Safe Havens

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Discuss Safe Havens with your Mission Security Officer. These will be installed where the threat and risk assessment warrants it.

It is necessary to have a telephone extension in the safe haven in order for the Mission Security Officer or appropriate authorities to be summoned in the event of an attack. A base station and radio of the Mission Personal Safety Radio Network will ensure communications in the event of an emergency.

Have your evacuation plan for fire and other emergencies prepared, discussed and practised regularly with other occupants.

Illumination of Property

If properly located, floodlights and ordinary 100 and 200 watt incandescent bulbs can play an effective rôle in dissuading criminals from attempting to penetrate a house or an apartment. In some areas, it may be necessary to cover the lights with grilles.

To achieve the ideal lighting arrangement, an attempt should be made to obliterate all shadows in which an intruder might hide, such as overgrown hedges, bushes and trees.

At residences surrounded by large grounds, one or two floodlights should be directed from the front entrance to the driveway gate(s), while others should illuminate the perimeter wall, fence or hedges on all sides of the property. The floodlights should not be turned towards the residence and, if guards are on the premises, they should avoid illuminated areas as much as possible. Regularly, remind security guards of proper procedures and of their responsibilities.

Dogs

Protection afforded a residence by a barking dog cannot be overemphasized. A dog's keen sense of hearing and smell enables it to detect the presence of intruders before household members can.

A dog does not have to be large or appear vicious to be effective, since it is its bark that will alert the occupants to a possible threat to their safety.

Of course, one must distinguish between the trained guard-dog and 'Lassie', the family pet. A trained guard-dog responds to certain specific situations and commands. The family pet will protect its territory because territorial prerogative is instinctive but it may not protect it well.

In-Depth Protection

Heads of households should strive to achieve "in-depth" protection from the perimeter barrier to the safe haven area, taking into account the deterrents that will be provided, for example, by the fence or wall, security guards, floodlights, doors and windows, locks and alarms. It is the well thought-out total defensive arrangement that will provide the