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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (66-5423)

SUBJECT: OPERATION ALERT, 1957

DATE: 6/24/57

Transmitted herewith is Pennsylvania State Council of Civil Defense Information Circular Number 80, dated June 3, 1957, which outlines the procedures contemplated by the State Civil Defense Director's Office in connection with the captioned alert.

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STATE COUNCIL OF CIVIL DEFENSE  
MAIN CAPITOL BUILDING  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

June 3, 1957

INFORMATION CIRCULAR NO. 80

PUBLIC RELEASE DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1957

STATEWIDE CIVIL DEFENSE TEST - JULY 1957

PART I - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. A national civil defense test, called "Operation Alert 1957", will be held during the period July 8 through 19, 1957. States, Territories, Possessions and the District of Columbia will participate.

2. The State Council of Civil Defense and all county and local civil defense organizations in Pennsylvania will participate in the July test, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, under authority provided in Section 4 of the State Council of Civil Defense Act of 1951, P.L. 28, as amended. The primary purposes of test activities carried out within the Commonwealth shall be:

- (a) To provide the general public with further opportunity to become familiar with the standard public action signals;
- (b) To further test the over-all effectiveness of State, county and local attack warning devices and systems;
- (c) To provide further opportunity for members of the general public to practice basic self-protection measures;
- (d) To further test State, county and local plans for emergency mobilization and operations; and
- (e) To provide further experience in the solution of problems likely to be faced under attack conditions.

The test also will serve to stimulate public interest and participation in the statewide civil defense program.

PART II - OUTLINE OF TEST PROGRAM

3. The principal features of the July 1957 test as carried out in Pennsylvania will be as outlined below:

- (a) A public action signal familiarization program will be carried out on Monday and Tuesday evenings, July 8 and 9;
- (b) A statewide public participation drill will be held at an unannounced time on Friday, July 12;

- (c) A statewide control center communications drill, sometimes called a "command post exercise" or CFX, will be carried on from late morning until midnight on Friday, July 12;
- (d) Inter-county and local operational tests will be held as locally desired on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 12, 13 and 14.

Details of the above listed features are presented in Parts III, IV, V and VI, below.

### PART III - PUBLIC ACTION SIGNAL FAMILIARIZATION PROGRAM

4. Information available to the State Council of Civil Defense indicates that few members of the general public readily can identify and know the meaning of the two standard public action signals (i.e. the "Alert" and "Take Cover" signals), as sounded on local sirens, horns and whistles.

5. In order to provide the public with further opportunity to "get to know" the two public action signals, therefore, a public action signal familiarization program will be held on Monday and Tuesday, July 8 and 9, 1957. The essential details of this program are listed immediately below.

- (a) Beginning precisely at 7:15 P.M., E.D.T., on Monday evening, July 8, and AGAIN on Tuesday evening, July 9, all county and local civil defense organizations will publicly sound the long, steady "Alert", or "Attention", signal on local sirens, horns or whistles.
- (b) Beginning precisely at 7:30 P.M., E.D.T., on Monday evening, July 8, and AGAIN on Tuesday evening, July 9, all county and local civil defense organizations will publicly sound the three-minute, pulsating "Take Cover" signal on local sirens, horns or whistles.
- (c) Well in advance of and immediately prior to public sounding of the two prescribed public action signals on the evenings of July 8 and 9, all County and Local Civil Defense Directors will be expected most extensively to publicize the exact times and dates of the soundings and most strongly to urge everyone to take that opportunity both to learn readily to distinguish one signal from the other and to learn the exact meaning of each.
- (d) During public sounding of the two prescribed signals on July 8 and 9, the public at large will be expected ONLY to listen to and "get to know" each of the two signals.

6. In publicizing the public action signal familiarization program, all County and Local Civil Defense Directors will be expected strongly to emphasize the fact that THE ONLY ACTION REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC SOUNDING OF THE OFFICIAL "ALERT" AND "TAKE COVER" SIGNALS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY EVENINGS, JULY 8 AND 9, 1957, WILL BE FOR EVERYONE TO LISTEN FOR AND "GET TO KNOW" THE TWO PUBLIC ACTION SIGNALS. No other civil defense or public action shall locally be made a part of this particular feature of the July test.

7. In the preparation and release of publicity relating to the public action signal familiarization program, County and Local Civil Defense Directors are cautioned to make certain that the "Alert" and "Take Cover" signals are accurately described and their meanings correctly listed. As a matter of convenience, this information is summarized immediately below.

- (a) The official "Alert", or "Attention", signal is a long, steady, non-fluctuating siren, horn or whistle blast lasting from three (3) to five (5) minutes in all.
- (b) The official meaning of the "Alert", or "Attention", signal is "Listen for emergency information or instructions!" These instructions will be publicly disseminated by radio broadcast, by television (unless off the air under Conelrad), by public address systems and by other means locally prescribed.
- (c) The official "Take Cover" signal is a three-minute long, pulsating, or "warbling", siren tone; a three-minute long series of short blasts on horns or whistles; or a combination of the two.
- (d) The official meaning of the "Take Cover" signal is "Take cover immediately!"

For detailed information concerning emergency sounding of public action signals and conditions of warning, County and Local Civil Defense Directors should refer to Information Circulars Nos. 71 and 79, dated May 4, 1956 and June 1, 1957, respectively.

#### PART IV - STATEWIDE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DRILL

8. The National Association of State and Territorial Civil Defense Directors has received no official acknowledgment of its April 1957 suggestion, made to the Federal Civil Defense Administration, that a simultaneous, nationwide public participation drill be held on Friday, July 12, 1957. Unofficially, however, the Association's Alert Committee has been given to understand that no nationwide public participation drill will be scheduled in connection with Operation Alert 1957.

9. In view of the facts stated in Paragraph 6, immediately above, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will join with the States of New Jersey and New York in simultaneous conduct of a statewide public participation drill to be held on Friday, July 12, 1957. (According to current information, other states surrounding Pennsylvania, including Delaware, Ohio, Maryland and West Virginia, will hold not statewide public participation drill in connection with the July test.)

10. Essential facts concerning the statewide public participation drill to be held in Pennsylvania on July 12, 1957 are outlined immediately below.

- (a) The primary purpose of the drill will be to provide members of the general public further opportunity actually to practice basic self-protection measures, namely, to listen for and appropriately react to public sounding of standard public action signals.
- (b) The drill will be held during daylight hours, but its exact time will not be announced in advance of the time it actually takes place.
- (c) The "timing" of the drill will be governed by official State Council of Civil Defense declaration of warning Conditions Yellow, Blue, Red and White, as prescribed in Information Circular No. 79, dated June 1, 1957.
- (d) Immediately upon official declaration of Condition Yellow, which will be marked by transmission of a standard Yellow warning condition signal over the bell-and-lights system and which will take place late in the morning, all county

and local civil defense organizations instantly shall inaugurate public sounding of the long, steady "Alert", or "Attention", signal on local sirens, horns or whistles. (If not previously activated, all control centers shall be fully activated upon declaration of Condition Yellow, in order to carry out the control center communications drill prescribed in Part V, below.)

- (e) Public sounding of that "Alert", or "Attention", signal prescribed in Subparagraph (d), immediately above, shall be accompanied by the widest possible public dissemination of an emergency message worded essentially as follows: "Attention, everyone! A simulated air raid warning has been received. This warning marks the start of today's statewide civil defense test. For test purposes, hostile aircraft are now assumed to be more than two hours distant from the City of (name of city)." This message may be disseminated by radio or television broadcast, by public address systems and by other means locally prescribed. EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT EVERYONE WILL BE EXPECTED TO LISTEN FOR THE EMERGENCY MESSAGE PRESCRIBED IMMEDIATELY ABOVE, NO PUBLIC ACTION SHALL BE REQUIRED UPON DECLARATION OF CONDITION YELLOW.
- (f) Following declaration of Condition Blue, which will be marked by transmission of a standard Blue warning condition signal over the bell-and-lights system, county and local civil defense organizations will be expected to mobilize those forces required for action during Condition Red (see Subparagraphs (g) and (h), below). During Condition Blue, no public action signals shall be publicly sounded on local sirens, horns or whistles and no public action shall be required.

Special Note: To further test their ability publicly to disseminate emergency messages, county and local civil defense organizations may broadcast public test messages during Condition Blue, provided such messages are not accompanied or preceded, by public sounding of any public action signal (see Paragraph 13 of Information Circular No. 71, dated May 4, 1956). An example of this type of message might be, "Attention, everyone! According to the plan for today's statewide civil defense test, hostile aircraft are now assumed to be from one to two hours — repeat, from one to two hours — distant from the City of (name of city)."

- (g) Immediately upon official declaration of Condition Red, which will be marked by transmission of a standard Red warning condition signal over the bell-and-lights system, all county and local civil defense organizations instantly shall inaugurate public sounding of the three-minute, pulsating "Take Cover" signal on local sirens, horns or whistles. Sounding of the "Take Cover" signal may, or may not, be accompanied by local broadcast of an appropriate emergency message, as desired. Where such a message is broadcast, it should be worded essentially as follows: "Attention, everyone! The 'Take Cover' signal has sounded. All take cover immediately!"
- (h) Immediately upon public sounding of the "Take Cover" signal on local sirens, horns or whistles, members of the general public will be expected immediately to "take cover". Civil defense and police forces will be expected to bring highway traffic to a halt and to direct people on sidewalks to seek refuge indoors. Trains, aircraft and other scheduled commercial carriers, as well as emergency vehicles, may continue operations. Other details of this particular phase of the drill will be the same as in previous statewide public participation drills.



- (i) Immediately upon official declaration of Condition White, which will be marked by transmission of a standard White warning condition signal over the bell-and-lights system, all county and local civil defense organizations instantly shall inaugurate public sounding of a long, steady "alert", or "Attention", signal on local sirens, horns or whistles. (This will be the day's second sounding of the official "Alert", or "Attention", signal.)
- (j) Public sounding of that "Alert", or "Attention", signal prescribed in Subparagraph (i), immediately above, shall be accompanied by the widest possible public dissemination of another emergency message worded essentially as follows: "Attention, everyone! A simulated civil defense 'all clear' has been received. The air is now assumed to be clear of hostile aircraft. Traffic may now resume movement and all people their normal pursuits. This 'all clear' marks the end of today's public participation drill."
- (k) Upon public sounding of the second "Alert", or "Attention", signal and public dissemination of the accompanying emergency message required (Subparagraphs (i) and (j), above) traffic may resume movement and people their normal pursuits. This will mark the end of the public participation drill. (The control center communications drill will, of course, continue until midnight.)

11. To facilitate conduct of the public participation drill, which necessarily must be carried out within a limited time, County and Local Civil Defense Directors may wish, prior to start of the drill, to provide local radio and television stations with emergency messages of the types prescribed in Subparagraphs 10 (e), (g) and (j), above. This is permissible, provided that all stations concerned clearly understand that each of the three (3) messages shall be broadcast at a specific time, namely, simultaneous with or immediately following the first "Alert" signal (to be publicly sounded upon declaration of Condition Yellow), the "Take Cover" signal (to be publicly sounded upon declaration of Condition Red), and the second "Alert" signal (to be publicly sounded upon declaration of Condition White).

12. Appreciable confusion invariably results from simultaneous conduct of a public participation drill and a control center communications drill, as required by federal plans for Operation Alert 1957. In order to keep this confusion to an absolute minimum, the only public action signals to be publicly sounded in Pennsylvania during the daylight hours on Friday, July 12, 1957, shall be two (2) "Alert", or "Attention", signals (the first to be sounded upon official declaration of Condition Yellow and the second upon official declaration of Condition White) and one (1) "Take Cover" signal (to be sounded upon official declaration of Condition Red). The only exception to this restriction is that State Council of Civil Defense Area Directors are authorized to grant approval for additional soundings of public action signals, provided the same are deemed essential to the conduct of county and local operational tests (Part VI, below).

13. The provisions of Paragraph 10, above, obviously preclude the conduct of any evacuation tests during the daylight hours on Friday, July 12. Public participation activities of this particular type shall be held after dark on Friday, July 12, or preferably, on Saturday or Sunday, July 13 or 14.

14. County and Local Civil Defense Directors in communities adjacent to the States of New Jersey and New York must bear in mind the fact that public action signals may sometimes be sounded within those States, both on July 12 and under actual attack conditions, at times which differ from those of soundings in Pennsylvania. On July 12, however, the prescribed "Take Cover" signal (Subparagraph 10 (g), above) and that particular "Alert", or "Attention", signal next following the "Take Cover" signal (Subparagraph 10 (i), above) will be sounded at the same times in all three States.