



Beneath a field like this...

is a complex communications center

In minutes, an enemy attack could level some of our sprawling cities.

Because of this, the Bell System is now supplementing its great reaches of buried cable with a network of underground communications stations.

Under the protection of a thick earth and concrete cover, and away from major target areas, several Bell System communications centers are already in

operation. Many more are to come.

The walls for these installations are huge, reinforced concrete slabs. Ventilation systems filter air so fine that even radioactive fallout cannot enter. Food and water are stockpiled. Living quarters are provided for all operating personnel.

These buildings are costly. Tough to build.

Yet, the Bell System recognizes that communications are the lifelines of our

defense systems. And so we took the lead in establishing these underground centers with our own money.

There are many other ingenious projects in our "Survivability" program for America's communications. Many cannot be mentioned here.

Because of them, ambitious command, control and defense systems are feasible. And our vast existing communications network is one of America's most *ready* defense weapons.

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