CHAPTER 11: SCANNING THE HORIZON

Mission 11: Horizon Scan

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Analysts:
Reporting suggests the Phantom Group is experimenting with AI-automated workflows to obfuscate illicit activity, scale operations, and reduce their human footprint. The activity is not new, but the patterns are appearing at a higher rate. Leadership is concerned they may be learning to exploit the same AI tools and shortcuts analysts rely on.
Assess how emerging AI capabilities may shift the balance between analysts and adversaries over the next five years: which capabilities would most affect OSINT workflows, where they may fail or be exploited, and what indicators would show the Phantom Group moving in this direction.

Director of AI Intelligence Agency
Office of Intelligence

Analyst (that's you)

Date

Tools used

HORIZON SCAN Three capability shifts

Shift 1

AI capability

How it would change OSINT tradecraft

One risk it poses to decision making

Where it may fail or be exploited

Early indicator to monitor (adversary adoption)

Shift 2

AI capability

How it would change OSINT tradecraft

One risk it poses to decision making

Where it may fail or be exploited

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Shift 3

AI capability

How it would change OSINT tradecraft

One risk it poses to decision making

Where it may fail or be exploited

Early indicator to monitor (adversary adoption)

RECOMMENDATION How teams stay ahead

One recommendation for how intelligence teams adapt

Confidence in this horizon scan: ○ Low ○ Moderate ○ High