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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

The need for effective civil defense procedures is vital to our national security. But individual plans and procedures are of little value without a coordinated level of national security levels. The Director of the Office of Civil Defense, Department of Columbia, through the Deputy Director of the Civil Defense Services, has requested that the Office of Civil Defense be authorized by the President to conduct research and development in the proper training of individuals engaged in the development of a home shelter and a continuing program of research and development in preparation for these items in the national emergency.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Office of Civil Defense Agency of the Executive Order of the Office of the President, 100-10, National Home Area of Washington, D.C., be authorized to conduct the exercise which will be held on November 1, 1955.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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