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MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT : Civil Readiness Exercise 1975 (REX 75)

As indicated in the annual civil emergency preparedness program guidance letter, dated September 11, 1973, the Office of Preparedness is planning a civil readiness exercise (REX 75) to be conducted in March 1975. The exact dates and specific nature of the exercise have not been finally determined; however, the following information is provided for your information:

1. REX 75 will interface with a Joint Chiefs of Staff world-wide military command post exercise, PRIME RATE 75, and with the NATO exercise, WINTEX 75. The exercises will include requirements for both national and NATO-wide civil participation.
2. A minimum of two OP/GSA Regional Offices will participate in REX 75 and Federal agency participation with these regions will be encouraged.
3. The planning accomplished for REX 75 exercises will include preattack, transattack, and immediate post-attack. The JCS, however, are also planning a reconstitution exercise, named POLE VAULT 76, to be conducted in the third quarter of FY 1976. POLE VAULT 76 will be based on a reconstitution timeframe scenario, and will use the PRIME RATE 75 attack as a departure point. The JCS have acknowledged the need for civil agency involvement in the design and execution of POLE VAULT 76, and this will be accomplished by a concurrent civil exercise, REX 76. Although civil play in REX 75 will be more procedural in nature than that envisioned for POLE VAULT 76, it will provide our first opportunity to exercise current continuity of government arrangements and concepts developed for emergency operations.



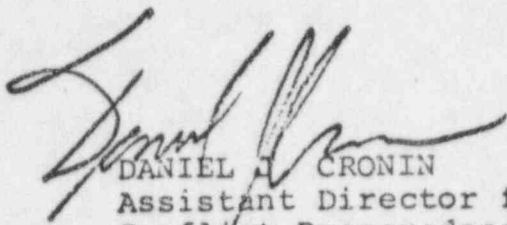
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Additional information on these exercises will be provided as our planning progresses.

Sincerely,



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