CHAPTER 1: SETTING SAIL

Mission 1: Find the Friction

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Analysts:
Phantom Group is moving faster than our current workflow can support. Their activity is distributed across open sources, infrastructure records, financial indicators, and technical reporting, creating a fragmented environment that slows analysts down.
Before we can use AI effectively against them, we need to understand where our own process is weak and ineffective.
Tasking: Document your current analytical process step by step from first input to final product. Identify the single biggest friction point that costs the most time or causes the most errors. Determine whether that friction point could be addressed with AI and what the risk would be if it were automated.

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Analyst (that's you) | **Date** | **Tools used**

TASK 1 Document your process

One step per box, first input to final product. Check the step that costs the most time or causes the most errors.

Step 1 → **Step 2** → **Step 3** → **Step 4**

☐ Friction point ☐ Friction point ☐ Friction point ☐ Friction point

Step 5 → **Step 6** → **Step 7** → **Step 8**

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TASK 2 The biggest friction point

Which step, and what makes it the worst

Time it costs per week

Errors it causes per week

TASK 3 Could AI fix it?

Could AI address this friction point? ○ Yes ○ Partly ○ No

Risk if this step were automated: ○ Low ○ Medium ○ High

DELIVERABLE Two sentences

One sentence explaining why AI could help

One sentence explaining what could go wrong if it did

Appendix A has the detailed version of this map, plus a 30-day test plan.