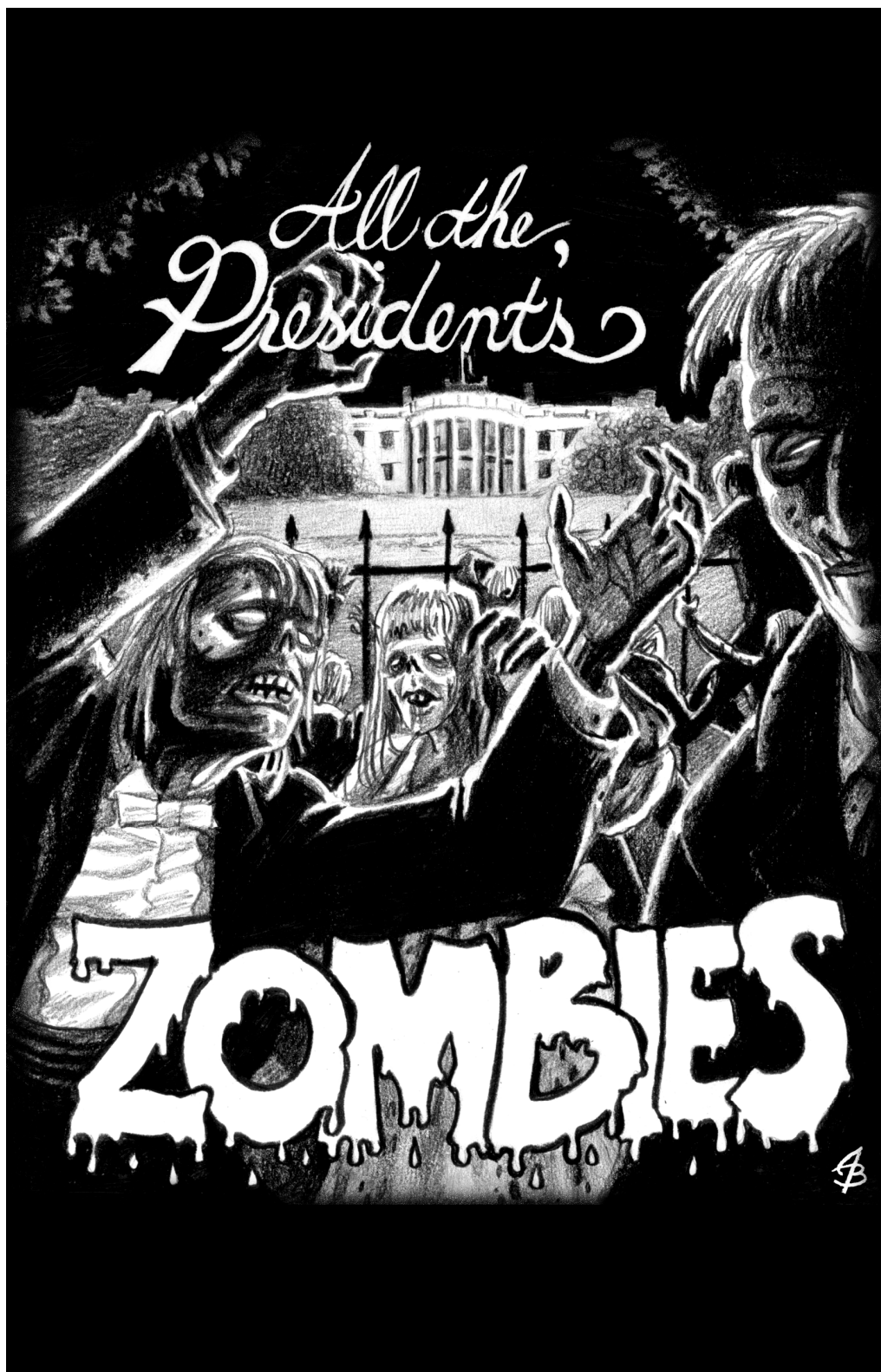




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# ALL THE PRESIDENT'S ZOMBIES

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### SYNOPSIS

This live action role-playing game (LARP) is centered around a meeting of the President of the United States and some of the highest members of his government to decide a course of action on an outbreak of zombies that has developed in the rural South, near Atlanta, GA. The conflict that will drive this event will be the different political agendas that each member of the meeting is trying to put forward.

The Game Master (GM) will control the pacing of the game by using information updates delivered to each member of the meeting via their departments.

The event is designed to last two to four hours. The President needs to make a press briefing after the game, hence the deadline.

*Note:* At no point do actual zombies appear in the game. They all exist in out of game locations.

### BACKGROUND

Welcome to the center of power in the free world. This adventure focuses on a meeting between the President of the United States and many of his top advisors. They are discussing the development of what seems to be zombies in the south.

The game calls for eight players and one Game Master, playing those advisors and the President. No other game masters are needed for the scenario. The game can be played in two to four hours, depending on how events are paced.

As of the start of the game, most of the zombie activities have remained in the area in which they were first reported. However, the first case of a zombie sighting in Alabama, also just a few miles east of the area of the reports, has appeared and has prompted this meeting.

*Note:* This scenario has been designed to use *Rules To Live By*. However, it can be run entirely as a game of negotiations without any rules system. Just have the players ignore the STATS and Abilities in their character sheets.

#### The characters for this game are:

**Jason Taylor** – President's Chief of Staff – Played by you, the GM.

**Robert Harding Shrub** – President of the United States

**Richard Xerxes** – Vice-President of the United States

**Allen Mussberger** – Secretary of Defense

**Albert Juan Diaz** – Secretary of State

At the start of the game, read the following, as a briefing from the Chief of Staff.

*The events that led to this meeting: the first report came from one Abigail Simpson of Kingsboro, GA. She called her local country sheriff to report seeing her late husband walking away from the family burial plot towards town. Through Ms. Simpson's history did not indicate that she was prone to calling in fabrications, the report was ignored. Less than a week later, many of the small towns in that area had numerous reports of similar activity.*

*Once a major paper in Atlanta found out about the story, the world was quickly made aware of these unusual events. Most of the national and international news agencies, both television and print, have sent crews into the area and have released reports and pictures to support the claims that these creatures are indeed the dead walking again.*

*The Governor of the State of Georgia has declared a state of emergency and has activated the National Guard.*

*You are here to discuss this issue in preparation for a press briefing to be held in about two hours. The public is very curious about the zombie issue and you need to inform them without causing a panic.*

*Keep in mind that this is a political game. You will not fight zombies. No zombies will appear in the game space, and none of the players is secretly the Zombie-Master, controlling an army of undead.*

**William Williamson** – Secretary of Health and Human Services

**General LaTonya Wilson** – Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

**Stephen Asadopilious** – National Security Advisor

**Thomas Penfro** – Attorney General

The style of this game is called a table LARP, or a LARP that can be played around a table as opposed to around the entire hotel or convention center. Most tableLARPs are best played as meetings of some kind, where the parties involved create the tension, and therefore story, between themselves.

That is exactly what *All The President's Zombies* is designed to provide. Each of the characters will have political adversaries at the table that they will need to work against to achieve their personal goals as well as the goal of protecting the nation. Many of the characters will be looking for the chance to blame someone else for the zombie problem simply to avoid the same fate.

But who is really to blame? Well, no one is. None of the secret projects or government programs mentioned in the game had anything to do with this. For whatever reason, the powers that be in the universe decided that the dead



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needed to get up and start walking around. As seen in the movies, they *do* eat the flesh of the living but they are not like a pack of ravenous attack dogs.

The few reported victims have been unable to get away quickly enough or unable to create enough of a barrier between themselves and the zombies. Only two people out of thousands of reports have been killed since this started. But the reports are spreading. And the zombies are moving towards Atlanta.

The Georgia National Guard has been called in, and they have been a wealth of knowledge. They report that all known – as well as a few unknown – graves have been opened. They assume that their occupants opened the graves. Their main orders have been to assist the locals to safe areas and patrolling to observe the movement of the zombies. They wanted to kill the things but families were worried that you might be hurting relatives, so the Guard never started.

The real news on this issue was the network reporter that fell while trying to get away from some of the creatures. Her film crew shot footage of her attack and played it on an international news network. The reaction was what many expected: panic.

That is why the players are here, to decide the course of action for the US and the world.

Have fun.

### CHARACTER SETUP

Each player will need a copy of their character background and their character STATS and Abilities.

If using *Rules To Live By*, you should also have the typical RTLBB accoutrements, including Stars and Dice.

You should also keep a complete copy of the game for yourself for reference.

### ROOM SETUP

You will need a table for the game, and comfortable chairs for each of the characters and the GM. Any shaped table will work but a large, oval, dark stained table adds nicely to the mood.

The room should contain a phone away from the table to give the players a chance to talk while someone is on the phone out of earshot and distracted.

If available, having water or coffee can add to the mood as well. Avoid snacks as this game should represent a very important governmental meeting and eating at the table would be a breach of etiquette. If you want any snacks,

avoid noisy foods (chips, etc.) and place them on a separate table away from the meeting table.

Ideally, each of the phone briefings – described later – should be done by a co-GM or NPC in another room calling over the phone. The GM can answer the phone and say whom it is for. If another GM or NPC isn't available, then the main GM should act as the phone calls.

A good prop for the scenario is a set of table tents with each character's position and name on them so it is easier to remember who is who.

If players wish to dress the part of the power brokers of our world, suits are the best bet. The dress uniform General Wilson would wear might be more difficult but any military uniform would do.

The seating chart is not really important. The President should sit in a place of honor but allow the players to form their alliances and sit accordingly.

### TIMELINE

Time	Action
:00	Begin, pass out characters. Do a briefing about the rules and the scenario. Read the briefing by the Chief of Staff in the callout box then call the meeting to order.
:20	Start phone calls
1:45	Announce fifteen minutes to press conference.
2:00	Press conference begins and game ends.

Remember, throughout this scenario you play the lowest ranked person at the meeting. Keep the meeting "on track," but don't plan on working too hard at it as over-controlling the scene takes away from the players, who will enjoy taking things in different directions every now and again.

The job of the Chief of Staff (and of the GM) is simply to keep the meeting going. That's not to say to keep perfectly to the agenda, but keep the game going and help maintain role-play. If the players are breaking character, use character to bring them back. If the role-play has drifted too far from the agenda, and the game is suffering for it, bring it back on track. However, use this influence wisely because the event could be going well and the players might





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never discuss the topics on the list. The goal of the meeting is to decide the policies the government will use to resolve this crisis. But that may not be the goals of the characters. Carefully judge how the game is going and adjust things to maintain an even flow.

Change the course of the game by using the updates. The updates are messages that the agencies give the department heads during the course of the meeting. There should be enough to make the game interesting and help prolong game play but by no means is this the only tool. We suggest that you follow the event as written the first time and then experiment with it.

The most important thing that we can tell you is to have fun. That's an Executive Order.

### MEETING POINTS

The following things need to be resolved during the meeting. Feel free to remind players to keep them on track.

-  The press
-  Martial law
-  Stopping the zombies
-  Protecting national interests

### END GAME

The game ends when it is time for the press briefing. If the players define a course of action before that, you can end the game early, or you can offer another phone call that ruins their plans and forces them to rethink their options. The key is pacing. Watch what your players do and how quickly they move through the meeting. The updates can slow the discussions down or speed them up. The characters are supposed to be debating points, not agreeing on the policies. The level of their conflict is the best way to tell how the pacing is working.

Make the President actually hold the press briefing. Have him explain the policies and decisions resulting from the meeting. Then you and the other GMs – as well as the other players – can play members of the press and grill him about his facts and policies. Have the press briefing go on for about ten to fifteen minutes and then end the game.

If you wish, or if the players are a little bored, you could have the individual cabinet members hold briefings for their departments as well.

*Feel free to copy the callout box to the right and distribute it to your players.*

### ***Who runs what in the Government***

This can either be a handout for all players, or it can be given to the players on an as-needed basis.

*Robert Harding Shrub* – President of the United States – Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, Political Figurehead and one third of the balance of power.

*Richard Xerxes* – Vice-President of the United States – The Leader of the Senate and next in line should anything happen to the President. Some administrations have allowed an active V.P., some have not.

*Allen Mussberger* – Secretary of Defense – Overall Civilian Leader of the Armed Forces. Answers directly to the President. Oversees Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, as well as Coast Guard in times of war.

*Albert Juan Diaz* – Secretary of State – The top foreign diplomat, responsible for working on maintaining good relations with allies and improving relations with hostile nations. Oversees the State Department, all foreign embassies and consulates.

*William Williamson* – Secretary of Health and Human Services – Oversees most domestic programs designed to assist the citizens of this country, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Welfare.

*General LaTonya Wilson* – Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – The highest ranking Generals form a council of advisors that serve the Secretary of Defense. The Head of the Joint Chiefs is the commander.

*Stephen Asadopiliious* – National Security Advisor – A special advisor to the President. Connected to but not responsible for military and civilian intelligence agencies.

*Thomas Penfro* – Attorney General – In charge of the Department of Justice. Oversee the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other Justice Dept. related agencies. Not in charge of the Secret Service or the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.



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## ROBERT HARDING SHRUB

### *President of the United States of America*

*"This country needs a strong leader in this time of peril, and I am that man."*

Man, I sound so cool when I say things like that.

I am the cream of the crop socially, a good family, the best schools, all the right memberships. What more could anyone ask for in a President?

Where do I start about my family? My folks are great, but I don't think they like each other much. My dad is the publishing tycoon, Theodore W. Shrub. My mother's claim to fame is that she is the sister of former U.S. President Thomas Beckworth. Good old Uncle Tommy... As you can see, leadership is a family trait on both sides of my family tree.

A solid background can make a man or it can break a man.

Well, my buddy Richard Xerxes said that he was working to help make this country great again and of course he asked me to lead the way as the President. I get to oversee this cool republic and Dick has taken care of me in return. Dick knows that I like the ladies and he has made 'special arrangements' for me many a time since we got into the White House. Best part is he knows how to distract my wife so she will never find out.

Dick even said that I could ask my buddy Steve Asadopilious to be a part of the team. So I get to be the leader of the free world, hang out with my best pals, and get some of the hottest ladies around.

**Your Goal:** To truly be the hero of the day, by protecting the nation as their champion.

**Roleplaying Hint:** You are completely clueless. But why does it matter? No one said that the Leader of the Free World can't be like a high school freshman.



### What you think of the others...

Jason Taylor – A good guy. Real well organized. Glad to have him on the team.

Richard Xerxes – Vice-President of the United States – Dick is my buddy and all but sometimes he can be quite rude. Doesn't he realize that I am the President? Everyone has to be nice to the President.

Allen Mussberger – Secretary of Defense – Allen is an old Buddy of Dick's from when they both worked for my uncle. Only Dick had Allen's job. I don't remember what Allen did then but they know what they are doing so

well that sometimes it makes my head spin.

Albert Juan Diaz – Secretary of State – Al is a great guy, but there is something I don't like about him. I'm afraid that he is up to something. I wonder if he has anything to do with this zombie thing

William Williamson – Secretary of Health and Human Services – Bill is a great guy to have as a part of the team here. He cares a lot about people and he wants to help whatever way he can.

General LaTonya Wilson – Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – A female general? Excellent. I wonder what I would need to do to get to know her better. She is quite the hottie.

Stephen Asadopilious – National Security Advisor – My buddy from Yale. We would always study and chase ladies together. Steve never parties with me anymore, I wonder why?

Thomas Penfro – Attorney General – This guy just creeps me out. Where did Dick dig him up? I hope he goes away soon. I'm going to tell Dick I don't want him around after my re-election.



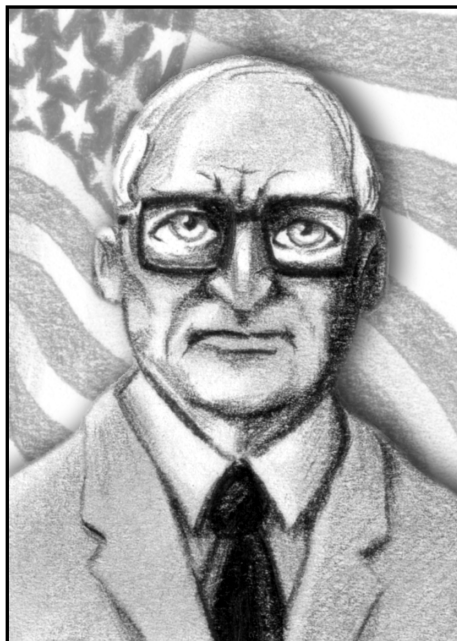
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## RICHARD "DICK" XERXES

### *Vice-President of the United States*

I have too much to do to be bothered with this crap. I've a country to run!

Shrub? That fool in charge of the greatest power in the world...he has trouble saying his own name without making an innuendo out of it. And I know the kind of women he keeps. Brainless twits, all of them, including his wife. But it makes it so easy to puppet him around and to keep the target on him. It is hard to believe that his uncle was a U.S. President, a man I respected during my efforts in his term. But it's a new day and a new presidency.



The party and the country need someone with a backbone and the will to stand up to the problem players of the world. That's why I was brought in on the administration. That and to baby-sit Shrub. "Do what is necessary to keep him happy" they said. So I keep the group of trainers and advisors on top of him so that he looks like a respectable man for the office. It helps him and it helps me.

As the leader of the free world I plan on overseeing every operation of this level of government, because it is the best way to stay on top of things and to keep Bobby's fingers out of the pie. But I have a lot to do. What with flare-ups in the Middle East, domestic agendas, trading disputes, and the always-problematic budget deficits, how can I get anything done?

Now there's this so-called "zombie" problem down in... what was it again, Georgia? I know it's not any military project, because I am on top of those.

So, what is going on? Isn't that near Atlanta? Is the CDC up to something?

Let's get this over with so I can get back to looking at the defense budgets.

**Your Goal:** To maintain a firm grip on the control necessary to make the United States safe, period, micromanaging as necessary.

**Roleplaying Hint:** You feel it is your God-given right to be a father figure to everyone. Why wouldn't everyone want you to be their leader? And since you are so natural at leading...

#### What you think of the others...

Jason Taylor – A good guy. Real well organized. Glad to have him on the team

Robert Harding Shrub – President of the United States – A brainless moron. My grandchildren are smarter than he is. But it makes him easy to control, and thus a great person to take a bullet for you.

Allen Mussberger – Secretary of Defense – Old friend from the former administration. I knew I needed him for this term. He is someone I can trust. And he takes orders well. The two of us have

kept a close eye on everything to do the military. Just wish he would stop calling me "Dickie."

Albert Juan Diaz – Secretary of State – A good man. I picked him for this position due to his ethnic connections. He has helped add that section of the populace to the Shrub vote. He isn't always interested in doing what I ask as quickly as I tell him to, but he is a "team player" so he's a part of the team.

William Williamson – Secretary of Health and Human Services – There is something about this man I don't like. He is just a bit too whiny for my taste. Whiny men always have something to hide. What does he have to hide?

General LaTonya Wilson – Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – A career officer with a good head on her shoulders. She doesn't want to be a politician, just a good and loyal soldier. She serves my needs well.

Stephen Asadopilious – National Security Advisor – I cannot stand the little worm. But he is a necessary evil. He works well in helping to keep the President in line. I just wish I had more control over him.

Thomas Penfro – Attorney General – An excellent "Top Cop." A good man for the job. I wish he could be the President; my life would be much easier if he was.



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## ALLEN "AL" MUSSBERGER

### *Secretary of Defense*

Being the oldest member of the Cabinet puts me in a special position, that of the "old goat."

I have lived a long and productive life and was quite happy relaxing in your retirement cabin when Dickie knocked on my door. I knew he was serious because he arrived in a sport jacket and slacks, not real good mountain gear.

He was tapped by the party to go back into the White House, but this time he would be running the show.

"You want me to be your vice-president?" I asked.

"No, Al. We picked Tom's nephew, Bobby, to hold the High Office, and I'll be the real power behind the throne. No, I need you to head the Department of Defense, just like before."

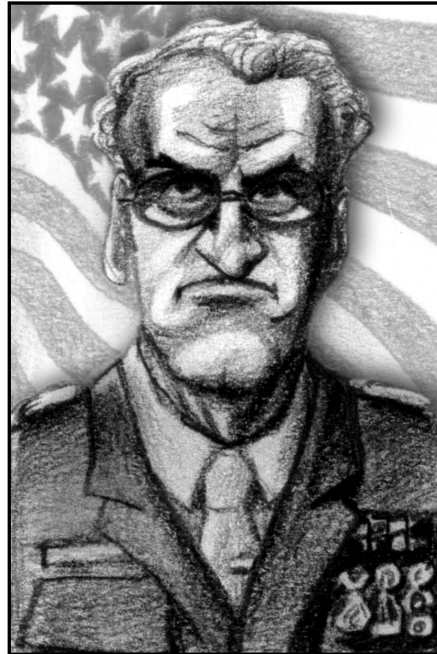
I was shocked. To be asked to come out of retirement and be the Secretary of Defense again. Dickie must have really needed me. And it is true, he has.

Now there is some kind of trouble in the South. Some kind of stories about 'zombies.' How silly can that be? Zombies? To think that some drive-in horror flix has come true. But they will most likely want to blame my military for this Hollywood mock-up scam. We are not doing any type of testing of any weapons systems in that part of the country. It simply cannot be anything to do with our services. They can try to blame us but they better have proof!

**Your goal:** To get those disease people over at Health and Human whatever to admit what they have done to cause this.

**Roleplaying Hint:** You are the wise old grandfather type, wanting those around to see your experience as their greatest asset. But you also want to be gentle. No need to force it down their throat.

What you think of the others...



Jason Taylor – A good guy. Real well organized. Glad to have him on the team

Robert Harding Shrub – President of the United States – The young nephew of your old boss. He is as dumb as a bag of hammers. Why Dickie and the party would want him in the presidential seat is just not smart. He is so dumb that he won't simply do what he is told but will do something we will have to fix later.

Richard Xerxes – Vice-President of the United States – Your old friend 'Dickie.' You remember how motivated he was in Tom's administration. He is a good politician, but you hate politicians. It

is good then that he is a personal friend

Albert Juan Diaz – Secretary of State – Why waste an important position like this just to collect a few votes? This guy is a peer to the President, mentally speaking.

William Williamson – Secretary of Health and Human Services – If anyone is behind this little "zombie" problem, it's the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Hell, they are just a few miles up the road. What have they been testing and how have their safety protocols failed to prevent this?

General LaTonya Wilson – Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – A fine officer. A credit to the military system that you oversee. You were very happy to see her in the Chief position. She is an excellent advisor and proof that there is a new, improved military these days.

Stephen Asadopilious – National Security Advisor – You can't put your finger on what is wrong with this guy but he just isn't right. He seems to think that the world is a place where things only go well and there is no need to protect ones interests. He is like those fools on Capital Hill.

Thomas Penfro – Attorney General – Why can't we have a lot more of these fellows in control? A firm head on his shoulders, and the spirit of "getting the job done."





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## ALBERT JUAN DIAZ

### *Secretary of State*

Most of the countries around the world want to know what exactly is going on in Georgia. Even nations that are what would be considered our bitter enemies have politely demanded, through the proper diplomatic channels, “What the hell is going on?”

What can I tell them? “Ladies and Gentlemen of the United Nations, it seems that a George Romero film has come to life.” “We are on the verge of an international crisis as we see more and more dead people return from the grave.”

My hysterical mother in law called to speak with my wife last night. She went on for hours about how this is more proof that this is the end of times. But I have to wonder if she is right.

And what a location to see this happen. The CDC headquarters just northeast in Atlanta, and Fort Benning to the southwest. Which of these is behind this? The international community is demanding answers!

**Your goal:** To protect the image of the President and the nation in the eyes of the entire world and to provide an explanation and solution to the international community.

**Roleplaying Hint:** Your heart is in the right place and you are a good loyal executive. Stay on track and show everyone how well you conduct yourself.

### What you think of the others...

Jason Taylor – A good guy. Real well organized. Glad to have him on the team.



Robert Harding Shrub – President of the United States – President Shrub seems to be the first man in the Office that really cares about the people of this country. He speaks of leadership all the time. That has really inspired you to try to be the best man you can be.

Richard Xerxes – Vice-President of the United States – He has the President’s ear and sometimes you wonder what is being said into that ear. The President seems to be on the right path but then Richard says something and the view on the policy changes. The President should really get rid of this guy.

Allen Mussberger – Secretary of Defense – A buddy of Xerxes, and a very old gentleman. He seems to a bit too gruff to you, a little too hard-line, but he has never been rude or nasty to you. He just believes that problems abroad should be handled by war, not peace.

William Williamson – Secretary of Health and Human Services – You like Bill. He really tries to insure that the people of this country enjoy the fruits of the most prosperous nation in the world.

General LaTonya Wilson – Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – You don’t really know her that well.

Stephen Asadopilius – National Security Advisor – Stephen is a good friend of the President and seems to be beside the Prez on the issues of the people. He is also very funny. He uses humor to lighten the load of all the hard work we do

Thomas Penfro – Attorney General – This guy is right out of the McCarthy era. You wonder whom he is hunting down in our society.



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## WILLIAM WILLIAMSON

### *Secretary of Health and Human Services*

I have always believed that government is truly "...by the people, for the people..." So when I was asked by the President to fill the post of Secretary of Health and Human Services, I felt as if my life's goal has been met: the chance to help people.

If only that was what my job was about. I spend all your time answering to the Congress for every single dollar that they can't account for within my department. I know the Pentagon doesn't have to answer questions like that.

Now there is this zombie thing. Why did it need to be near Atlanta? There has already been a low level containment breach at the Center, and someone is going to make a federal case out of this. We have nothing that could even mimic "zombies." We can't even combine test material to get that effect. We tried to test a body but it kept getting up and trying to eat the staff, so we had it destroyed.

The military is always trying to lay their issues at our door and as such to get us in trouble to avoid the results of their actions.

I am here to help people but I guess I need to begin by helping myself.

Well, I'm sure that whatever the CDC finds in those corpses they have been wrestling with will help.

**Your goal:** To get the military establishment to admit their fault in regard to these zombies.

**Roleplaying Hint:** No one knows it but compared to the others, you are a "bleeding heart liberal." But remember, you can't help if you don't hold onto your position.



### What you think of the others...

Jason Taylor – A good guy. Real well organized. Glad to have him on the team.

Robert Harding Shrub – President of the United States – The President is really fond of your strong support for the people of this country. You know he shares your feeling on this matter. You are sure that he will keep the 'war hawks' on your back.

Richard Xerxes – Vice-President of the United States – The guy is a member of the 'war hawks.' He will not be happy until our young people are holding their open belly wounds on some war torn battlefield somewhere.

Allen Mussberger – Secretary of Defense – Another 'war hawk.' Allen has his collar on a short leash in Xerxes' hands. You have never heard Allen give an opinion that wasn't "Dickie's" first.

Albert Juan Diaz – Secretary of State – He seems to be quite a nice person. A family man with a good solid grounding in reality. Yet, there is something about him that just doesn't make sense.

General LaTonya Wilson – Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – She seems to be a good officer, but we all know that the military takes the self-will out of its personnel and teaches them how to be loyal lap dogs. You bet she is here to make Allen feel important.

Stephen Asadopilius – National Security Advisor – Stephen has always treated you with kindness and respect. On many occasions he has taken requests to the President for you. He knows you are a man of principle.

Thomas Penfro – Attorney General – This guy is simply out of control. You bet that he is spying on you and your family. He is just that kind of guy.



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## GENERAL LATONYA WILSON

### *Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff*

I enlisted long before I was encouraged to become an officer. Many of those that have helped my career and me were officers that I served under. Now they are my peers (or dead) and I am now the most senior military officer in the United States.

Secretary of Defense Mussberger has asked me to join him in a meeting with the Commander in Chief, President Shrub. Seems the military may have been involved in some sort of biological or chemical warfare. I am attending as an expert opinion on what the military is doing.

Well, there has been some limited testing of biological and chemical defense systems in remote southwest Utah –nowhere near Fort Benning, GA. Fort Benning is the home of the Infantry School and it is also a training base for new recruits. It's the last place we would test anything other than new diet programs for the trainees. Besides, that part of the country is just too populated to try to test anything related to biological or chemical defense systems.

It has always been the posture of this country that we would never use these weapons, period. We maintain enough of such things just to be able to properly defend against them. Much of the personnel in Utah aren't even military. Most are civilian scientists with just enough military bodies to allow for maximum safety and security.

The U.S. military had nothing to do with this zombie thing.

**Your Goals:** To make it out with your dignity intact and without a pinch on the butt. Also to make certain that the military isn't inadvertently blamed for all of



this. And to come out with information and direction you can bring back to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

**Roleplaying Hint:** You are a smart and capable officer and you want be of great help, and you know if you get all the facts, you are able to be an excellent advisor to you boss and to the President.

### What you think of the others...

Jason Taylor – A good guy. Real well organized. Glad to have him on the team.

Robert Harding Shrub – President of the United States – He is my Commander in Chief, but if he leers at me one more time, I'm going to deck him.

Richard Xerxes – Vice-President of the United States – First to step in should anything happen to the President.

Allen Mussberger – Secretary of Defense – He is a good, fair, man to work for. He has helped me get many of the changes I have wanted, upgraded weapon systems, and better supplies for the personnel.

Albert Juan Diaz – Secretary of State – The country's foreign relations secretary.

William Williamson – Secretary of Health and Human Services – Secretary Williamson seems to think that the military exists only to kill the people of the United States through the use of diesel fuel and hazardous waste.

Stephen Asadopiliuous – National Security Advisor – Mr. Asadopiliuous has been very good at assisting us with important intelligence information on operation around the world. He is a true ally.

Thomas Penfro – Attorney General – This man would love to sink his claws into our military justice but I will not let it happen. He is just too rough for my tastes.





## STEPHEN ASADOPILIOUS

### *National Security Advisor*

I never wanted to go into politics. I was happy with my plans to attend the School of Business at Yale, but a buddy of mine asked if I could advise him on some economic issues that he was dealing with in a political science class. Then my plans just seemed to fall through.

Next thing I know, I am the press secretary for this guy during his term as Governor of the State of Maine. Now I am the National Security Advisor to that same guy, President Bobby Shrub. Can you believe it? This is better than some CEO job. The Vice-President himself came to me and asked that I join the team.

I told him I really didn't have the qualifications to be National Security Adviser but he said that didn't matter. He said I could do it if I set my mind to the task. Who does he think he is? I know that, but mostly it's my job to keep an eye on Bobby as he plays around with his latest bimbo. I keep the press and Mrs. Shrub away from the President so he can work (and play.)

I know Bobby isn't too bright but he wants to be a good world leader and that has to count for something.

Like the VP said, I can do anything that I set my mind to. If only I knew *anything* about being a "National Security Advisor" maybe I'd be doing a better job.

**Your goal:** Help Bobby so you can get your large bonus check. Cover up the scandals so you can keep your job. Maybe even come up with a plan to deal with the zombies before they get out of control.

**Roleplaying Hint:** You wish you could be playing golf right now. These meetings are just so stressful. Why can't we just go and relax?



### What you think of the others...

Jason Taylor – A good guy. Real well organized. Glad to have him on the team.

Robert Harding Shrub – President of the United States – He is the Commander in Chief. A friend from college, but not your best friend. Since he got elected, the press has made you two out to be like peas and carrots, but it just wasn't that way.

Richard Xerxes – Vice-President of the United States. He got you your job, but you can sense his contempt for Bobby. You know he is just waiting for Bobby to screw up royally so Xerxes can get his job.

Allen Mussberger – Secretary of Defense – Allen has been working for the government for years and even came out of retirement to be Secretary of Defense. However, he always knows more about what is going on than you do. You're too busy keeping Bobby in line. You bet that this zombie thing is a military experiment gone wrong.

Albert Juan Diaz – Secretary of State – A nice guy all round. You like to joke around with Al when you get the chance, takes some of the pressure off the job.

William Williamson – Secretary of Health and Human Services – Bill is a great guy to have as a part of the team here. He cares a lot about people and he wants to help whatever way he can.

General LaTonya Wilson – Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – Ah, you saw Bobby's eyes light up as soon as she walked into the room. You may have to provide the two of them time to have a "private conference."

Thomas Penfro – Attorney General – Not from Yale. You're not sure why he is on the team. Perhaps he is here to win a few votes.





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## THOMAS PENFRO

### *Attorney General*

This country is going to hell in a handbasket, and I am the man to set things right.

This thing that is going on in Georgia is proof. Zombies, my posterior! This is some kind of trick. Most likely some Hollywood group or kids. Kids are always doing silly stuff like this. It's because they lack moral fiber. Well, whoever is responsible for this, they will be brought to justice and made to pay for everything this government has done to try to stop it.

My father, the good Rev. Samuel Adams Penfro, would always say there are two kinds of people in the world, those that make problems and those that fix the problems and that is why I am a part of this fine administration, because I am a fixer. And that is what I plan on doing.

The entire Department of Justice is on high alert to investigate what silliness is behind all of this. I know that some of these fools think this is real but I was raised to know better. It's just a good thing I am here.

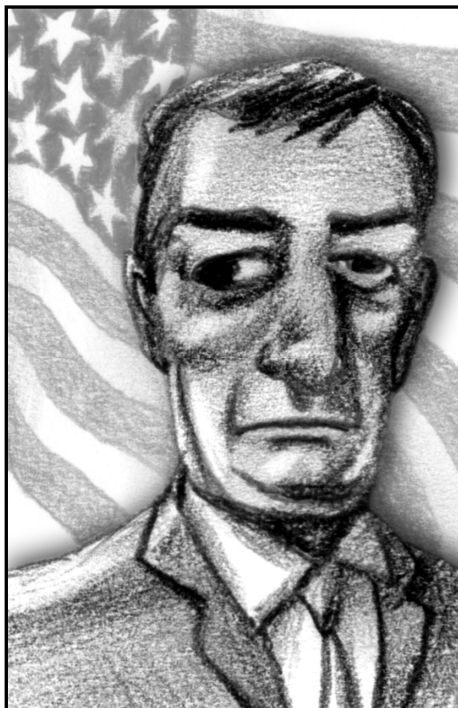
**Your Goal:** To show everyone, not just a few kids in costume, how silly all of this zombie stuff is.

**Roleplaying Hint:** Your religious beliefs are more important than anything that goes on at this table. Be a moral leader and show them the way. Be firm, unyielding, and an over-the-top ultra-conservative.

### What you think of the others...

Jason Taylor – A good guy. Real well organized. Glad to have him on the team.

Robert Harding Shrub – President of the United States – A man of excellent moral fiber, so much so you



simply cannot understand why he would entertain such a silly idea as this “zombie attack.” Perhaps these lifetime politicians have too much influence over him.

Richard Xerxes – Vice-President of the United States – One of those lifetime politicians you were just speaking about. His dirty little fingers are in every pie in this town. He even knows your personal chef.

Allen Mussberger – Secretary of Defense – This is the Vice-President's lap dog and personal war hawk. In days gone by, Mussberger would have been in charge of the secret police, beating down any that stood in Dick's way. He proves that a man of good breeding does not automatically make

a man of good moral fiber.

Albert Juan Diaz – Secretary of State – You feel sorry for this man. How can someone so nice be caught up in all of the political hoo-haa? He deserves better.

William Williamson – Secretary of Health and Human Services – Now if any one thing would be behind this joke, were it real, of course, then them boys there at the CDC must have had something to do with it. Luckily, since there are no zombies...

General LaTonya Wilson – Head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – Then again, the military has many a time tested all kinds of sick experiments on soldiers. What if they were again? No matter, because these things just aren't real, are they?

Stephen Asadopilius – National Security Advisor – Another example that being from a good family doesn't mean that you are a good person. Why, you have seen him sneaking around with young, attractive women through the offices. What would the President think?



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## PHONE UPDATES

Here are the phone call updates that will go out to the players during the course of the game.

The best bet is to have a co-GM calling the players from another room. Otherwise, you will have to roleplay the calls with the players. The calls should be a give and take, not just telling the player the details. Each update will include a time that the call should take. You can use these in whatever order you wish but we recommend using them in the order presented first. We suggest that you wait until after the open introductions of the agenda to begin these updates.

Remember to keep the phone calls away from the rest of the game. There are two reasons for this. First, it's important to allow the players to control the information in each update for their political advantage. Second, it allows the players at the table to talk without the player on the phone contributing.

Also, it is possible that the players will want to use the phone to call their staff. Allow this. Have the person at the other end of the phone take notes and decide what the result will be. Then the player can be called back with the results at a future time.

Note that names are not given for these positions. Make them up and write them down.

For the Attorney General – From someone on his staff

Police departments across the nation report a very large increase in the number of suicides. Most of the reports indicate that the recent events in Georgia are having an effect on people.

Minutes: 2

For the Vice-president – From The Senate Majority Leader from the other party

The Senate Majority Leader wants an update on what the Executive Branch is doing on these matters.

Minutes: 5

For the Commander of the Joint Chiefs – From a subordinate member of her staff

The Power Grid for Fort Benning, GA is down. Communications in and out of the base have been cut off. No one knows what happened or who was responsible, but there have been many reports of zombies in the area.

Minutes: 1

For the Secretary of Defense – From a member of his staff

Intelligence satellites show that the Chinese military is performing a major military activation at a time when military war games were not expected. The timing of this falls within the timeframe of this zombie attack issue.

Minutes: 2

For the Secretary of Health and Human Services – From the Director of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

The CDC secured two of the zombie corpses for review. The bodies just wouldn't stay dead, but after many hours of near wrestling style work, we can say that these zombies do not, I repeat, DO NOT hold any special infections or viruses. Given that fact, the CDC finds other news disturbing. Reports show that across the country, flu and flu-like symptoms reported in emergency rooms have increased nearly 600% in the last week.

Minutes: 4

For the Vice-president – From The Speaker of the House from your party

The Speaker of the House wants an update on what the Executive Branch is doing on these matters.

Minutes: 5

For The National Security Advisor – From the President's Present Girlfriend

She is scared with the zombie news and wants reassurances as well as to confirm the next date when she and the President will meet. She may even wish to speak to the President if the National Security Advisor isn't comforting enough.

Minutes: 5



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For the Attorney General – From an FBI field agent

A paramilitary militia group calling itself “The Army of the Free America” has called all of its 4,000 nation wide members to the Atlanta area so that they can end the zombie threat. The group hopes to use the effort to not only fix the problem but also as a means to increase recruitment.

Minutes: 2

For The Secretary of State – The U.S. Embassy in Israel

Two Muslim counties, Jordan and Egypt, have declared war on the State of Israel and have openly attacked border areas between their countries. The televised declarations cite the “zombies” in America as a sign of the Last Times, as found in the Koran, and thus make it necessary to resolve the issues that they have before time is gone. Other Arab countries are amassing troops near the Israeli border as well.

Minutes: 4

For the President – from the Governor of the State of Georgia

The Governor wishes to know whether this is his issue to handle or if it is a Federal issue. If it is his, could he get monetary assistance? If it is not his issue, how soon can he expect assistance from the Federal Government? He will be a bit rude.

Minutes: 4

For The Commander of the Joint Chiefs – From a subordinate member of her staff

The power has been restored to Fort Benning, GA. Through zombies have been seen on the base, they had nothing to do with this situation. A civilian contractor was in a restricted area and a very zealous private chose to secure the contractor by discharging his weapon and hitting a transformer. The power is not fully restored but we do again have proper communication with the base. The contractor and the private have been taken into custody.

Minutes: 2

For the Secretary of Health and Human Services – From the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The Director has gathered his team and is ready to assist in whatever way he is needed.

Minutes: 1

For the President – From his Staff

The staff just saw a report (with live film coverage) of zombies moving on the highways on the outskirts of Atlanta. There have been a few pile-ups and there has been one confirmed (and filmed) attack on a motorist.

Minutes: 1

For the Secretary of State – From his top aides

The Commonwealth of Britain is formally requesting assistance from the U.S. how to handle their zombie outbreak. The creatures were seen near Piccadilly Square. One British citizen was killed and three others wounded. The number of zombies is believed to be in the thousands.

Minutes: 3

