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EDM Items

(To Be Submitted to Ass't. General Manager for Administration)

1. The Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, has recently invited AEC participation on the Ad Hoc Committee on Alert Planning. Mr. R. L. Corsbie, Chairman, EDM Committee, was designated by Chairman Strauss on November 30, 1953 to represent the AEC. Participation in this group of "security agencies" will materially assist AEC planning and accomplishment of an operable and equipped emergency headquarters establishment.
2. November 5th Civil Defense Exercise (Unclassified) AEC participation in this Government-wide drill is summarized as follows:

Personnel evacuated to shelter:

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|--------------------|------------|
| Mc Shain Bldg..... | 250 |
| East " | 325 |
| West " | <u>600</u> |
| Total..... | 1175 |

Effects on personnel under conditions of simulated attack:

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|----------------|------------|----------------|
| Killed..... | 188 | approximately. |
| Injured..... | 267 | " |
| Uninjured..... | <u>720</u> | " |
| Total.... | 1175 | |

Mc Shain Building. - In evacuation to shelter areas the Mc Shain Building AEC personnel were delayed a little through failure of Foreign Operations Administration personnel to clear the fifth and sixth floors. Despite this, personnel were in the shelter areas six minutes after the air-raid alarm. In sharing the building with the FGA, our planning and performance were somewhat handicapped through the Chief Building Warden and his deputy having left the agency previous to the exercises and successors

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East Building - Of the 325 persons participating in the exercise, 220 survived as contrasted to five in the drill of December 1952. This improvement is largely attributed to improved control of traffic, crossing public streets, and employee cooperation. One hundred fifty people were in the shelter in the Commerce Building five minutes after the alarm and all within seven and a half minutes.

West Building - Personnel in the West Building were in shelter areas three minutes after the alarm, including the General Advisory Council—meeting in Room 213—and personnel of the Military Liaison Committee who are permanently housed on the second floor, east corridor.

3. Emergency, Disaster and Mobilization Committee (Unclassified)

The EDM Committee held its second meeting on 11-16-53 with all Divisions and Offices of the Headquarters represented. Reports of the status of several matters under the cognizance of the Divisions of O&F and Construction and Supply and the Office of General Counsel were presented. Many of the plans and actions necessary precedent to occurrence of an emergency situation hinge on the definition of AIC functions essential in such circumstances. It was indicated that attack on this basic problem is indispensable to furtherance of EDM planning as a whole. Research into this matter as well as the past development and evolution of this type of planning in the Commission is under way by the Chairman with the assistance of the members.