

Hypothetical Charge Sheets — 1008 Operatives

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The setup

Pure thought experiment, at DaviX's request: *suppose* one operative behind each country's column in the Counter Terrorism Report 1008 were caught and tried in US federal court, and *suppose* every allegation were proven. What would the charge sheet look like, and what are the statutory ceilings?

Everything below is **alleged and unproven**. Nobody named or unnamed has been convicted of these things on this basis. Charges are allegations; only a conviction makes someone guilty.

Sheet 1 — Iran-linked operative

Attributed pattern: missile plot against the president's plane, Manchester bomb plot, copilot jet plot, Houthi Red Sea attacks.

Hypothetical charge	Statute	Statutory max
Material support for terrorism	18 U.S.C. §§2339A–2339B	15–20 years ; life if death results

Sheet 2 — Russia-linked operative

Attributed pattern: power-grid and government-network hacking across nine EU countries, summer sabotage/arson wave (airport drone, ammo-plant blast, warehouse fires, satellite-station arson).

Hypothetical charge	Statute	Statutory max
Destructive computer hacking	18 U.S.C. §1030	10 years first offense; 20 years repeat
Energy-facility sabotage	18 U.S.C. §1366	20 years ; life if death results

Sheet 3 — China-linked operative

Attributed pattern: the \$10M-bounty hacker profile — university COVID-research theft, mass Microsoft email-server break-ins (HAFNIUM/ProxyLogon).

Hypothetical charge	Statute	Statutory max
Computer fraud / national-security hacking	18 U.S.C. §1030	5 years (fraud tier) up to 10/20 years (national-security tier)

Reading these sheets honestly

- 1 **"20 years give or take" is the right neighborhood for the ceiling** — most of these top out at 20 years to life at the statutory maximum. But a ceiling is not a sentence.
- 2 **Maxima don't stack**. Two 20-year charges $\neq$ 40 years. A judge decides whether sentences run at the same time (concurrent) or one after another (consecutive).

- 3 **Real sentences land lower.** The US Sentencing Guidelines, plea deals, cooperation, and criminal history usually pull the real number well under the max.
- 4 **The attributions are disputed.** Iran denies the airbase plot; Russia denies everything; the China items rest partly on a single broadcast checked against court records. An allegation is not a fact.
- 5 **Presumption of innocence.** Everyone on these sheets — named or not — is innocent until a court convicts.

Built from the AI Lawyer reference table (statutory maxima, US federal). For the full reference with elements, aggravating factors, and sources, see the AI Lawyer lesson file.