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PLANNING DIVISION

MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Planning Division
(Operations & Policy Development)

FROM: John A. DeLoach, Jr., Assistant Director
Federal Civil Defense Administration

SUBJECT: Emergency Preparedness, Radiological

As you know, the Armed Services Civil Defense Program has been engaged in the past several months in a study of the radioactive fall-out effects of nuclear war in the Pacific. Their findings are being disseminated to the Agency for Civil Defense Planning.

Because of garbled reports and conflicting information from the Japanese fishermen incident, we have been urged by State and local civil defense agencies for a fall-out available to them. We are studying the appropriate defense tactics for the situation.

Both AFMWP and AED have cleared the subject of the data for FCDA planning purposes. (See attached copy of the Statement of the Problem, dated 10/23/54, prepared in cooperation with them a revised draft of the report, dated 11/1/54, proposed to review with the Joint Chiefs of Staff on a confidential basis, at their request, during the week of September 2 through 6, 1954. (See also attached copy of the 10/23/54 review by Straus, A. J., dated 10/23/54, WFO/Planning.)

As a practical matter it would be desirable to have the directors to carry out effective emergency measures at this level without adequate public information. It is suggested as a prelude to active participation in the future.

Equally important to have with the emergency plan, the people be made to understand the plan and the need for it. All such matter are vital to the national security in the sense of the nation.

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For these reasons we propose that the following parts of the material being discussed should be directed to Chicago next week. (See attached letter from [redacted]) We would appreciate it if you could advise the date and time of release with the appropriate number of the [redacted] Coordinating Board at your earliest convenience.

Enclosed are 30 copies of the [redacted] the [redacted] State civil defense directors [redacted] [redacted] ground information. Also enclosed are [redacted] copies of [redacted] release on the same subject, [redacted] [redacted] and suggestions.

Mr. Spear and Mr. Lyman will [redacted] [redacted] Monday and will be available [redacted] [redacted] your associates.

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