

THE ATLANTA METROPOLITAN AREA OF CIVIL DEFENSE

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The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
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Dear Mayor Allen:

Reference is made to the requirement that your Plan for Civil Disturbances be updated by 1 April 1968. In this connection, I have checked with Superintendent Moseley of the Police Department, who states the Police Plan is effective and no important changes are needed. Chief Hildebrand has two assistants improving his plan in coordination with the Georgia National Guard. Based on the experiences from riots in other cities last summer, Chief Hildebrand and I recommend the firemen not be used for traffic control. The plan for Disaster Medical Care has been published, but is not yet approved by the Fulton, DeKalb and Cobb County authorities. The important thing is that Grady Hospital is now better prepared to coordinate medical services. A copy of this Plan is attached for your approval (TAB A). I recommend approval.

We have also prepared an overall "Atlanta Plan for Control of Civil Disturbances" in draft form. Copy attached (TAB B). This Plan cannot be finalized until it is fully coordinated with the local Departments and the National Guard. I do not recommend approval except for planning purposes.

On 19 April 1968, Friday afternoon, (1:30 p.m.) at the Civil Defense Emergency Operations Center, we will brief Police, Fire, Medical and CD personnel for participation in the National Guard CPEX to be held Saturday and Sunday, 20-21 April, in which I have been asked to represent you, unless you would like to be present. My main job will be to define, for the National Guard, their area of responsibility and mission as required by the Memorandum of Understanding between you and General Hearn. Of course I will get recommendations from the police playing the problem.

I have obtained a draft copy of the latest plan prepared by the Georgia National Guard, copy not attached. For planning purposes Task Force North is to use Chastain Memorial Park and Task Force Southwest - Lakewood Park. Obviously other sites must be

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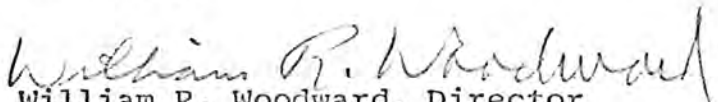
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considered, depending upon the situation at the time. This plan provides for the City Auditorium, 30 Courtland Street, to be used as an alternate Command Post. For many obvious reasons, I believe it best for the National Guard Headquarters group to be here rather than in City Hall, or the Police Headquarters building. I believe City Hall should be the symbol for implementing the humanitarian recommendations of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders and not the combat Headquarters for control of civil disturbances that bring hatred and strife.

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I recommend you approve our planning to use selected parts of the Auditorium for the advanced Command Post, if and when the National Guard is called to active duty in Atlanta.

I have also enclosed (TAB C) a tentative seating arrangement for activation of our Civil Defense EOC room. You will note that all important departments and agencies are represented in order that central coordination may be practiced. Failure to have central coordination will create many unnecessary problems.

Attached is a draft reply to my recommendations (TAB D).

Sincerely,


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