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The Attorney General

Governor Sewall

The Chief of the State Police and the Attorney General respectfully suggest that the Governor exercise his powers under Chapter 305 of the Public Laws of 1941, approved January 21, 1942, and immediately appoint, delegate and designate all sheriffs and all deputy sheriffs whether regular or special (provided that at the date of the Order they hold commissions as deputy sheriffs) authority to enforce and carry out, or require the carrying out of such rules and regulations as may be promulgated or issued by the Governor under and in accordance with the provisions of said chapter 305.

The several sheriffs of the State should send to the office of the Governor immediately a list giving the correct names and addresses of themselves and all their deputies general or special. A copy of such list should be sent to Colonel Parnum, Director of Civilian Defense so that he will have immediately available a list, and to the Chief of the State Police so that he will know with whom he can cooperate.

To every person so appointed or designated there should be a cautionary memorandum, a suggested form for which is enclosed herewith.

It is further suggested by the Attorney General that retired officers of the Regular Army and Navy, the Reserves and the State Guard in all cases where said retired officers are not so physically disabled as to be unfitted for any duties, shall be drafted and given special authority to assist in the organization of the local civilian defense units. I have talked with several of these men who have expressed regret that their long years of training in the command of men and the handling of critical situations is being overlooked.

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Attorney General