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NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION MEMORANDUM NO. 127

**TO: The Director, Office of Emergency Planning
The Secretary of Defense
The Director, Bureau of the Budget**

SUBJECT: Emergency Planning for Continuity of Government

1. It is requested that the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning establish a high level committee, under his chairmanship, with other members representing the Department of Defense and the Bureau of the Budget, to re-examine Federal policy with respect to emergency plans and continuity of government in the event of nuclear attack on the United States. The Committee should be prepared to report to the President by June 1, 1962. It may draw on such other departments and agencies as are appropriate for assistance in this task. In particular, it may wish to consult with the Department of Justice on certain legal problems, the National Security Council and the White House Staff, and the President's Emergency Action Officer (the Naval Aide) in relation to the President's emergency plans.

2. The Committee's study should include an examination of the present relocation plan for Federal personnel, including the procedures for selecting the necessary emergency personnel, the physical relocation sites and their communications, and the evacuation plans for moving personnel to the relocation centers. In addition, the study should examine the relations between the proposed improvements in the National Military Command and Control system and the plans for continuity of other U. S. Government agencies, with particular emphasis on the plans for insuring the survival of the Presidency.

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3. The study should also examine the present state of planning for continuity on the state and local government level and give consideration to what Federal responsibilities might be appropriate in this area.

4. In making its study, the Committee should review present National Security Council Actions, and the existing package of standby Executive Orders and directives which constitute the emergency actions program for the White House.

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cc: The Secretary of State
The Attorney General
The Secretary of the Interior
The Secretary of Commerce
The Administrator, Housing and
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