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January 28, 1969

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Dear Dick,

Steve called while in Washington last week. I had a very informative visit with him on the phone, but was sorry that he wasn't able to talk with him personally. As you can well imagine, the first few days following the Inaugural were hectic.

I have forwarded Steve's memorandum concerning the Nation's Emergency Broadcast System to the appropriate officials, and I am sure that they will give it proper attention.

Again, I was sorry I wasn't able to talk with Steve personally. I trust that both you and he understand.

Sincerely,

Bud

Charles B. Wilkinson
Special Consultant
to the President

Mr. H. R. Russell
President

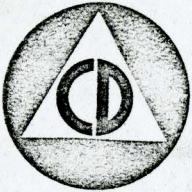
X International Electric Corporation
625 Second Avenue South
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cc - Stephen Russell *sent*
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cc - Bob Ellsworth w/ cy of incoming *sent*

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January 31, 1969

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McGough, J. M.

VP
The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am a retired officer and have spent the past eight years as Director of Civil Defense for a County of 340,000 persons. I retire as Director of Civil Defense on February 1, 1969, and would like to offer a few observations, for whatever use they may be to you.

The possibility of nuclear warfare must haunt the dreams of presidents and prime ministers. Defense budgets grow throughout the world. Civil Defense funding is decreasing at a time when our military expenditures increase. All of these considerations imply commensurate civil defense and related emergency management measures and suggest that the nature and dimensions of such measures should be arrived at by the same processes of federal planning, deliberation decision -- making and financing, as are used in developing military programs, with federal direction and control with state and local administration where appropriate.

Civil Defense and emergency preparedness programs involve civilians in ways military programs do not. The military reacts in any situation requiring action because of the discipline imposed in normal times. The citizens involved does not march up and down when an order is given or a button pushed.

An element lacking in the current Civil Defense program is a failure of the executive branch to communicate with the citizens regarding the potential threat imposed by the possibility of nuclear warfare. The citizens' understanding and cooperation are necessary if civil defense is to work.

Might I suggest the appointment of a board, representing the many disciplines required, to evaluate all previous civil defense studies or hearings. The board could take any additional testimony or conduct any investigation required, to evaluate the need for and the status of civil defense. After the board submits recommendations, a decision could be then made regarding the priority to be assigned civil defense.

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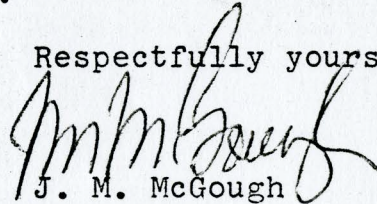
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President
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I realize the many problems you face every day, however, I know that the stimulation of your personal attention to civil defense, would contribute to the strength and survival of the nation and to the preservation of peace with freedom.

Respectfully yours,


J. M. McGough
Director

JMMc/jas

CC: Vice President
Melvin Laird, DOD
Chet Holifield, MC
Richardson L. Preyer, MC

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February 12, 1969

Honorable George A. Lincoln
Director, Office of Emergency Preparedness
Executive Office of the President
Executive Office Building Annex
Washington, D. C. 20504

Dear General Lincoln:

Enclosed is a White House referral consisting of a letter from Mr. Thomas P.^X Pike, 621 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California 90017, with enclosure from Mr. John R.^Y Cain, 3055 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90005. Since this correspondence concerns a natural disaster and therefore is under your cognizance, the correspondence is forwarded for your action and reply.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Mr. John R. Brown III, Staff Assistant to the President, to advise him of the action taken by the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Sincerely,

(sgd) Carl S. Wallace

Carl S. Wallace
The Special Assistant

Enclosure

cc: Mr. John R. Brown III ←



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AN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS

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The President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Region I of the United States Civil Defense Council, encompassing the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, in the interest of furthering their mission of providing safeguards for its citizenry, at a meeting held February 18, 1969, directed the enclosed resolution be submitted to you for consideration.

I was further directed, as Chairman of the Resolution Committee, to sign and submit the resolution.

Yours sincerely,

Howard Wright
Howard Wright, Chairman
Resolutions Committee
Region I, U.S.C.D.C.

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May 6, 1969

Crisis Home Alert
Technique

Dear Mr. Russell:

Thank you for the additional materials you sent on emergency alerting procedures. I am glad to know of some of our activities in this area.

I would, of course, find it interesting to talk with you at more length on some of these matters, but I am afraid the entire month of May looks unbelievably busy. May I suggest that you contact General James O'Connell, the Director of Telecommunications Management, and Special Assistant to the President for Telecommunications in the Office of Emergency Preparedness. His office is directly responsible for these matters and you will find him much more informed than I. I have forwarded to him the materials that you have sent me.

Sincerely,

Clay T. Whitehead
Staff Assistant

X
Mr. Stephen A. Russell
Vice President
X International Electric Corporation
625 2nd Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

cc: Mr. Hofgren
Mr. Whitehead
Mr. Rose
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May 6, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL O'CONNELL

Attached are some materials which I have received from Mr. Stephen A. Russell, Vice President of International Electric Corporation. Since these pertain to emergency broadcast procedures, I thought I should refer them to you.

I have also attached a copy of a letter to Mr. Russell, which indicates that he may be in touch with you.

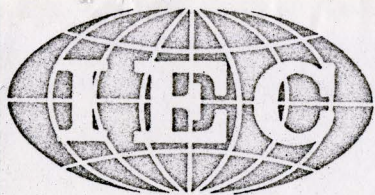
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Attachments

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May 1, 1969

Dr. Clay T. Whitehead
Special Consultant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Whitehead:

I spoke to your secretary on April 23 concerning a meeting with you sometime this week to discuss the progress of an emergency alerting system for the general public. After that conversation I realized our meeting would be more meaningful if you had sufficient information prior to our meeting to further orient you to this subject.

The enclosed information will apprise you of the system we are proposing to the FCC as compared to NIAC's system, as well as OCD's interim solution for emergency alerting of the general public known as the Crisis Home Alert Technique (CHAT). The CHAT concept is a system being proposed to serve as an interim warning technique while the OCD's Decision Information Distribution System (DIDS) is being developed.

I believe our system adopted by the FCC for use in the Emergency Broadcast system would be a far superior interim solution that could be instituted without cost to the government. The enclosed speech by Clark George, the President of CBS Radio, enumerates the need and broadcaster's enthusiasm for "some" solution in the near future.

If possible, I would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you any time during the week of May 12 to discuss our emergency warning solution. Would you please let me know if you might be available.

Very truly yours,

Stephen A. Russell
Vice President

SAR:djl

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STATE OF GEORGIA

Department of Defense

Civil Defense Division

OFFICE OF THE STATE DIRECTOR

POST OFFICE BOX 4839

Atlanta, Ga. 30302



IN REPLY REFER TO



MAJ GEN GEORGE J. HEARN
DIRECTOR

2 September 1969

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Charles H. S. Russell

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to forward you a letter from the Civil Defense Director of Waycross and Ware County, Georgia.

We are very proud of our Civil Defense preparedness in Georgia. In the aftermath of Hurricane Camille, our Georgia Air National Guard flew 21 missions carrying approximately 600,000 pounds of food, water, clothing and other supplies into Mississippi. Our aircraft were among the first to be sent into that devastated area to relieve the victims of the hurricane. We certainly regret that a sister state has had to undergo such widespread destruction.

I would like to commend you, Mr. President, for declaring a state of emergency along the Gulf coast area and for moving rapidly to provide emergency funds. As is pointed out in the attached letter, we follow the weather reports closely on hurricane movements so that we will be in a better position to warn our Georgia citizens of the necessity to evacuate coastal and low-lying areas in the path of an approaching hurricane.

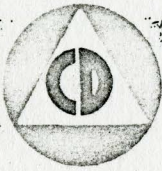
It appears that in spite of the warnings, some will not believe the damage will be so severe and foolhardily remain in the hurricane's path. Educating our people to the dangers of hurricanes and tornadoes is a program that all of us must continue to advance.

Respectfully yours,

George J. Hearn
GEORGE J. HEARN
Major General
Director

Enclosure

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CIVIL DEFENSE

WAYCROSS and WARE COUNTY

PHONE 283-7010 - 816 CHURCH STREET - WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
31501

August 26, 1969

V.P.
Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President United States of America
Washington, D. C.

Through Civil Defense State Director,
General George J. Hearn, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear President Nixon:

We note in the morning papers that there is some doubt regarding advanced information to the Gulf Coast pertaining to Hurricane Camille.

We feel by sending you a report from Waycross showing the Civil Defense activities during Camille's reign it might be of value.

Waycross is in Central Southern Georgia. Our County (Ware) extends to the Florida line. We are therefore in a near critical hurricane area.

Our State headquarters tracks every hurricane and keeps the Southern and Coastal Georgia cities aware of the location, speed, and velocity of every hurricane.

The State Director would send men into an area before the hurricane hit and would have on standby men, equipment, and materials for immediate dispatch to a stricken area.

Here in our local organization, we began following Camille as soon as it reached hurricane force.

At first we plotted Camille's position twice each day. When it reached Cuba we plotted her position every hour. When she went into the Gulf we plotted her position more often until she hit the coast.

We were prepared to function if we were threatened, or to assist our Georgia coast cities and towns if they were hit.

It seemed to me that the Weather Bureau did a marvelous job, otherwise I could not show such a complete tracking record.

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Page 2 - President Nixon - August 26, 1969.

I am unable to see how the Weather Bureau could have done more.

I sincerely hope this information will be of some value to you.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles H. S. Russell". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names being more prominent.

Charles H. S. Russell,
Director.

CHSR:hr

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November 23, 1969

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for your letter to the President with which you forwarded the letter from Professors and Mrs. Paul Scott concerning the environmental effects of atomic radiation. We will request some information which will be helpful to you in replying and be in further touch with you.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Bill

William E. Timmons
Deputy Assistant to the President

Honorable Charice M. Tongue
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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cc: Dr. DuBridge -- DRAFT REPLY

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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Date: December 5, 1969

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To: Department of Defense
Attn: Correspondence Control
(through Colonel Hughes)

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Draft reply for:
☒ President's signature.
____ Undersigned's signature.

____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

____ Direct reply.
____ Furnish information copy.

____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

____ For your information.
____ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

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COI (New England States)

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REMARKS:

Please prepare message which President can send to Governor Sargent.
Please also advise us of specific date in January -- if possible.

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: _____ Other: _____
To: The President
From: Governor Kenneth M. Curtis of Maine, Chairman of New England Governors' (Conference, Augusta, Maine)
Date: 12/1/69
Subject: Requests President send message for inauguration of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' electronic flood and hurricane control warning system for New England States in early JANUARY.

By direction of the President:

Gov. Francis Sargent

Eliska Hasek
Staff Assistant

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March 12, 1970

Dear Mr. McCray:

The President has asked me to reply to your letter concerning Civil Defense community shelter planning.

As you point out, the costs of various essential services are increasing at a rapid rate. Law enforcement and juvenile care are areas which demand ever larger resources. These increases are generating considerable attention at state and local government levels. While the Administration is very much concerned about these problems, it must also consider other national requirements, such as Civil Defense, which could be all too easily neglected. We hope never to have to face the type of emergency which will prove the value of our country's expenditures for Civil Defense, but we must be prepared for that event.

Extensive studies by the Office of Civil Defense show that plans, such as the one prepared for Des Moines offer about the least expensive way to provide our people protection against possible nuclear attack. As part of the intensive review of all Federal programs by this Administration, the total Civil Defense program is currently the subject of a special study. You may be sure that needless expenditures, if found, will be eliminated.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Paul B. McCray
Office of Board of Supervisors
Scott County
416 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa 52801

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

MAR 11 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NOBLE M. MELENCAMP

Subject: Proposed Draft Reply to Mr. Paul B. McCray

Enclosed is a proposed draft reply to Mr. McCray's letter concerning Civil Defense community shelter planning.

Enclosure

Joe (Laitin)
Joseph Laitin
Assistant to the Director
P. S. Noble: I would recommend
that this letter be returned
to B. B. for signature.
The reply was going to
make Mr. McCray very
happy but there isn't
much else to be said.
Joe

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

*Since writer is a public official, I think
NMM reply is appropriate, the writer
suggests Bob reply.*

*The President has asked me to reply to your
letter*

Dear Mr. McCray:

~~This letter is in response to your letter of February 23 concerning~~
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writes
Sincerely,

With the President's best

WMM

Mr. Paul B. McCray
Office of Board of Supervisors
Scott County
416 West 4th Street
Davenport, Iowa 52801

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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To: The Director of the
Bureau of the Budget

Date: March 2, 1970

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- ☐ For comment.

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REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: The President

From: Paul B. McCray, Chairman, Finance Committee, Board of Supervisors, 416

Date: 2/23/70 W. 4th St, Davenport, Iowa

Subject: Opposed to plan by Federal Govt through Corps of Engineers to print brochure showing where air raid shelters located in Scott County; cites urgent need for funds elsewhere, especially projects to benefit the aged and the youth of Scott County.

By direction of the President:

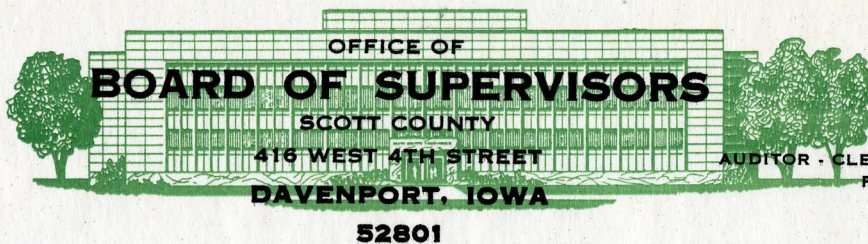

Noble M. Melencamp
Staff Assistant
to the President

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PHONE 322-3511

February 23, 1970

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Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

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Last Friday, February 20th, our County Board of Supervisors spent an hour and a half with the Judge of the Juvenile Court, Probation Officer, and two representatives of homes that provide care for juveniles, one of which was a state operated one and the other was an independent one.

The state operated home charges our county \$31.00 a day for care and the independent one is now raising its rates from \$190 monthly to \$410 monthly for the care of each juvenile. Our meeting was to discuss someway to provide the money to take care of these high costs as our county is overdrawn in several respects and could be on the verge of bankruptcy.

The same morning I read an article in our local paper that unless the state legislature in Des Moines passed legislation enabling money from another fund to be put into the State Department of Welfare fund that the state department would have to cut our senior citizens under OAA from \$105 monthly to \$84 monthly.

Later in the day at our local meeting appeared the local director of Civil Defense who presented a plan whereby the Federal Government through the Corps of Engineers would print a newspaper brochure showing where the air raid shelters are located in Scott County. I am enclosing a copy of one which appeared in the Des Moines paper on March 16, 1969. About the only value I can see from it is that it did give some local politicians some free

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advertising by having their names printed on the first page.

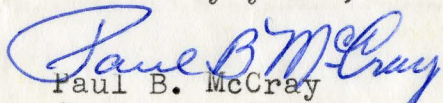
Mr. President can you visualize a businessman each morning before he leaves for work asking his good wife just where his newspaper supplement is so that he may carry it with him throughout his business day in order that he may know where the air raid shelters are located. I suppose if a man traveled he would have to have a special briefcase with all of these brochures for various cities so as to be properly advised.

To me this project is about as useless as making a study of the sex life of a butterfly, which, as I remember, was done under the previous administration.

Its a crying shame and it just isn't right that we do not have money to provide even decent help for our aged, and from a local level we do not have money to take care of our children, who are unwanted and in some cases mentally retarded. It just isn't right that we neglect these things and then the Federal Government provides money for a worthless project as outlined above. If they spend \$6,000 in Scott County, Iowa then the cost in the state would total \$600,000, and then Mr. President, if you multiply this by all the states in the United States it would represent a pretty good chunk of the taxpayer's money.

Here is a place where you and your associates, in my opinion, can cut out some of the waste of taxpayers funds.

Cordially yours,


Paul B. McCray

Chairman, Finance Committee

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cc - Honorable Robert Finch
Honorable Jack Miller

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United States Senate

Washington, D. C., April 10, 1970

Respectfully referred to

The President
White House
Washington, D. C.

and
"For your information."

BT
Lyle A. Welch^x

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December 23, 1970

Dear Mr. Hicks:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter to the President in reference to hearings underway before your Subcommittee on Civil Defense. Your request that recommendations submitted to the President on the relationship between the Federal Government's disaster assistance activities and its civil defense activities be also submitted to your Subcommittee for comment, prior to a Presidential decision, will be fully considered.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable Floyd V. Hicks
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

bcc: w/incoming to General Lincoln for DIRECT REPLY to
Mr. Hicks. Please furnish Bill Timmons with copy
of response.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Marge:

This was originally sent to General Lincoln who returned it disclaiming responsibility. I found out today that Mr. Flanigan has the action with General Otto Nelson, heading the study group.

Will you handle further?

V. Olson

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- ① report as submitted
- ② add Timmons if we need submit

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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December 29, 1970

To: Virginia Olson
Office of Honorable William E. Timmons

From: Thomas J. Simmons *[Signature]*
Special Assistant to the Director

Pursuant to our telephone conversation this date, the attached correspondence from Congressman Floyd V. Hicks is returned for further handling based upon White House decisions.

Attachment

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With cordial regards,

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Reply Due	12/31/70
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	NRAC
	Liaison

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable Floyd V. Hicks
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

cc: w/incoming to General Lincoln for DIRECT REPLY to
Mr. Hicks. Please furnish Bill Timmons with copy
of response.

WET:VO:vo

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U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Washington, D.C. 20515

NINETY-FIRST CONGRESS

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December 22, 1970

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The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. President:

On April 22, 1970, in connection with your disaster relief proposals to the Congress, you announced that a study would be made of the relationship between the Federal Government's disaster assistance activities and its civil defense activities as these are closely related at the State and local level. It is my understanding that recommendations are to be made to you by December 31, 1970.

The House and Senate have agreed upon new disaster assistance legislation. The bill, however, does not address the relationship of natural disasters with civil defense activities.

As you noted in your Message to Congress, this latter subject required special attention to the impact of any changes upon national security.

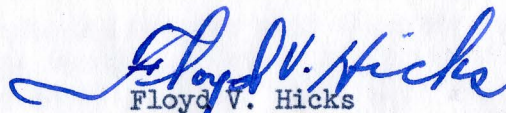
Civil Defense at the Federal level has always been primarily a national security program, and, as such, from its inception the House Armed Services Committee has had legislative oversight of the program. In fulfillment of this duty, the Honorable L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman, House Armed Services Committee, announced on October 8, 1970 the appointment of a Special Subcommittee on Civil Defense to conduct a general review of the Civil Defense program and particularly the activities that have occurred in connection with the administration and operation of the program since 1963.

I have the honor of chairing this Subcommittee. Other members appointed were the Honorable W. C. (Dan) Daniel (Va.), and the Honorable Bob Wilson (Calif.). The Subcommittee has held hearings related to the status and progress of the Civil Defense program; however, it now appears that it will not be possible for the Subcommittee to complete its hearings prior to the date you have asked for submittal of the recommendations of the study announced on April 22, 1970.

Prior to your decision to act on the recommendations the Subcommittee would appreciate the opportunity to examine them and provide you with its comments.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Floyd V. Hicks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Floyd V. Hicks
Chairman

Special Subcommittee on Civil Defense

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January 28, 1969

Dear Mr. Rives:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter concerning the problems of providing an adequate civil defense program for our nation.

I will see that your ideas are forwarded to the Office of Emergency Preparedness for their consideration.

Your continued interest, and that of other young people, is needed if our government at all levels is to effectively serve our citizens.

Sincerely,

Bud Wilkinson

Charles B. Wilkinson
Special Consultant
to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Office of Emergency Preparedness

Date: January 28, 1969

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☐ Direct reply.
☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- XXXX** For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

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If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

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To: Charles B. Wilkinson
From: Mr. Michael P. Rives
Date: January 22, 1969
Subject: Civil defense program

By direction of the President:

Charles B. Wilkinson
Special Consultant to the President

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Mr. Charles B. (Bud) Wilkinson
Special Consultant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

January 22, 1969

Dear Mr. Wilkinson,

You have been mentioned in the news media as a possible intermediary for the President with the youth of this country. That is why I write to you today....because I am one of the youth.

I have a suggestion which I believe if put into action would greatly benefit many Americans. That suggestion concerns civil defense.

It has come to my attention by observation and reading that the civil defense system in this nation is lacking something very important. Surely no one can disagree that the Civil Defense officials have done a tremendous job of organizing local governmental units in preparation for any Civil Defense emergency. But the officials have not organized the people.

Ask the average American who sits in front of a television what he would do if the station announced that the United States were under enemy attack? Ask the college and lower level teachers and students what they would do if the nation were being attacked? They might reply that they would get under their desks even though a civil defense shelter ((even thoughtlacking) might be in the same building! The list of ignorance in the field of civil defense

could go on and on. One thing is certain. It should not be this way and it cannot continue.

I propose a plan unlike any in recent years. It is not really spectacular, but it would involve many citizens.....many forgotten people in our society.

Specific proposals:

(1.) The Civil Defense units or office in each community conduct neighborhood campaigns to inform citizens of the nearest shelter. Mind you, this is not assigning shelters which is a difficult task which could not be accomplished ~~any way~~ because of the lack of shelters in residential areas anyway. Each household would be given a card suitable for hanging listing the nearest shelter and other vital information.

(2.) Neighborhood groups would be organized to form neighborhood civil defense corps. The corps would be composed of elderly and impoverish citizens. This corps would be trained by local governmental units to deal with neighbor hood problems in the event of attack. The selection of these people would be ideal. The elderly and impoverish are usually at home the most. They need a small additional sum, which could be paid, to help life's necessities. Also this would give the elderly people a new view of life. They would be needed and wanted by society once again. This sum paid would also may it unnecessary for the President to raise social security again for all old people. You see, some of them would be earning their money.

(3.) Open houses should be held frequently at civil defense shelters to acquaint the people with what they really are.

Michael Rives

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(4.) Here is a board suggestion. Encourage the office of Civil Defense to stock more shelters to the maximum and make sure they have large signs in front of them.

I know what I propose, Mr. Wilkinson, may seem contrary to the President's peace policy, but I sincerely believe it could and should be put into action if:

A- The anti-ballistic ^{missile} program were slowed down and the Soviets and others were made to understand that we had really embark on a truly defensive civil defense policy. That of protecting our people in case of war, not destroying the enemy.

B-If it were publicized that civil defense preparation on a board scale is nothing new. Many nations have such programs.

Please excuse the length of this letter, but I could not express my thoughts any briefer. Please also forgive my typing!

Mr. Wilkinson, I know what I propose sounds like the wild youthful idealism that you are probably familiar with after so many years of dealing with young people. This is not the case at all. The proposals given represent a grave concern for the many children, the elderly, the sick, and the rest of humanity that will perish, when they could have been saved, in the event of nuclear war.

Thank-you.

Sincerely yours,

Michael P. Rives
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