This pamphlet is about a small group of people who have accepted thermonuclear war as a probability, and are consciously and carefully planning for it.

They are above the Army, the Police, the Ministries or Civil Defence. They are based in fourteen secret headquarters, each ruled by a Regional Commissioner with absolute power over millions of people. In the whole of Britain only about 5000 men and women are involved. These chosen few are our shadow military government.

Their headquarters are called Regional Seats of Government. Our story mainly concerns RSS-6, which will rule much of Southern England. The people in RSS-6 are professors, top civil servants, air marshals and policemen. They are quietly waiting for the day the bomb drops, for that will be the day they take over.

4000 copies printed and distributed in Britain and abroad. Sent to the national press, papers covering the Southern Region, local councillors and political parties. Sent to Bertrand Russell, Albert Schweitzer, Linus Pauling, and members of Anti-War movements everywhere: we hope they will do something about it. Sent to Harold Macmillan, George Wigg, and the head of MI5: we hope it will make them cross. Sent to Michael Foot, Barbara Castle, Tony Greenwood, Frank Cousins and Gerald Nabarro: we shall be interested to see what they do.

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Cover photograph: The entrance to RSS-6, seen from the road that runs through Warren Row.
The government has secretly established a network of Regional Service Government covering the whole country. RSJ-1 lies far behind the World War II gun emplacements in the Cliffs of Dover.... RSJ-2 is in a converted fort on the outskirts of York....RSJ-4 is in a concrete bunker underneath government offices in Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge.

The locations and telephone numbers of the RSJ's are as follows: (RSJ-5 and RSJ-11 are still being built):

- **RSJ-1** Catterick (401, 201, 93-7 Dartmouth (Kingsbridge 2611)
- **RSJ-2** York (59641, 59641)  
- **RSJ-3** Nottingham (591151)  
- **RSJ-4** Cambridge (59600)  
- **RSJ-5** Reading (61161, 62641)  
- **RSJ-6** Reading (61161, 62641)  
- **RSJ-7** Edinburgh (Davidsons Mains 1711)

The RSJ system corresponds roughly to the Civil Defence areas, and its HQ (called CHAPLIN) is somewhere in London (Abbey 125). The RSJ's are also linked to a military HQ at Aldershot (4441)

**WHAT IS RSJ-6?**

The post-nuclear Government at Reading - RSJ-6 - has some offices at the Regional Civil Defence Centre, among the Civil Service buildings at WHITE KNIGHTS PARK. But the real site of RSJ-6 is in a subterranean bunker 6 miles out of Reading - in the aptly-named village of WARREN ROW, near the even more aptly-named town of WARGAVE, less than a mile off the main road from Reading to London (A4)

RSJ-6 is disguised as the Home Office Underground Factory Warren Row. Under this name it is kept up without too much suspicion, and under this name it is maintained from a Ministry of Works office in Buckingham Avenue, Slough. It has in fact no manufacturing facilities whatever, except for duplicators and photostats (red tape) and lavatories (bad smells).

The entrance to RSJ-6 is a few yards across the road from the Red House pub, at the east end of Warren Row. It is surrounded and masked by thick woods and low hills. All that can be seen from the road is a padlocked wooden gate and a gatekeeper's hut. There is no name outside, and no indication that it is a Government establishment. It has been crudely but effectively disguised.

The surface buildings inside the gate consist of a couple of wooden storage sheds and a brick boiler house. But there is a concrete ramp wide enough to take motor vehicles, which runs down into the hillside as far as a pair of locked wooden doors (for keeping out H-blasts, presumably). At some distance away there is an array of wireless aerials, whose cables disappear down a vertical shaft into the hilltop.

RSJ-6 lies inside the hill, below the visible buildings and the wireless aerials - a comfortable war-grave for the Southern Region military Government.

**WHAT IS RSJ-6?**

RSJ-6 is a standby headquarters with an operational staff of several hundred. In the event of war, it will take over the
Government of the SOUTHERN REGION, which covers the counties of Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Hants, Dorset and the Isle of Wight, and the county boroughs of Oxford, Reading, Portsmouth, Southampton and Southampton. It lies conveniently in the centre of a region population of three million.

RSJ-6 is near the USAF Strategic Air Command and the RAF bomber command underground headquarters in High Wycombe, the Army Tactical Command headquarters at Aldershot, and the Army Strategic Reserve's concrete bunker at near Salisbury. It is also just outside the blast area of a bomb up to 60 megaton size dropped on London.

Warren Farm is a wholly self-contained community. It has its own facilities for generating electricity, pumping water and disposing of sewage. It has a seven months supply of fresh water, fuel oil and red tape. It has a canteen which can operate on a 24-hour basis. It even has a bar in which the lucky inhabitants can drink the world above them goodbye—open only during licensing hours, of course. There is dormitory accommodation for about 400 people, segregated by sex.

RSJ-6 is the centre of a complicated communications network. It is connected to the ordinary telephone system (Littlewick Green SHS), and by red telephone direct line to the underground switching centre at White Knights Park (Reading 61181/62241). It has a dozen teleprinters and a radio signals department with UHF and VHF wireless equipment, for use in the highly likely event of the telephone system being destroyed. Even the clocks in RSJ-6 are labelled "Zulu Time"—the international NATO system based on the US Strategic Air Command.

It is interesting to note that the SPO is now building 36 giant radio towers, in a network that will cover the whole country. One is London's Museum Tower, already a 200-ft concrete beanstalk off Tottenham Court Road. But a less publicised one lies just across the Thames from Warren Farm, among the backwoods of Stokenchurch, less than five miles from RSJ-6. Most of these radio towers are close to one of the RSJ's, and the system will be an integral part of the military's communications. Total cost to the SPO subscriber? Tens of millions.

WHAT IS THE FUNCTION OF RSJ-6?

RSJ-6 is not a centre for civil defence. It is a centre for military government. It is the headquarters of the REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, who will have supreme power over the three million bodies in his region. In this headquarters the Regional Civil Defence Corps plays a minor and definitely subordinate part. RSJ-6 is staffed by civil servants in the middle echelons, and by service officers in the middle ranks. They have all been appointed.

Virtually every important government department except the Church of England is represented and has been given its staff and offices. There are rooms for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Police, Fire Brigade and Civil Defence. Each of these is centralised under a Supremo, who has already been named in each case. There are offices for the Treasury (including the Big Five), the Central Office of Information, the SPO, the BBC (but not ITV), the Board of Trade, and the Ministries of Health, Food, Supply, Transport and Power. Other departments which will undoubtedly be important after the bomb drops, and which also have offices in RSJ-6, are the Ministry of Labour, the National Assistance Board, and the NVS.

The functions of the various departments are enlightening. The COI will be responsible for censorship, as well as for public announcements (to whom?). The Ministry of Labour will be responsible for conscription of special workers, as well as for labour relations (between whom?). The Ministry of Housing will deal with the disposal of the dead as well as the homeless. There are offices too for departments without ongoing wartime functions. Thus the
WHO IS IN RS3-6?

If there were any doubt about the function of the Home Office Underground Factory in Beren Row, the names of the people there would soon dispel it. The Camp Commandant, who looks after military administration, is Major G. D. Selfe. His equivalent on the civilian side, the Principal Officer, is S. L. Lees. Mr. Lees is a Permanent Under-Secretary at the Treasury, where he is Director of Organisation and Methods. On his secretariat are J. B. Shelley (a Principal Officer at the Ministry of Education), I. R. Lightman (Principal in the secretariat of the Ministry of Works), and E. H. Mann (a Senior Scientific Officer at the Ministry of Aviation).

Take a look at some of the other departments. Note particularly the rank of all concerned. There is not a single elected person among them. It is Colonels and Principal Officers who will rule after the bomb drops, not MPs or Councillors.

NAVY: Rear-Admiral F. C. O. Clémençon, (the Admiralty Regional Officer), with a large staff of Captains, Lieutenants, Commanders and Civil Officers, as well as ratings to polish the top brass.

ARMY: Major-General J. F. Metcalfe (General Officer Commanding Aldershot District), with a staff of officers and other ranks, including Lt.-Col. G. J. Bale (Senior Staff Officer of Operations, Aldershot District).

AIR FORCE: Air-Commodore J. S. Coward, with a number of officers, and some other ranks to whitewash the fallout.

POLICE: D. Osmond (Chief Constable of Kent) plus a staff of 15, including some women police constables.

IRA BRIDGEBOROUGH: K. L. Ashill (Regional Fire Officer, and Chief Fire Officer for Hampshire), E. Lees (C.I.O. for Berks and Reading), A. H. Johnstone (C.I.O. for Surrey) and an all-male staff of 21.

CIVIL DEFENCE: Captain E. S. Harkness, RN, (London Regional Director of Civil Defence) - one wonders who looks after London? Have the Londoneers who have volunteered for OD been told where their boss is to hide out?

CENTRAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION: F. T. Elie (Chief Regional Officer of the COI). There is also a Special Information Unit, which will act as a coordinating centre for processing information from all the other departments. This will be run by J. K. Allen (a Principal Inspector at the Board of Inland Revenue) and J. S. Cassell (a Principal at the Overseas Department of the Ministry of Labour).

S.P.O.: H. S. Thomsett (the Regional Engineer) and A. G. Hawker (Senior Assistant Telecommunications Controller, Home Counties).

HEALTH: C. J. Plumb (until recently a Principal Regional Officer at the Ministry of Health). On his staff is Dr. H. L. Belcher (Surgeon-Commander, RN, Retd.) who is a specialist in venereal diseases. We hope they will have time to worry about that. Also present are Dr. Terence E. Jefferson and Dr. Charles Seeley (both Medical Officers of the M of H), and S. P. Street (a Senior Executive of the Executive Councils Division of the M of H).

FOOD: J. D. Eley (Chief Executive Officer of the SE Region of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

TRANSPORT: S. T. Senn (Clerk of the Metropolitan Traffic Area, Ministry of Transport). Marples Hole will be bigger then.
A word about the same exercise in Britain. No wonder if Fleet Street
will soon report this completely. FALLEX-62 was played under the
patronage of Sir Charles Cunningham, KCB, M.C., O.B.E., O.V.O., Permanent
Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, who reported direct to
Sir Ernest Bevin on what he saw in RS3-6. Sir Charles' salary is the
maximum a civil servant can get: £990. He is one of the most
powerful men in the country.

FALLEX-62 was a full-scale rehearsal of the build-up to a nuclear
war. After an imaginary increase in world tension, general
mobilisation was ordered on 15 September 1962. Thousands of
reservists actually received practice call-up papers. The RS3’s,
RS3-6 among them, were trained on the same day.

On 17 September the hospitals were evacuated. On 18 September the
Regional Commissioner took up his post. On 19 September the Regional
Commissioner assumed full governmental powers, and became the
dictator of his region. On the same day the official evacuation of
heavily populated areas began. Official evacuees included half the
populations of Southampton and Portsmouth, and with unofficial
evacuees they effectively choked all the main roads. On 20 September
the ports were evacuated.

During this imaginary build-up the Civil Defence Corps pretended
to distribute the then unpublished household’s Handbook, which must
have been very useful. We were told to get in 14 days’ supply of
food and water (where from?), and to stay under cover for 7 days. (Then what?) Large heavily-populated areas like London were called
Z-zones and then abandoned to their fate.

The imaginary nuclear war began on 21 September, which by an
extraordinary coincidence was the day when all the preparations were
complete. It started with an H-bomb attack on a German N.A.T.O. base,
followed by similar attacks on Turkey, Italy, Britain and the U.S.A.

FALLEX-62 was meant to test the military preparedness of N.A.T.O.,
but above all to examine in action the efficiency of the emergency plans for the civilian population (who, of course, were never told
anything about it). It did that all right.

Within a few days Britain suffered widespread devastation, in
involving 16 megatonnes. The West German minister for the Interior
said afterwards that “under the present circumstances nobody has a
chance.” The 1963 White Paper on Defence tells another story: “In
general”, the plans were "basically sound and practicable."

What are the facts? It was assumed that this country had been
allowed six days of preparation, and that the dispersion and
mobilisation schemes were complete before war started. This is rather
unlikely when nuclear war begins in earnest. It was assumed that the
Civil Defence Corps was at wartime duty establishment. In fact, the
Southern Region had barely half this figure. It was assumed that no
major communication breakdown between the RS3’s and with other
centres would take place. They had learned the lessons of Parachute
in the spring, and changed the rules.

The medical services broke down completely. Every hospital in the
Southern Region was destroyed or put out of action by fallout, the
death of doctors or lack of supplies. The communications system
broke down, and the roads were choked. Gloucester, Oxford and
Plymouth were eliminated by small bombs. London was paralysed: to
get above ground was death. A lethal belt of radiation extended as
far east as Linlithgow (We trust the Heir to the Throne was not
mutated!). Three quarters of the Police in the Southern Region were
killed, injured or irradiated. Losses among the civilian population
were proportionately even higher. Whoever won the war, we lost it.

In this nightmare world, the authorities still pursued their
childish fancies. The RS3’s still got in touch with their London boss
by military messengers (no more) and asking for HAPPIII. In the RS3’s the
names of deportees were known officially as “players” (people like
pickpockets and unofficially as “sucklesters”. The game’s theory of war!)
But FALLER-62 was not a complete waste of time. It gave Dr. Siegel the chance to blow the sky on the whole tragic force of MTAO. It proved once and for all the truth of the 1957 Defence White Paper that there is no defence against nuclear war.

And it convinced at least one occupant of at least one RSG that the deterrent is quite futile.

A PLAN of RSG-6 will be found in the centre of this pamphlet. This is a key to the room numbers.

**F.F.P. - First Floor Plan**

1. Entrance  
2. Boiler House  
3. Engineers Dept  
4. Camp Commandant  
5. Security  
6. Works Store  
7. Dormitory  
8. GPO Stores  
9. Messengers  
10. National Assistance Board  
11. National Insurance  
12. Regional Commissioner  
13. Min of Labour  
14. Min of Aviation  
15. Home Office  
16. GPO  
17. Counter Room  
18. Vioce Procedure  
19. Teleprinters  
20. PEX  
21. Lavatories  
22. Ventilating shaft  
23. Army Signals  
24. C.O.I.; BBC  
25. Treasury (Sig S)  
26. Power  
27. Conference Room 3  
28. Directing Staff(Command)  
29. Min of Works  
30. Min of Health  
31. Directing Staff  
32. Min of Transport  
33. Min of Housing  
34. Scientific Section  
35. Civil Defence  
36. Combined Operations  
37. Conference Room 1  
38. Conference Room 2  
39. Director of Operations  
40. Assistant Director of Operations  
41. Regional Commissioner  
42. Principal Officer  
43. Secretary  
44. Information  
45. Police  
46. Fire Brigade  
47. Min of Ag, Fish & Food  
48. Armed Services  
49. H.M.O  
50. WVS  
51. Common Services  
52. First Aid  
53. Pump Room  
54. Canteen  
55. Stationery Store  
56. Water tanks  
57. Switchgear  
58. Kitchen store  
59. Kitchen  
60. Emergency exit (!)

Scale: 10 yards to 1 inch.

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To Henley...

Warren Row village
Red House pub

RSG - 6

Seven Stars Inn...

Knowl Hill

Littlewick Green

Scale: 3" to 1 mile.

Aldermaston '62 lunch stop at Knowl Hill, Easter Saturday.

- Footpath
- Woodland

RSG-6 lies only a mile off the A4.
For the last five years the Aldermaston March has walked past.
Nothing has been done about RSG-6.
Because nobody has known about it.

On Easter Saturday 1963 thousands will know. Will they march past to have their lunch at Knowl Hill and Littlewick Green?

Or will they turn left just after the Seven Stars pub, and take the road to Warren Row?

It's up to you..................

...To Reading
CONCLUSIONS

The strongest argument against the RSJ network is that even the government does not take it seriously. During the Cuban Crisis in October 1962, RSJ-6 was empty. At a time when we came nearer to nuclear war than ever before, no reservists were called up, no evacuation was planned, no instructions were given to the population, no hospitals were prepared, not even a Regional Commissioner was appointed. In the face of a real emergency, fuck all was done.

But the RSJ's are there. The secret seats of government and their privileged occupants are an ominous indication of the attitude of the British Government towards the British people. You can be sure the Russian Government knows all about it. You can be sure the American Government knows all about it. The British people are meant to know nothing at all.

The whole process of establishing and staffing and equipping the RSJ's has gone on without a scrap of democratic control or consent. The JPO must spend millions of our money on secret exchanges and switching centres. The Home Office and the Ministry of Works do not tell Parliament they propose to build RSJ's. There is not one single person connected with RSJ-6 who has been democratically elected. And have MP's, let alone local councillors in the Southern Region, ever voted to establish a system of military government? The Civil Defence poster says: "You would want to help - But now?". NOW YOU KNOW

The smokescreen around these places is meant to blind citizens of this country, not enemies abroad.

YOU ARE NOT THOUGHT FIT TO JUDGE WHAT YOUR RULERS DO

BUT NO. YOU KNOW. NO. YOU CAN JUDGE. NO. YOU CAN ACT

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