

they could be smuggled in very small packages or even built within the target country itself.

We must build a strategic defense, because it would prevent delivery of weapons from a definite and known threat. We must build a civil defense, because there is no other way that we can protect ourselves from the many threats that cannot be prevented. Nuclear, chemical, and biological technology can be released by accident, terrorism, or war. The mass deaths that these events can cause may not be of concern to the gurus of the "New World Order" who prefer to manipulate unprotected Americans with fear, but they should be of concern to all thinking and morally motivated people everywhere.

FOOD STORAGE AND FEMA

Three years ago, during one of my trips to the National Emergency Training Center, a civil defense speaker's kit developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was previewed. The kit was intended to provide information and colored slides to local speakers on behalf of civil defense throughout the country.

Some aspects of the kit needed improvement. In particular the slides depicting food and water storage for emergencies were unrealistic. They had been produced by someone who had no knowledge of the subject. When I objected to these slides, FEMA responded by initiating a program to develop a food and water brochure that would contain good information. It is typical that this effort required over three years. The remarkable thing is that they did it at all.

The contract for this brochure was given to an advertising company which had no guidance or experience governing the brochure's contents. The advertising company asked us for help, so we supplied most of the information in the brochure.

The initial draft then made its way through multiple layers of government bureaucracy in several agencies. Much of the information came through this review process without too much change and, fortunately, our long term food storage recommendation of 20 pounds wheat, 20 pounds corn, 10 pounds soybeans, 15 grams ascorbic acid, and 1 pound salt per adult per month was adopted without any change at all.

The final brochure is attractive, mostly accurate, and useful. Moreover, we can now say that our long term survival ration has been officially adopted as the long term ration recommended by the United States Government.

As described above, this adoption was largely by default, since no one else made a viable recommendation. Nevertheless, it is an excellent ration, the brochure is useful, and one small step forward has been made for American civil defense.

Instrumental in this step forward were certain bureaucrats within FEMA whose names will not be given here. Even anonymous mention of this brochure in a favorable light by