

KNEIP QUESTIONS:

1. When and how were you first informed that there was a potentially serious situation developing in the Black Hills? Time?

2. When did you declare the area one of state disaster, and what did that mean technically? Strengthen hand of civil defense?

3. When did you arrive in RC (where and how)?

4. What priority did the community health threat take among your concerns the morning of June 10th after you made your first survey of the flood area? Did EBS help abate this problem.

5. Could you assess the impact on the community of the EBS during the critical period the day after the flood? Was it a stabilizing influence helping to avoid panic?

6. Did EBS then fulfill its designated function?

7. Have your investigations led ~~you~~ you to any conclusions about the early warnings on radio and TV?

(8. Was there in fact any early warning system? caught compl off guard?)

8. Do you concur that the broadcast industry has a heavy responsibility to use extreme caution in ~~maximum terms of~~ broadcasting emergency ~~warnings~~ to an easily excitable public...and information

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9. My working theory is that there was either a complete lack of civil defense planning or a breakdown in communications between local authorities and the broadcast news media regarding early warnings and information. Aside from the weather bureau and State Police Radio road advisories, there were no warnings from local authorities that a serious situation was developing until 10 pm--when it was too late for many victims. So, I'm concerned about the future. Should broadcasting industry be actively involved in civil defense planning?

10. Because the number of volunteers was much greater than the two-way radio units available, standard broadcasts were used at times to direct the efforts of search and rescue crews who had been supplied with portable receivers. Was this effective?

11. How extensively was state tourism affected by the national publicity given the flood?

12. What relationship do you see between the national broadcast news reports on the flood and the economic depression that hit the ~~South Dakota~~ western South Dakota tourist industry following the flood?

13. What was the response to your out-of-state broadcast appeals for tourists to return? (nature of them, where and when did you broadcast them?)

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