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Mr. Ames,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of FEMA concerning the possibility or potential of involvement by ARRL resources in supporting an exercise that will be conducted by FEMA in the future. And perhaps building upon that exercise a relationship that could be utilized to support future catastrophic events from a communications perspective. In particular, let me provide you with a hypothetical scenario: Situation – a cyber-attack takes down the nations primary PSTN. The FEMA Administrator needs to get a message to each of his ten Regional Administrators. What are the possibilities of a radio gram being originated in the National Capital Region and being sent through the NTS and area networks to the regional networks and to an end user that would deliver the message to the FEMA Regional Office for consumption. And of course we understand the first and last mile of this message traffic is the most problematic. Whom would I or a designated FEMA representative deliver a paper message to, that would start the “By RF Only” process and who ultimately would deliver that message? Obviously we understand that we are asking a lot and would understand if you opted not to participate. I would like to discuss further with you the possibilities for this endeavor at your convenience.

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