

**Black Dawn Protocol – Classified Brief****Subject:** Contingency Plan for Destruction of The Tower**Classification:** Omega-Level Presidential Directive**Issued by:** Office of the President of the United States**Date:** [REDACTED]**Status:** Active – Emergency Use Only

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**Objective:**

The Black Dawn Protocol is the ultimate fail-safe measure to be initiated by the President of the United States in the event that the off-planet maximum-security facility, *The Tower*, is compromised. This directive authorizes the immediate and irreversible destruction of *The Tower* to prevent the escape of high-risk Quasar-level threats or the prison's hostile takeover by external forces.

**Background:**

*The Tower*, Earth's most secure interstellar detention facility, orbits 250,000 miles above the planet's surface and houses the most dangerous Omega- and Lambda- Quasars. Designed to be impenetrable and self-sustaining, the facility operates under the governance of an autonomous security AI, Omega-22, with human oversight from the Space Detainment Authority (SDA). Despite its advanced security measures, it is acknowledged that in the event of a critical systems failure or external assault by powerful non-AEGIS entities, *The Tower* could become a massive liability to Earth's safety.

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**Trigger Conditions:**

The President will authorize Black Dawn in the event of one or more of the following criteria:

1. **Loss of Command:** The Tower's command systems are seized by hostile forces, or the prison's internal AI (Omega-22) has been corrupted or turned rogue.
2. **Quasar Insurrection:** If the inmates of *The Tower* successfully organize a large-scale revolt and overpower all security forces, posing an imminent threat to Earth or allied forces.
3. **Hostile Infiltration:** Should a foreign government, rogue military force, or non-governmental entity gain control of the station with the intent to weaponize its inmates or the station itself.
4. **Imminent Escape:** If multiple high-priority prisoners are on the verge of escape and can no longer be contained by traditional measures.

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**Execution:**

Upon activation of the Black Dawn Protocol:

1. **Orbital Strike Authorization:** The President will authorize the deployment of an orbital kinetic bombardment system (codename: Dropphammer). Dropphammer satellites positioned in the upper atmosphere will lock onto *The Tower's* coordinates and fire a series of high-velocity tungsten rods into the facility, causing structural destabilization and disintegration.
2. **Self-Destruct Signal:** Simultaneously, a coded signal will be sent to Omega-22, overriding all protocols and initiating a full-core meltdown within *The Tower's* Q-cluster reactor. This will ensure that all internal systems are obliterated, preventing recovery or survival by any inmates.

3. **Containment Measures:** Immediately after the strike, *The Tower's* debris field will be targeted by the Scorched Earth Contingency – a set of advanced cleanup drones equipped with plasma-based incinerators to vaporize any remains that could pose a threat.
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**Consequences:**

- **Loss of Life:** The destruction of *The Tower* will result in the deaths of all personnel aboard, including guards, maintenance staff, administration, and most prisoners.
  - **Collateral Damage:** While *The Tower* orbits in a controlled zone away from civilian satellites and space stations, debris may threaten nearby spacecraft or satellites if not effectively neutralized.
  - **Political Fallout:** The activation of Black Dawn is considered a last resort, as it would signal the failure of the United States and AEGIS authorities to maintain control over one of the most dangerous assets in the known galaxy.
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**Authorization Process:**

The Black Dawn Protocol can only be initiated under the following conditions:

1. **Presidential Command:** Direct, verbal or coded written approval from the President.
  2. **Vice-Presidential Command:** Direct, verbal confirmation or coded written confirmation from the Vice President.
  3. **SDA Confirmation:** Security Detainment Authority's on-site commander must confirm loss of control or the existence of trigger conditions.
  4. **Joint Chiefs Validation:** The Joint Chiefs of Staff will be notified and, if possible, consulted before execution, though the President holds ultimate authority.
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**Post-Black Dawn:**

In the aftermath of the protocol's activation, a full investigation into the cause of the failure will commence. The SDA will be held accountable for lapses in security, and preparations for the construction of a new secure facility will begin under the Phoenix Tower Initiative, a classified recovery program designed to reestablish off-world prison operations on a lunar platform.

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**End of Brief**

**For Authorized Personnel Only**