Cypher [PCNC]Third Matrix? You mean the first?

The architect itself says that since Neo is a predictable and an intentional anomaly (cause without the anomaly, it would be a perfect world and, as both the Architect and Smith said, the perfect world programming wasn't recieved... well) he is not without a measure of control.
They can control. The whole thing around him... The prophecies, the agents sent after him, the Oracle guiding him....

Remember, twice already the Oracle has lead Neo to something. Tricked him into it once (in The Matrix, when she told him about the choice he was going to have to make, saving Morpheus... it is safe to assume that had she not told him about it and about how important Morpheus is, he wouldn't have risked his life for him, she didn't tell him what he is, she told him what he needed to hear in order to become The One) and almost blatantly told him what to do the second time (without telling him why, the Merovingian makes it clear enough), finding the Keymaker.

They don't need to control him directly. Just to nudge him to various directions.

The first matrix failed because most DIDN'T accept the programing. Because it was perfect. Unnatural to human nature, according to both Smith and the Architect. I believe the words of the Architect state that "none" accepted the programing of that perfect world. Anomaly free.
But the imperfect world, had anomalies. Anomalies, that if left unchecked and uncontrolled would escalate and become a disaster for the machine. I.E. the freedom of human kind.

The One is not the anomaly. He is the outlet, the release, of all anomalies. The sum of the anomalies, personified and used to control the anomaly by resetting the Matrix.

No, I mean the third Matrix.

The first failed because it was a utopia which people expected to wake up from. The second Matrix had added "grotesqueries", but still failed because of a lack of [the illusion] of choice. In the third Matrix, they were given the illusion of choice and this is where the anomaly appeared. They didn't create the anomaly, he was the inevitable result of the illusion. The very small percentage that did not accept it.

Therefore, the third Matrix "failed". It may not have crashed, but it needed refined again. They had to tweak it once more to accomodate this anomaly, and this is when they set up these further systems of control.

The anomalies were not created as any part of the system, they were merely a flaw which had to be accomodated for. IE:

Quote:Your life is the sum of a remainder of an unbalanced equation inherent to the programming of the Matrix. You are the eventuality of an anomaly which, despite my sincerest efforts, I have been unable to eliminate from what is otherwise a harmony of mathematical precision. While it

remains a burden acidulously avoided it is not unexpected and thus not beyond a measure of control; which has led you inexorably, here.

As you can see, the anomaly was not created on purpose, but it was accounted for ("While it remains a burden acidulously avoided it is not unexpected..."). However, should the Architect have been able to elliminate the anomaly, it is undoubetdly certain that he would have done so ("You are the eventuality of an anomaly which, despite my sincerest efforts, I have been unable to eliminate.").

It's also shown that the anomaly was quite unsought from this quote as well:

Quote:"...she stumbled upon a solution where by nearly 99% of all test subjects accepted the program as long as they were given a choice, even if they were only aware of the choice at a near unconscious level. While this answer functioned it was obviously fundamentally flawed, thus creating the otherwise contradictory systemic anomaly that if left unchecked might threaten the system itself. Ergo, those that refuse the program, while a minority if left unchecked would constitute an escalating probability of disaster."

The anomaly cannot be directly controlled, period. If they could directly identify and control the anomaly, there would be no need to fear the "escalating probability of disaster" from the "unchecked minority". They may not be able to directly control the actions of said anomaly, however they can (like you said) vastly influence them, enter the Oracle and Agents.

He himself is a system of control by being a beacon of hope for those of Zion, and he is also under many systems of control himself, but he has the ability to defy them. (Choosing the wrong door)