MEMO FOR MR. EARLY:

The President has agreed to make a news-reel for Civilian Defense week. Mr. Corrington Gill will get in touch with you about the details.

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Robert Collyer
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[Signature]
Draft of Civilian Defense Week statement for the President.

To be recorded by the newsreels before Tues. night, Nov. 4.

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We cannot say that bombs will drop on our people and our homes tomorrow or the day after tomorrow. But we, all of us, are going to see to it that we make it very, very difficult for anyone who tries to bomb us.

Hitler will try. He's out to get us. We have his blueprint for the conquest of America. Destroying that blueprint is going to keep us busy every day from now on. There are a multitude of things that we can do to wreck Hitler's plans.

In our daily lives, we must halt the waste that makes us the most extravagant nation on earth. Save the things that make your home comfortable and American. Protect them from premature breakdown. Do without non-essentials. The German people are doing without, because Hitler has promised them the comforts we have on condition that they steal them from Europe and ourselves.

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Join your neighbors at the Defense Council in your town and find out how you can serve your country.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

7-4-1941

7:15 A.M.

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CAUTION: — The following statement by the President must be held in confidence until released.

NOTE: — Released to editions of all newspapers appearing on the streets not earlier than 9:00 P.M., E.S.T., Tuesday, November 4, 1941. The same release of the text of the statement also applies to radio announcers and news commentators.

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W. D. HASSETT

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