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Dear Mr. Fleming:

This is in compliance with the request made in your memorandum of 12 May 1954, for information on which to base a report to the President concerning the exercises held on 11 June 1954.

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We believe that the exercise was extremely beneficial to the Government as a whole in that it served as the medium for getting together at one time and in one place key officials of the executive departments and agencies and focusing their attention upon the gravity of problems arising from a major disruption of the orderly processes of government. By this process a better appreciation of the problems can be developed, leading to more complete consideration of the solutions, and we feel sure that future exercises will show marked improvement in our readiness to meet and cope with emergency conditions.

We were especially impressed by the problems arising in connection with possible disruption of world-wide communications facilities. We were similarly impressed by the necessity for keeping adequate records in places of safety, to the end that they will be available in time of emergency. While we have already given serious consideration to these problems we are going to redouble our efforts to take maximum precautions in this regard.

The program of bringing together the top executives at the assembly area at [ ] was, in our opinion, properly conceived for the pur-

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