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F. H. Farnum, Director

Civilian Defense

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Attorney General

Relative to your memorandum of April 13th concerning the authority of janitors in apartment houses to pull the master switch during a black-out, it is the opinion of this department that such action is proper under the provisions of Section 3 of Executive Order No. 3, dated February 28, 1942.

Section 7 of Special Order No. 3, dated March 9, 1942 is not inconsistent with Section 3, above mentioned, as it points out the fact that the tenant is responsible for extinguishing lights also and cannot rely upon the landlord to carry out his duty, any more than the landlord can rely upon the occupants to extinguish the lights in their apartments.

Frank A. Farrington  
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