

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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ACTION

September 16, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRENT SCOWCROFT
FROM: RICHARD T. KENNEDY *RK*
SUBJECT: Participation in REX 75

As requested, attached is a brief acknowledgement of Les Bray's invitation to you to participate in the meeting on REX 75 (Civil Readiness Exercise) on September 19. It designates Colonel Granger as your representative.

I will work with Granger. I do not believe there is any necessity for us to offer remarks other than those impromptu ones which might be generated by discussions at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the attached letter.

Attachment

"OBE"

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Bray:

I appreciate your letter of September 13 inviting my presence at your September 19, 1974 Planning Meeting for REX 75.

Unfortunately my schedule will not permit me to attend. We are interested in participating, however, and I, therefore, am asking Colonel Clinton E. Granger, Jr. of the National Security Council Planning Staff to attend as my representative.

Sincerely,

Brent Scowcroft
Lieutenant General, USAF
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Mr. Leshe W. Bray, Jr.
Director
Office of Preparedness
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C. 20405

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 13, 1974

SEND FOR RUSH STAFFING

General Scowcroft unable to participate.
Do letter for the General's signature regretting
and giving name of alternate that we would like
to have represent him.

Lora Simkus

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Office of Preparedness
Washington, D C 20405



SEP 13 1974

LTG Brent Scowcroft, USAF
Deputy Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear General Scowcroft:


This Office is now planning a civil readiness exercise, REX 75, to be held early next year in coordination with the major Federal civil departments and agencies that have emergency preparedness responsibilities. This exercise will interface with the Joint Chiefs of Staff exercise (PRIME RATE 75), and the NATO exercise (WINTEX 75), in order to test concurrently civil, military, and NATO plans and arrangements for responding to an escalating international crisis leading to nuclear war.

To provide orientation and to facilitate civil agency planning for REX 75, we are having a kick-off planning meeting of all participating Federal departments and agencies on September 19, 1974, at 10:00 a.m., in the Auditorium of the General Services Administration Building at 18th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC.

I would welcome and appreciate your presence at this meeting and, if you so desire, I will provide you an opportunity to make any comments you wish, to me and to the participating representatives. For your general information, I am enclosing a tentative agenda for the meeting.

Since this is very short notice, I am going to take the liberty of calling you in the next few days to discuss this meeting with you.

Sincerely,


LESLIE W. BRAY, JR.
Director

Enclosure

REX 75

TENTATIVE AGENDA INTER-AGENCY BRIEFING

SEPTEMBER 19, 1974

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME
DIRECTOR L.W. BRAY, JR.
2. OBJECTIVES OF REX 75
W. D. BAIRD
3. SUMMARY OF JCS EXERCISE PRIME RATE 75
COL. ROBERT KUREK
4. SUMMARY OF NATO EXERCISE WINTEX 75
JOHN J. POLICASTRO
5. PLANNING SCHEDULE & WORK PACKAGE REX 75
A. J. DOVER
6. REACT, READY, AND DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
ARRANGEMENTS
J. C. PETTEE

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Office of Preparedness
 Washington, D C 20405



SEP 12 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. JEANNE W. DAVIS
EMERGENCY COORDINATOR, NATIONAL SECURITY
COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Civil Readiness Exercise 1975 (REX 75)

Enclosed, for your information and retention, is a copy of a memorandum sent to the heads of departments and agencies which provides preliminary information concerning Civil Readiness Exercise 1975 (REX 75).

As indicated in this memorandum, REX 75 will provide those parts of government with non-military emergency preparedness responsibilities an unparalleled opportunity to exercise selected portions of their civil emergency preparedness procedures.

We would welcome and encourage the participation of the National Security Council staff during the planning phase of this exercise. Further, a REX 75 planning meeting is scheduled to be held on September 19, 1974, at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium, GSA Building, 18th & F Streets, N. W., Washington, so that participating Emergency Coordinators may be provided all information available concerning this exercise. A U. S. SECRET/NATO SECRET security clearance is required for those attending this meeting.

Please inform this office (343-4088) not later than September 17, 1974, if your schedule will permit you to attend this meeting. Should you be unable to attend, please inform this office of your designated representative to this meeting. In order that security clearance may be certified, please have your Security Office contact Mr. John Lavery of this office (343-4673) concerning the attendance of Domestic Council staff personnel.

DANIEL J. CRONIN
 Assistant Director for
 Conflict Preparedness

Enclosure

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AUG 22 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Civil Readiness Exercise 1975 (REX 75)

By memorandum (copy attached), my Assistant Director for Conflict Preparedness, Mr. Daniel J. Cronin, on May 30, 1974, informed the Emergency Coordinators of all Federal departments and agencies of preliminary plans for the major civil readiness exercise (REX 75) referred to in the Office of Preparedness annual civil emergency preparedness guidance letter dated September 11, 1973.

The timing of REX 75 has now been fixed for the period March 3-14, 1975. Office of Preparedness, General Services Administration Regional Offices 1 (Boston, Massachusetts) and 8 (Denver, Colorado) have been designated to participate and Federal agency field office participation in those regions is requested.

REX 75 presents an excellent opportunity to exercise current continuity of government arrangements, plans, and procedures for Federal civil emergency operations. Additionally, the exercise will test related civil resource management measures during the preattack, transattack and immediate postattack periods of a national emergency which will be simulated in REX 75. Although all departments and agencies are invited to participate, I particularly urge the participation of the Category A agencies designated in OEP Circular 9100.2.

To facilitate our joint planning for REX 75, please provide the General War Preparedness Division, Office of Preparedness, (202) 343-4088, by August 28, 1974, with the name of your Exercise Coordinator who will work with my staff in developing the final arrangements for REX 75. It is our plan to assure that participating departments and agencies derive maximum benefit from the exercise by forming working groups consisting of Exercise Coordinators and members of my staff to develop the detailed civil scenario for REX 75.

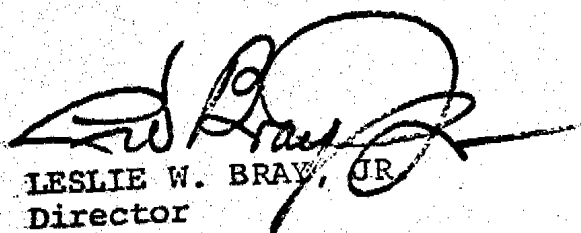
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The first meeting of the Exercise Coordinators will be held on September 19. Further details will be provided to your designated Coordinator in the near future.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leslie W. Bray, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

LESLIE W. BRAY, JR
Director

Enclosure



May '30, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT : Civil Readiness Exercise 1975 (REX 75)

As indicated in the annual civil emergency preparedness program guidance letter, dated September 11, 1973, the Office of Preparedness is planning a civil readiness exercise (REX 75) to be conducted in March 1975. The exact dates and specific nature of the exercise have not been finally determined; however, the following information is provided for your information:

1. REX 75 will interface with a Joint Chiefs of Staff world-wide military command post exercise, PRIME RATE 75, and with the NATO exercise, WINTEX 75. The exercises will include requirements for both national and NATO-wide civil participation.

2. A minimum of two OP/GSA Regional Offices will participate in REX 75 and Federal agency participation with these regions will be encouraged.

3. The planning accomplished for REX 75 exercises will include preattack, transattack, and immediate post-attack. The JCS, however, are also planning a reconstitution exercise, named POLE VAULT 76, to be conducted in the third quarter of FY 1976. POLE VAULT 76 will be based on a reconstitution timeframe scenario, and will use the PRIME RATE 75 attack as a departure point. The JCS have acknowledged the need for civil agency involvement in the design and execution of POLE VAULT 76, and this will be accomplished by a concurrent civil exercise, REX 76. Although civil play in REX 75 will be more procedural in nature than that envisioned for POLE VAULT 76, it will provide our first opportunity to exercise current continuity of government arrangements and concepts developed for emergency operations.

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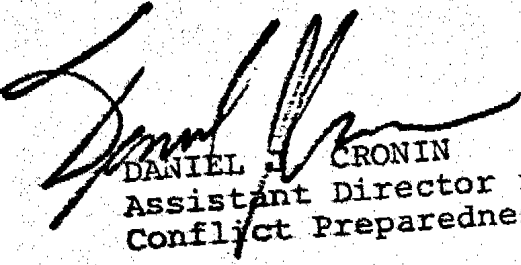
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Additional information on these exercises will be provided as our planning progresses.

Sincerely,



DANIEL J. CRONIN
Assistant Director for
Conflict Preparedness

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- NATO Civil Emergency Planning Coordinating Committee
- OP/GSA Regional Directors for Preparedness
- OP Central Office Exercise Coordinators

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