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SPECIAL REPORT

FEDERAL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY ON NUCLEAR WAR FOOTING FOR FEBRUARY

BOSTON, DEC. 20 (IPS)—THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS STEPPED UP ITS DOMESTIC PREPARATIONS FOR A NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST, ACCORDING TO MASSACHUSETTS CIVIL PREPAREDNESS DOCUMENTS AND LEADING MASSACHUSETTS CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICIALS.

IPS HAS LEARNED THAT THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY, GENERAL LOUIS BRAY, HAS SENT ALL OF HIS REGIONAL COMMANDS A MEMO—CODE NAMED "OPERATION REX"—CALLING FOR ACTIVATION OF PLANS FOR INTERFACING OPERATIONS BETWEEN THE DEFENSE CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY, THE FPA, AND THE FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION, TO COMMENCE A NUCLEAR DISASTER SIMULATION FOR FEBRUARY, 1976. REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF THE FPA ARE NOW IN WASHINGTON PLANNING FOR THE EXERCISE.

COMMENTING ON THE EXERCISE, A LEADING OFFICER IN THE NEW ENGLAND CONTROL BUNKER FOR THE FPA TOLD IPS: "EVERY NIGHT I DRIVE HOME AND LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC CALLING THESE SPORTS TALK SHOWS AND IT MAKES ME SICK. ALL THEY CARE ABOUT IS THE BRUINS AND RED SOCKS AND DON'T EVEN CARE ABOUT RUSSIANS ATTACKING US. THEY DON'T THINK IT CAN HAPPEN HERE. IT WILL."

ONE DOCUMENT, TITLED "SCENARIO AND INFORMATION FOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT EXERCISE," STATES: "BEGINNING IN THE LATE SPRING OF 1975, THE TENSION LEVEL BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE USSR INCREASED. DISTRUST WAS INTENSIFIED ON BOTH SIDES, WHICH EACH SUPERPOWER CONVINCED THE OTHER WAS INTENT ON WORLD DOMINATION AND ON ENFORCING ITS OWN POLITICAL SYSTEM ON THE OTHER. WITHIN THE U.S., CIVIL PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS WERE MINIMIZED TO AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF PREPARING TO LAUNCH A FIRST STRIKE....THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THAT THE WORSENING OF THE SITUATION REQUIRED FULL CIVIL EMERGENCY READINESS....AT 0645 EST ON SEPT. 30, 1975, U.S. MILITARY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS DETECTED THE LAUNCH OF A SOVIET ATTACK ON THE U.S. THE FIRST NUCLEAR BLASTS WERE REPORTED IN NEW ENGLAND AT 0700 EST...A FEW HEAVIER WARHEADS OF 10 AND 20 MEGATONS WERE DETONATED ON TARGETS IN NEW ENGLAND. IT IS NOW OCT. 30 AND THE INITIAL SHOCK OF THE ATTACK HAS PASSED...MOVEMENT IS NOT COMPLETELY RESTRICTED....BOSTON HAS BEEN BADLY DESTROYED...FEDERAL AGENCIES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN FOR MONTHS, PERHAPS NEVER."

THE FPA OFFICER ALSO SAID THAT "WHEN THE ATTACK IS LAUNCHED, THE FRAMINGHAM BUNKER OF CIVIL DEFENSE BECOMES THE SEAT OF MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNMENT. AT THIS POINT, THE BUNKER COMMANDER PULLS OUT A DESK SIGN MARKED 'GOVERNOR,' AND REPLACES HIS MILITARY DESIGNATION WITH THE OTHER."

HE REVEALED THAT A NEW "PLAN D,"--DESIGNED IN VIEW OF THE "LI-MITED WAR" DOCTRINE OF FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY JAMES SCHLESINGER-- IS NOW BEING DRAWN UP. POINT 9 OF THE PLAN RELATES TO BANKING AND IMMEDIATE ECONOMIC STABILIZATION AFTER AN ATTACK:

"THERE SHALL BE NO GENERAL DEBT MORATORIA. HOWEVER, IN PARTICULAR HARDSHIP CASES, PARTIAL MORATORIA MAY APPLY."

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