

These memos

CIVIL DEFENSE PROGRAM

o Background on Program

- o Initiated by National Security Defense directive issued in early 1982.
- o Proposed 7-year program cost \$4.3 billion.
- o Purpose of Program:
 - o Protection of lives. Population evacuation from cities to outlying areas.
 - o Also under consideration is program to protect key industries.
- o Program would also assist in times of non-defense related emergencies arising from natural disasters, i.e., floods, earthquakes, etc.
- o Last year Congress severely reduced our civil defense request, arguing that our program wasn't sufficiently well-defined. Only \$150 million was authorized and appropriated.
- o Senator Tower was particularly critical; arguing that the program was not well thought out.

o Talking Points for Discussion with Senator Tower

- o Fiscal Year '84 request is \$253 million.
- o It is our understanding that the House Armed Services Subcommittee yesterday authorized only \$200 million for this program.
- o We understand that the Senate Armed Services Committee is considering options ranging from no funding to full funding with the likely outcome being \$150 million.
- o To maintain a credible civil defense effort we need a minimum of \$250 million for FY84. We ask your support to help us accomplish this.
- o If our FY84 program is significantly reduced the result will be to delay the time until the U.S. population is provided necessary protection. Since the Soviets have a strong civil defense, further delays would only worsen our strategic posture.

*Discussion took place betw FAB & Tower
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