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RE: Observation at Town of Cortlandt Energy Operating Center, Barondehirsh Road

I arrived at the Cortlandt EOC at 2:15 and spoke to Bob Pavone, Cortlandt's only full time police officer and administrator of the EOC. My conversation with Mr. Pavone revealed the following information:

A pertinent map was missing from the Cortlandt EOC.

A radio frequency was being used to transmit messages without the knowledge of the personnel at the Cortlandt EOC.

Equipment available for radiation testing was from World War II and not adequate in case of an emergency.

Because of lack of staff (one full time and three part time police officers) the Town of Cortlandt was responsible for traffic control only on 9A. The remainder of the town would be covered by the state police or the police forces of neighboring towns. In view of the fact that both of these facilities would be extremely overtaxed in case of an emergency it is questionable whether they would in fact be able to release personnel to Cortlandt.

At 12:08 a message came in from the EOC in White Plains to evacuate ERPA's 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9. This was carried out by Mr. Pavone and staff. Several hours later it was revealed that the evacuation should have been a five mile evacuation which would have included the entire town of Cortlandt. In reality the Southern part of Cortlandt had not been evacuated when in fact it should have. The mix-up apparently had to do with a difference in maps (one marked in miles, one in ERPA's) as well as an abundance of messages, some official others not, coming into the Cortlandt EOC. Mr. Pavone considered the above incident a serious communication breakdown.

Aside from a few incoming and outgoing calls there was little activity at the EOC during the time I was there. My information was obtained through conversation with Mr. Pavone. At 4:00 the drill was declared over.