

MEMORANDUM TO: J. Patrick Coyne  
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Requested Ideas on Continental  
Air Defense Attack Warning and Action Channels

Attached hereto are copies of the material which I described in our telephone conversation of 16 December. They represent some of our ideas on the relationship of Intelligence to the Continental Air Defense problem.

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Continental Air Defense Attack Warning and Action Chart

Condition of Emergency	II. Definition	III. Channeling	IV. Evaluation and Notification	V. Action	VI. Public Announcement
Continental Defense Readiness	<p>A condition, determined by the President, or JCS, of imminent hostilities involving the US or allies, originating in one of two ways:</p>	<p>By the receiving IAC agency, or AEC element, to the AIC for the IAC Watch Committee, and the DCI</p>	<p>Preliminary evaluation by initial departmental or agency, recipient; complete evaluation by IAC Watch Committee on basis integration all available intelligence and information and, subsequently, when appropriate, by the IAC; DCI presentation thereof to the President and SEC</p>	<p>Decision by the President as to execution of the White House Emergency Plan, relocation of executive branch personnel having essential wartime functions, notification to FEMA headquarters, and proclamation of civil defense emergency; subsequent declaration of "Military Emergency" by JCS, thereby initiating, among other actions, a state of Air Defense Readiness (a condition of higher than ordinary combat preparedness) and notification thereof to selected FEMA centers in advance of advice resulting from Presidential decision</p>	<p>As directed by the President</p>
	<p>1. Receipt of evaluated National Intelligence warning</p>				
	<p>2. Declaration of air defense readiness (a condition of higher than ordinary combat preparedness) by CADC on the basis of credible information received from [ ] and/or the operation of the Air Defense System [ ]</p>	<p>By CADC as an action message to the JCS and the President, and as information to the AIC for the IAC Watch Committee if the time between the declaration of Air Defense Readiness and expected attack is short; if time is not critical as above (By CADC to the JCS, thence to the AIC for the IAC Watch Committee etc.)</p>	<p>If time is critical, evaluation to fullest possible extent by JCS and I/1 RCAF; JCS presentation thereof to the President in presence of available SEC members; if time not critical as above, (from JCS to AIC for Watch Committee etc.) 25X1 25X1 25X1</p>	<p>If time is critical, JCS orders declaration military emergency, execution White House Emergency Plan and relocation essential Executive branch personnel (CADC notifies FEMA direct); if time not critical as above (Presidential decision, JCS implementation etc.)</p>	<p>As directed by the President</p>

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