

Text of Message You Never Heard

If Bay Area stations had reacted according to plan to yesterday's false emergency alert from the National Warning Center, this is the message you would have heard:

"We interrupt this program. This is a national emergency. Important instructions will follow in 30 seconds."

Then there would have

been a tone on your radio, and the station would have gone off the air for five seconds, returned for five seconds, gone off again for another five seconds and then returned.

This would have activated an automatic warning system for all radio stations.

This message would have followed:

"This station has interrupted its regular program at the request of the United States government to participate in the emergency broadcast system serving the (local) area. During this period, many radio stations will remain on the air, broadcasting news and official information for areas assigned to them.

"This station will remain on the air and will serve the (local) area. If you are not located in the (local) area you should now tune your radio to other stations until you hear one which is broadcasting news and information for your area.

"You are listening to the emergency broadcast system serving the (local) area."

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