CHAPTER 3: CASTING THE NETS

Mission 3: Collection Plan

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Analysts:
Reporting indicates the Phantom Group has shifted its presence online, making monitoring more difficult. Activity is fragmented across platforms, formats, and accounts, and the gaps this creates are distorting analysis. Design an AI-enabled workflow that increases visibility by collecting, organizing, and prioritizing open source data to support operational planning.
You are not expected to write code or build tooling. Develop a repeatable collection plan. Then outline the executive summary you would expect to produce if the workflow were operational.

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Analyst (that's you)	Date	Tools used

PART 1 Source categories, not platforms

Platforms are implementation details. Categories reflect intent, and they survive when an account migrates.

Source category	Example environments	Why it matters for Phantom Group	Coverage now
Official communications			
Community discussion spaces			
Technical artifacts			
Media amplification			
Commercial signals			
Other:			

PART 2 Define relevance before you collect

Relevant data looks like (topics, actors, geography, language markers, thresholds)

NOT relevant, even if it looks interesting

PART 3 Clean without erasing context

- ☐ Duplicates flagged, not deleted
- ☐ Sources labeled consistently
- ☐ Metadata preserved (lineage, collection time)
- ☐ Timestamps normalized, originals kept
- ☐ Original content preserved
- ☐ Tagging scheme defined

Tagging scheme

PART 4 Manual review triggers

Automation doesn't decide what matters. It decides when you have to look.

Trigger	Threshold	Who reviews	How fast
Activity spike			
Language or terminology shift			
New actor or alias			
Platform migration			
Source goes quiet			
Broken baseline			

PART 5 Executive summary outline

Indicators of activity you would report

How you would detect and report shifts

How automation supports speed and scale alongside human validation

What is observable

What is uncertain (including coverage gaps)

Confidence in the overall picture: ○ Low ○ Moderate ○ High

Why that confidence level