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**TO: THE U.S. SPECIAL ENGINEERING TASK FORCE ON CATASTROPHIC COLLISIONS**

**FROM: THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MR. HOMER DEBRAVE**

**SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL ENGINEERING FORCES FOR SITUATION CRITICAL: ASTROID IMPACT  
CODE NAME: *BIG ROCK* CLEARANCE: R-UN-4-YRL-IVES**

**DATE: 0600 HOURS, YESTERDAY**

**CC: NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISOR, MR. IKE EEPUSAFE  
DIRECTOR OF ASTROID RESEARCH, MS. I.C. STARRZ**

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**SITUATION CRITICAL**

Ladies and Gentleman, on behalf of the American people, I hereby call you to action to address a serious matter of National Security. An asteroid with a one-mile diameter is headed straight for earth. NASA does not know its exact impact location; however, they have informed us it will cause tremendous damage to the great state of Alabraska. Time is critical - you have just ten days to design a solution.

Scientists have modeled the asteroid's impact and expect it will produce an enormous crater – similar to the Barringer crater in Arizona (shown here). A huge dust cloud will form that will threaten all living things and produce a world wide winter for a year or more. All humans will need to be sheltered below ground.



I am tasking you with the ultimate assignment – design a system of underground caverns to house people and necessary supplies to save the people of the state of Alabraska until this pending natural disaster has passed.

As engineers, I know you are well qualified and will use science, math and common sense to save the millions of people at risk. In addition, rock samples and detailed maps of the State of Alabraska have been sent by messenger to your attention. This project will require considerable team effort – Good Luck!