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PHASE 2

PHASE 3

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Govern the Boundary

Lock the scope. Establish ownership. Eliminate ambiguity.

- › Define and lock the CUI environment
- › Eliminate scope ambiguity at every layer
- › Establish ownership & accountability
- › Document full CUI data flows



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Align Evidence

Map every control to a verifiable artifact.

- › Map controls to accessible artifacts
- › Build audit-ready evidence repositories
- › Eliminate orphaned controls
- › Connect SSP narratives to evidence map



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Reinforce Implementation

Validate what you've built. Test it before the assessor does.

- › Validate configs against SSP claims
- › Pre-assessment technical testing
- › Ensure personnel execution matches docs
- › Close design vs. behavior gaps



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Defend the Assessment

Enter the C3PAO process with zero surprises.

- › Prepare for Examine, Interview & Test
- › Conduct mock C3PAO assessments
- › Eliminate contradictions before arrival
- › Brief staff and Affirming Officials