

Grid of Federal Agencies' Responses to Hilex 75

OFFICE	NAME	TITLE	CALLER	DATE	COMMENTS
National Security Agency (NSA)					
Refused to say	Col. Roney	Refused to say	Mitchell Hirsch	12-11	Said "How do you know there aren't at least two simulation centers for Hilex?"
U.S. Department of the Interior					
Defense Electric Power Administration (202) 343-1100	Mr. Swart	Staff member	Joseph Marques	12-10	Did not know about Hilex, but said his office had been involved in Rex 75 and would be involved in Rex 76. For information on Hilex, he referred caller to Dr. James Pettee, John Splain, or Col. - Peterson at Office of Preparedness.
U.S. Department of Agriculture					
Emergency Preparedness (202) 343-5631	James Davis	Head	Kathleen Murphy	12-9	Confirmed involvement with Hilex; refused to talk about it until we contacted Col. Peterson in FPA.
Intergovernmental Affairs (202) 447-7615	R.B. Wilson	Director	Joseph Marques	12-11	"No comment." Referred us immediately to State Department.
U.S. Department of Labor					
Liaison Office to FPA (202) 523-6963	William McGloughlin	FPA Liaison Officer	Joseph Marques	12-10	Said he was not "at liberty to talk" about Hilex. "All civilian agencies were involved." Said to call Baird at FPA.
U.S. Department of Justice					
Liaison Office to FPA (202) 739-2325	Sue Welch	assistant to Wypolmerski (director)	Joseph Marques	12-10	Wypolmerski "on leave." Said she was "not familiar" with Hilex but has "seen the word."
Liaison Office to FPA (202) 739-2325	Mr. Wypolmerski	Director FPA Liaison	Kathleen Murphy	12-11	About Hilex: "If I do (know), I'm not saying." "I'm not in a position to say... Call State Department."
U.S. Department of Commerce					
Office of Industrial Mobilization (202) 561-9451	Mr. Aaronson	Staff member	Kathleen Murphy	12-9	Hilex is a NATO maneuver. U.S. participating through "a 'cell' in State Department which includes representatives from Defense, Commerce, Agriculture, State, Interior and Transportation Departments." As far as he knows, "Commerce Department's role in Hilex will be to oversee two or three key production items, including chromium, to determine necessity of sending reserve supplies to W. Europe." Said U.S. component of Hilex would mostly involve transportation. Referred me to Douglas Kinney at the State Department for more information. "I can't comment at this time on the nuclear weapons exchange element of Hilex. It's very tricky, you know."
Emergency Readiness (202) ST3-9200	Mr. Pidgeon	Staff member	Joseph Marques	12-10	FPA instructed him to refer callers about Hilex to State Department.
Bureau of Int'l Commerce: Commerce Action Group for the Near East (202) 967-5261	Mr. Peter Hale	Staff member	Joseph Marques	12-11	Was not asked about Hilex but said that Gerald Parsky in Treasury and Frank Zarb at FEA would handle emergency operations in case of oil embargo.

Emergency Planning Office, Federal Maritime Administration (202) 967-3232	Mr. Case	Director	K. Brown	12-11	IPS asked about contingent plans for a national longshore strike: "You might as well ask me what are my contingency plans for a strategic nuclear exchange." Hilex is live, are you familiar with it. "Yes." Do you know the scenario. "Yes." So you know it ends with a nuclear strike against the Soviet Union. "Yes, but why don't you tell me about it?"... "No, I didn't know it was to be live, to the best of my information. I'm listening to what you say with great interest...go on."
Office of Energy Readiness (202) 783-3627	Mr. Pidgeon	Director	K. Brown	12-11	"Yes, I know about Hilex." (IPS) It's a live operation, etc. "That's a lot of twaddle... you're just causing trouble," refused to comment further.
Department of Industrial Resources, Division of Industrial Mobilization (202) 967-5141	Secretary to Mr. Aaronson	Director of Industrial Resources	K. Brown	12-9	IPS asked if she had received instructions on what to tell anyone asking about Hilex. She said, "Yes, I have my instructions," but refused to elaborate.

U.S. Department of Defense

Secretary of Defense Public Affairs (202) 697-5331	Duty Officer	Duty Officer	Ronald Kokinda	12-8	"We can find no information on this (Hilex) here... call a Mr. Sneider over at the State Department... he is a NATO Public Affairs type."
Int'l Security Affairs (202) 697-9729	Col. H.H. Brundt	Executive Officer to Director Robert Ellsworth	Ronald Kokinda	12-9	"Yes, I'm fully aware that this is (Hilex) going on... I don't think this (insurrection) is going on... I'll draw my own conclusions."
Army Civil Affairs Special Operations (202) 695-4110	Mr. Staudt	Staff member	Robert Kay	12-9	"I'm only involved in Hilex in a peripheral way...we are involved in operations overseas, but not in the U.S. except in an emergency situation." "Call Major Murray (head of DOMS) he would know."
Joint Chiefs J-3 Exercise Plans and Analysis Div.	Col. Block	monitors Joint Chiefs' exercises	Information made available to IPS	12-9	Mr. Block said he'd been getting calls all day about Hilex, that he didn't have "any idea" what it was, that Congressional offices and the Department of Defense Office of Public Affairs and others had been calling him for information. He had previously known of its existence from seeing some "spill over messages" (orders to others concerning Hilex that did not apply to him) in recent months.
Joint Chiefs J-5 Studies Analysis and Gaming Agency	Col. Flynn's Asst.	monitors Joint Chiefs' exercises	Information made available to IPS	12-9	On Hilex: "Beats me what it is." "I don't think it's one of ours."
Joint Chiefs J-5 Studies Analysis and Gaming Agency	Col. Webster	SAGA Political Military Division	Information made available to IPS	12-9	"Oh, yeah, I've heard of Hilex. It was messy. It had us running for a while today because of a possible conflict with something we were planning." He said this new plan might start at the end of March.

U.S. Treasury Department

Secret Service (202) EX3-6400	Agent Watson	Duty Officer	Jeffrey Steinberg	12-9	"Yes, I know about Hilex 75...."
Int'l Security Affairs (202) 697-1802	Mr. George	Staff member	Ronald Kokinda	12-12	"Yes, I know about it (Hilex)..."

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Assistant Secretary for Trade (202) 964-5163	Robin Cleary	Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary	David Goldman	12-8	"I know about these simulations (Hilex) because people here have been talking about this and are standing by waiting for instructions."
Office of National Security (202) 964-2536	Jerry Nensel	Assistant to the Director	David Goldman	12-8	Never heard of Hilex. Extremely alarmed and requested literature.
Office of National Security (202) 964-2536		Secretary to the Director William Morrell	Morrell's Secretary called D. Goldman	12-8	"Mr. Morrell knows all about Hilex and asked me to tell you that he doesn't want to speak with you or see your information."
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Trade (202) 964-5163	Gerald Parsky	Assistant Secretary for Trade	Robert Berkowitz at a NYC press conf. given by Parsky	12-8	Yes, I know about Hilex but I'm not directly involved... Bill Simon (Secretary of the Treasury William Simon) knows all about it."
Dept. of the Treasury (202) 964-2748	Robert Vasteen	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade and Raw Materials	Alice Roth	12-11	Denied knowledge of Hilex and Goldman report to State Department recommending a grain embargo. Denied a grain embargo was being considered. Ordered Hilex brief.

U.S. Federal Energy Administration (FEA)

Regulatory Programs (202) 254-9766	Barry Yaffe	Staff member	Morris Levitt	12-11	Knew about Hilex. Disclaimed involvement.
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White House

Office of Special Representative for Trade Negotiations (202) 395-5116	Clayton Yeutter	Special Rep for Trade Negotiations; former USDA Assistant Secretary	Alice Roth	12-11	Denied knowledge of Hilex and Goldman grain embargo report. Said: "This is not to criticize the (Hilex — ed.) scenario, but there is no basis for it..." Proceeded to argue that it was not in U.S. economic interest: grain prices are falling, large crops, etc. Also said Soviets are only momentarily vulnerable. The southern Hemisphere crops are coming in and they will be able to buy grain in Australia and Argentina.
White House Press Office (202) 456-1414	William Greener	Deputy Press Secretary	Mitchell Hirsch	12-8	Unaware of Hilex, asked how to verify, Ran 10-minute check and came back with "I cannot find out anything on this." Official statement from Greener: "I don't believe that there are any operations approved by the President taking place anywhere in the world which would lead to a war or increase the likelihood of a war breaking out. It's my belief that the President would not approve any such operation, exercise or maneuver or series of maneuvers."
White House Office of Wm. Seidman, Econ. Advisor to Ford (202) 456-1414	Mr. Douglass Metz	Assistant	Susan Kokinda	12-8	Unaware of Hilex. Asked detailed questions about Third World debt situation, to understand motivation for Hilex.
Office of White House Chief of Staff, Richard Cheney (202) 456-1414	Peter Russell	Assistant	Kathy Murphy	12-8	Listened to long briefing, unaware of Hilex.

U.S. Federal Reserve

Office of Contingency Planning (202) 454-3701	Mr. Grimwood	Director	K. Brown	12-11	Denied any involvement with Hilex or NATO, said he "didn't know there were NATO exercises on now and anyway was never involved with NATO, his office was totally domestic." IPS: OK, what about Rex 75, you ran that for the Fed, right? "Yes, Rex 75... that was in March, but that's just domestic, that doesn't have anything to do with NATO, the Federal Preparedness Agency runs that."
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Canadian Department of National Defense

Information (613) 992-7469	Col Boulet	Director of Information	Barbara Dreyfuss	12-9	"Hilex is a paper exercise!"
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Canadian Department of External Affairs

Information (613) 992-1706	Chris Lundy	Wouldn't give title	J. Berg	12-12	Were referred to her by several people who called her "our exercise lady." Knew all about Hilex, or at least some level cover story. "Der Spiegel article has nothing to do with the real Hilex... everything is classified."
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Canadian Department of Agriculture

Emergency Planning	Hugh Gamble	Coordinator of Emergency Planning	Interviewed in Ottawa by Susan Tobin	12-10	"Be careful about what you say (about Hilex): that's a sticky wicket." "I've probably said too much already." "I can't even discuss this with my wife."
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U.S. Department of State

Bureau of European Affairs NATO-Atlantic political-military affairs	Douglas Kinney	Staff member	Kathy Murphy	12-9	"Hilex is classified."
Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) (202) 632-1192	Robert Cupperman	Staff member	Kathy Murphy	12-11	"Not involved in Hilex but used to be at FPA." Referred calls to Gen. Bray, FPA head.
Intelligence and Research Pol-Mil Theater Forces (202) 632-8857	Gary Crocker	Deputy Assistant	Mitchell Hirsch	12-12	"I'm aware of Hilex but are you saying it's a plan to cause a conflict?"
Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs (202) 632-1341	Louis Nosenzo	Director, Nuclear Policy and Operations	Mitchell Hirsch	12-12	"I'm aware of Hilex but won't say what I know. I'm not privy to NATO war plans."
Intelligence and Research Office of Strategic Affairs (202) 632-2086	Lawrence Finch	Director, Strategic Affairs	Mitchell Hirsch	12-12	"I've heard of Hilex but have not received any instructions."

Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs Office of Maritime Affairs (202) 632-2655	Richard Bank	Director-Chairman, U.S. Delegation to OECD, Maritime Committee Chairman, Shipping Coordinating Committee of IMCO	K. Brown	12-12	"Hilex? I don't know about it! (when pressed) I may have heard about it — but it's nothing to be discussed in the U.S. government at this time... no, no, it's not a sore spot." On connection between NATO and Admiral Hill-Norton's call for integration between military and civilian transport: "There has been for many years a direct connection and tremendous discussion between the private tanker industry and NATO, since the founding of NATO." See Transport section of brief for how OECD and IMCO are provoking the shutdown of the European tanker industry.
Bureau of International Organizations Transportation and Communications Agency (202) 632-7930	Michael Hoyt	Assistant Director and IMCO specialist	K. Brown	12-12	"IMCO has no connection with NATO or these maneuvers... Mr. Bank, Director of Maritime Affairs, and Mr. Grip (Hoyt's Director — ed.) spent the day at an IMCO briefing given by the Commandant of the Coast Guard to discuss the November IMCO Assembly. IMCO's main deliberative body is the shipping Coordinating Committee, which has members from every department of the government. Mr. Bank is the chairman. There are also labor and business members." See Transport brief for full list of SCC members.
Bureau of European Affairs Office of OECD European Community and Atlantic Political Affairs (202) 632-0306	Mike Burner	Acting Director	T. Arsenis	12-12	Did not want to talk about anything, said that he had talked to us three times in the last week which does not seem to be true.
Bureau of European Affairs Office of OECD European Community and Atlantic Political Affairs (202) 632-2604	Ed Casey	Staff Member	T. Arsenis	12-12	Heard of Hilex, when fully briefed asked me to call Holmes at the OECD NATO desk. The group that he heads is what he described as a "backstopping operation where in the context of the North-South Conference the OECD nations can get together and discuss strategy and plans."
Bureau of European Affairs Office of NATO and Atlantic Political-Military Affairs (202) 632-1626	Mr. Lahovitch	Acting Director	T. Arsenis	12-12	"...Look there is only one thing I can tell you, Hilex is a paper exercise, there have been seven of them in the last 12 years, there is nothing to worry about."

U.S. General Services Administration: Federal Preparedness Agency

Controlled Conflict Preparedness (202) 343-1100	William Baird	Staff member	Joseph Marques	12-10	FPA has a "minor role in coordinating" Hilex, but "This is being handled almost entirely by the Department of State and you should speak to them." Referred caller to State's press office.
Domestic Preparedness (202) 343-4227	Dr. James Pettee	Staff member	Joseph Marques	12-10	"I've heard the name Hilex, but I know nothing about it. Others may but they would be at a higher level than myself."
Philadelphia Office of Federal Preparedness	Mr. Forde	Director	Information made available to IPS by confidential sources	12-9	"Yes, I know about Hilex" but was very upset that as reported, the news agencies were calling the Penn Central about the connection between Hilex and the shutdown of the Northeast railroads: "I'm going to check into this and find out why people are calling you about this."
Controlled Conflict Preparedness (202) 343-1100	William Baird's Secretary	Staff member	James Applebaum	12-10	Talked to stand-in for Baird's secretary who said she was familiar with Hilex because people in the office worked on the documents and she had seen them.

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Controlled Conflict Preparedness	Mr. Baird	Staff member	Information made available to IPS (sources confidential until Rockefeller's police agencies are shut down)	12-10	In response to a request by Douglas Kinney of the State Department Office of European Military Affairs for the titles of the reports that Mr. Baird was working on concerning Hilex, Baird called across the room to a Mr. Splain, saying "do you have those Hilex reports?" Then got back on the phone and said "Mr. Splain has the reports. He'll go back to his desk and call you in a moment. He has your number."
Controlled Conflict Preparedness (202) 343-1100	Mr. Splain	Staff member	James Applebaum	12-10	Briefed him thoroughly on the Hilex operations. Refused to comment, said he was taking notes.
Crisis Management (202) 343-1100	Charles Kise	Staff member	Kathy Murphy	12-11	Claimed no knowledge of Hilex, but said the Conflict Preparedness Division would know about it.
Crisis Management (202) 343-7684	Avery Kohl	Staff member	Kathy Murphy	12-11	Had heard of Hilex but was playing no role in it. However, his staff might participate in it by advising on energy and transportation "problems." Said he would not be surprised if Hilex tested Schlesinger doctrine of limited nuclear war, and that if it did, this would be the first time a Hilex exercise did. Referred the caller to William Baird.
Director's Office (202) 343-5631	Spokesman	Staff member	Kathy Murphy	12-11	Said he knew nothing about Hilex. "That's international business. Call the State Department's press office."
Domestic Preparedness (202) 343-1100	Robert Griffith	Staff member	Joseph Marques	12-11	FPA coordinates IS positions for use in NATO Committees; Mr. Ackersen of the FPA oversees transportation coordination of a part of this, but is currently in Europe.

U.S. Department of Transportation

Office of Emergency Transportation	Mr. Lettice	Staff member	Information made available to IPS by confidential sources	12-9	"The maneuver has nothing to do with reality, it's mere simulation."
Office of Emergency Transportation (202) 426-4570	George Barryel	Assistant to the Director	Daniel Ciavaglia	12-12	"Yes, I'm familiar with Hilex . it will start in March."
Liaison office to Federal Preparedness Agency, Federal Aviation Administration (202) 426-4000	Richard Reeder	Staff member	Daniel Ciavaglia	12-12	"I work through the Emergency Division of the Department of Transportation... have not heard of Hilex before but I saw a memo that the press would be calling about it."
Emergency Transportation (202) 426-4118	George Barry	Assistant to the Director	Eric Lerner	12-12	Familiar with Hilex, said it would start in March. Had heard of USLP brief on street.

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Hudson Institute	Donald S. Brennan	Assistant to Director Herman Kahn	Information made available to IPS by confidential sources	12-8	Said he had "heard" of Hilex but knew very little.
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RAND Corporation	Paul Y. Hammond	Member, Strategic Forces Staff	Information made available to IPS by confidential sources		Hammond acknowledged that he had heard of Hilex but didn't know it in detail.
RAND Corporation	Hans Einstein	Head of NATO Strategic Program	Information made available to IPS by confidential sources		Acknowledged that he knew of Hilex.
World Watch Institute	Lester Brown	President	Information made available to IPS by confidential sources		"One of our people was up to West Point last June on Shapex 75" but would not admit connection to Hilex. "There are various scenarios for food control, such as climate and monetary destabilization, these are nothing new."
Central Intelligence Agency					
Deputy Director for National Intelligence for Strategic Programs	Staff member	Staff member	Information made available to IPS by confidential sources	12-12	Said he had heard of Hilex and recommended getting in touch with "J-3," the Department of Operations under the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Department of Defense.