



STATE OF NEW YORK  
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GOVERNOR

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Dear Allen:

In July of last year, you will recall the New York State Defense Council endorsed a special task force report on Protection From Radioactive Fallout. It was urged at that time that a further study be initiated immediately with respect to the methods and costs involved in implementing this program, particularly concerning itself with the questions of shielding, detection instrumentation and survival kits.

This investigation has now been concluded, and I feel certain you will want to familiarize yourselves with it.

I continue to feel a deep sense of obligation to the people of the State of New York in this connection. This responsibility is shared as well by my colleagues on the Governor's Conference Special Committee on Civil Defense and, together with the President, we are confident that fallout protection for all our citizens can be achieved with vigorous and constructive leadership. The results of the recent White House conferences on this vitally important subject showed an impressive unanimity among the Governors on the need for fallout protection and the approaches to be taken to protect our citizens from the possibility of nuclear attack on our country.

In every way available to us, we are pursuing the peace we must have in the world and to this goal of peace I am, and have been, and will continue to be, genuinely and sincerely dedicated.

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Therefore, I have moved to this task, as have the members of the committees responsible for this report, with a confidence that by discharging this responsibility successfully, we will evidence our determination to make a significant contribution -- a contribution to our nation's quest for a truly meaningful peace -- a peace founded on liberty and justice and trust among nations and among men.

I would be most appreciative of your reactions and your suggestions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure