

DE Geography Standard 1a and Civics Standard 4b.

This is a press release from the Federal Civil Defense Advisory Council on June 16, 1951 followed its first meeting held at FCDA headquarters in Washington D.C.

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Answer Cues:

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- Set agenda goals for council
- Gather information
- Communicate information to relevant bodies

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- a) Hierarchy: You want to choose a place with a high importance so that there is a large population in the city and from nearby peripheral smaller cities
- b) Accessibility: You want to make sure the venue is accessible to people or they will not want to attend, timing for traffic, parking etc.
- c) Diffusion: Based on the hierarchy and the interaction between cities, determine which cities interact the most so that information spreads through multiple areas quickly.



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FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
CALLS FOR "ALERT AMERICA" CAMPAIGN

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