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Honorable Melvin R. Laird  
Executive Agent  
National Communications System  
Washington, D. C. 20301

Attn: Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Telecommunications

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) has approved for implementation the plan entitled "National Communications System Plan for Communications Support in Natural Disasters."

It is requested that you arrange for the implementation of the plan, and, as a first step, designate the appropriate agency to provide communications support in each of the eight OEP regions. The Director, OEP, should be advised of the designation to enable him to forward a Mission Assignment letter establishing proper authorities for reimbursement of funds expended in the conduct of the NCS plan.

A training program will be developed by OEP to instruct communications support personnel in disaster assistance activities. The NCS should assist OEP in the development of this training program.

Mr. James E. Nicholson, Disaster Assistance Division, Disaster Programs Office (telephone 395-5894) will be the point of contact within OEP for actions related to the implementation of the NCS plan. It is requested that this Office be kept advised as each major milestone is reached.

The staffs of the Manager, NCS, and the NCS operating agencies are to be commended for developing a plan which will result in providing much needed communications support during natural disaster operations.

Sincerely,

Clay T. Whitehead

cc: Honorable George A. Lincoln  
Director, OEP

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Dr. Mansur  
Mr. Joyce

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

JUN 28 1971

Honorable Clay T. Whitehead  
Director  
Office of Telecommunications Policy  
Washington, D. C. 20504

Dear Dr. Whitehead:

The Office of Emergency Preparedness accepts and approves the NCS plan entitled "National Communications System Plan for Communications Support in Natural Disasters" dated March 1971 transmitted to this office by your letter dated April 23, 1971.

The plan is well conceived and comprehensive, and should provide for adequate communications support for natural disaster assistance operations.

As a first step to the immediate implementation of this plan, please advise the Executive Agent, NCS, to designate the appropriate agency or agencies as the supporting NCS operating agency. The agency so designated should be requested to appoint the field office that will be assigned the support role in each of our eight regions. The office so designated will then meet with the appropriate OEP Regional Director to coordinate the selection of specific individual(s) who will become the Communications Coordinator. NCS is requested to provide assistance to OEP throughout this initial step.

Once an agency has been designated by NCS, the appropriate Mission Assignment Letter will be forwarded from this Office to that agency, establishing the proper authorities for reimbursement of funds expended in the conduct of the plan.

Within OEP, implementing instructions are being prepared to be sent to all Regional Office staffs. The NCS plan will be modified slightly in order to make it a part of our normal disaster assistance operating procedures. Any changes to the NCS plan will be coordinated within your Office.





April 23, 1971

*Noted  
Director*

Honorable George A. Lincoln  
Director  
Office of Emergency Preparedness  
Washington, D.C. 20504

Dear General Lincoln:

Last October you indicated that a final natural disaster communications support plan should be developed to replace the interim plan for employment of National Communications System (NCS) communications teams. In November I asked the Executive Agent, NCS, to develop such a plan and forward it to me for review.

The attached plan was developed by the Manager, NCS, assisted by those NCS Operating Agencies having the principal responsibility for communications support during natural disaster operations. In addition the plan was reviewed by both your staff and mine prior to its being submitted for my approval.

The plan entitled "National Communications System Plan for Communications Support in Natural Disasters" dated March 1971 is approved. Prior to its implementation your Office will want to instruct the OEP Regional Offices in its implementation. When this action is completed I will be pleased to advise the Executive Agent, NCS, to assist you in implementing the plan.

Sincerely,

/s/

Clay T. Whitehead

Attachment

cc: Executive Agent, NCS  
✓ Mr. Whitehead (2)

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

13 APR 1971

Honorable Clay T. Whitehead  
Director of Telecommunications Policy  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington, D. C. 20504

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

Please refer to your letter of November 18, 1970 regarding the Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) requirement that a natural disaster communications support plan be developed by the Manager, NCS.

Enclosure 1 is the proposed plan which was prepared by the Manager, NCS in coordination with pertinent NCS Operating Agencies. Enclosure 2 is the Department of Defense (DoD) plan to provide emergency communications support to the Director, OEP Region Three during natural disasters. DoD is being tasked to develop a plan to provide similar support to the other OEP Regional Directors. A copy of the plan will be forwarded to you as soon as it is available.

Prior to your approval and submission of enclosure 1 to the Director, OEP for implementation, it is recommended that the following change be made to paragraph 4b (page 5) in order to further emphasize the responsibilities of the NCS Operating Agencies.

- b. Maintain staff supervision over and provide assistance to its designated Communications Coordinator in the fulfillment of the specific mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Louis A. deRosa", is written over the typed name.

Louis A. deRosa  
Assistant to the Secretary of Defense  
(Telecommunications)

Enclosures 2



November 18, 1970

Honorable Melvin R. Laird  
Executive Agent  
National Communications System  
Office of the Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D.C. 20301

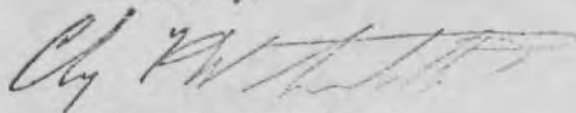
Dear Mr. Secretary:

By his letter of October 27, 1970, General Lincoln approved an interim plan for NCS support of OEP during communications emergencies resulting from natural disasters. A copy of General Lincoln's letter is forwarded for your information.

General Lincoln has indicated a desire that his staff continue to work with the NCS staff to develop the final natural disaster communications support plan. I agree that such a plan should be developed utilizing appropriate portions of the nation's telecommunications resources. During the development I would appreciate the opportunity to make inputs to the plan. When the plan is completed it should be forwarded to me for review and forwarding to General Lincoln for his subsequent implementation during natural disaster situations.

I am pleased that General Lincoln is looking to the NCS for support in emergency situations, and I'm certain that the NCS will respond accordingly.

Sincerely,



Clay T. Whitehead

Attachment

cc: Director, OEP  
Mr. Whitehead (2)  
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October 27, 1970

Lt. Gen. Richard P. Klocko, USAF  
Manager  
National Communications System  
Department of Defense  
Washington, D. C. 20305

Dear General Klocko:

Thank you for your letter of September 22, 1970, transmitting to us the interim plan for employment of NCS communications field teams in support of the President's disaster assistance program.

The plan has been reviewed within OEP and a number of minor word changes have been suggested. These have been discussed informally with NCS staff personnel and they foresee no difficulties making these minor adjustments. The OEP suggested changes are attached.

I approve your suggested interim plan and am anxious to proceed with its implementation. The support of NCS communications personnel was valuable during the Corpus Christi hurricane disaster and proved the desirability of a joint effort to meet the needs of the disaster assistance program.

I have instructed my staff to continue to work with NCS personnel in developing the final natural disaster communications support plan.

Sincerely,

(Signed)  
G. A. Lincoln  
Director

Attachment

cc: Director, OTP