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STATE-WIDE TEST OF PUBLIC ATTACK WARNING SIGNALS, APRIL 28, 1961

1. General -

a. A State-wide test of the public attack warning system sounding the Attack Warning Signal - "TAKE COVER" - which is defined and authorized by Section 7 of Executive Order 31, will be made at 12 noon 28 April 1961.

b. The purpose of this test is to check the speed of transmission of the Attack Warning Signal to the Cities and towns, and also to educate the public as to the signals. NO PUBLIC ACTION WILL BE REQUIRED, except that certain municipalities may have their own action, and are responsible for informing the public within their own municipalities.

2. Authority -

a. Section 20 of Executive Order 31 authorizes the State Director to initiate or approve tests of the attack warning system, as required, and this has been approved by Governor John A. Volpe making no further authorization necessary.

3. Responsibility and Timing -

a. The Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency will notify the Division of State Police to utilize their five Key Point Warning Centers to issue a PUBLIC "TAKE COVER" SIGNAL at 12 noon Friday, April 28, 1961.

b. Local authorities who receive the Air Defense Warning are urged to sound the appropriate public signal at this time. Any local responsibilities for passing this signal on to other communities shall also be carried out.

4. Public Information of This Test -

a. The Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency will inform all daily and local newspapers in the State of this test, emphasizing that no public action is required, and that this is an educational test to acquaint the public with the "Take Cover" signal.

b. The Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency is also arranging for preparatory radio and TV releases prior to the time of the test.