# December 4, 1956 Review of Radio Free Europe Broadcasting

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#### Summary:

Cord Meyer forwards to Allen Dulles as background for Operations Coordinating Board discussions a memorandum of that date on "Radio Free Europe – Review of Broadcasting Policy and Content."

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1. To are attacking a manopholum on the shave subject to securdance with your request to serve as a basis for your discussions with hir. Herbert Hoover, Jr. at the GGB back so December 5, 1986.

2. We are also elitering a capy of a speech made on November 2. by Aminovador Benry Cabot Ludge, which you may also that usual.

5. Comments of the Inspector General on this subject are being furnished to you reportedly by his office.

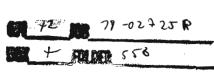
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The following is responsive to allegations made by various people to the affect that NFE incited the Hungarian people in production and provided enables millitary intervention during the resolution.

i. Sowenes of the S. Postery

The autivities of the Free Serope Committee (FAC) and Radia Free Sampe (RFS) are guided by backs 3. 8. polities. The polities of FRC and RFS must be consistent with such polities.

These pollalos stem from relevant 386 documents periodulag to the Saviet Miss. and from guideness supplied by the Cogartment of State and GIA. Mass specifically they are publied by

paper worked ont with FZG by GLA. Agreed Policy Gevouning FEG Operations. dated August 7, 1956. Buth of these guidentest work commerced in by the Department of State. These politics are supplemanifed from time to time by guidences on specific tormer worked out income GIA and State and Limbulat to FEG.

In addition, a daily toletype automatizing the partment curelastons on important news developments of the Public Affairs Area of the Department of State is transmitted to FNG by GIA.

2. RYA PART

RFE strategic policy to contained in a policy handbook propaged in 1951 and supplemented by twenty-soven attained a policy on applying the policy of the pol Wilson Center Digital Archive



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events time that time. These documents have the constraines of GIA and the Department of State.

Early testinal policy originates primarily in RFE Mentah. All political communitation conversion affairs having the target constants and the CMIR are prepared in Mentah. Guidance for these communitation is provided by the Political Advisor's effice in segments daily meetings with each of the country derive.

Mant international commentary and news of America is developed in RFX New York. A daily international sommentary guidence is proposed by the New York pulsy staff. Copton of these see furnished to GIA Washington.

Complete tapes of all LTS breadwarks are maintained in Musich. In anordance with agreements with the German authorities. The Garman Covernment is presently reviewing the topes of breadwarks to Mungary during the revolution.

All publicat commutation made in blunich are covered in Reglink translation in a post-well by the American stall of the Publicat Advisor's office.

New York's publical communication are reviewed on a spot check basis in a post-amilt. In addition, the Program Rowlew Stall in New York reviews 30% of the New York subput and an average of 20-20% of the biomish output. On the basis of this review, a brief report is produced each weak, primarily for the perpose of providing the Director of RFE with a general blue of what is being stall so major political autjusts. These weakly reports are reviewed by G28. Varbington.

There is an regular review of ROR sample by CLA. We alwayded to work not an arrangement with the Department of State for each a sector. In 1955, but this was believed not feasible because of Hadred budget and task of language specialists trained in propagatio work.

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#### 4. Additional Constrain

GLA, since the Hungarian revolution, has instructed AFR in institute the following additional controls:

> a. Changes will be made where and if severency in the American policy staff in Munich to incurs that the American policy advisors to each of the mathemal desits are individuals with the required linguistic and editorial competence.

5. All hay political commentation will be paytowed by such personnal in the antional language prior to hepddpast.

c. The amount of publical community and addreinizing will be advand.

d. BFE will transmit to GIA Washington daily a taintype summary of the galdance governing broadcasts.

e. Policy Advisor Maniph. has been called to Washington about Depender 15, for insther discussions of this matter.

5. Tantative Constructions

Read as a roview of some inenty political commentation in Region translation during this period, we believe that:

a. ATE broadenots were generally consistent with D. S. pailar tenard the Socializes.

b. BTE did not incline the Rinogantion people be revolution.

 a. ATE did not directly or by implication after hope that emode military accistance would be forthcoming to the Hangarian pairiets.

d. BFK wast compared to particle galdence in identifying itself with the domands of the patriot radios and to offering testioni advice to the patriots.

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It should be pointed out that Raddo Madeld, and the Plas Anathian emigre presidention using a transmitter near Freehfart. Germany. proprietable to Managary during this period. Radio Madrid is reported by one Rale Leich, on advante releasiet and one of the potriet leaders of the revelution, to have brandscat that paratroupers were emphasize in London and Photo expresse to Masgarr. that ingloanalros were at the setas of Rengary and that the reasons of the patricks was only a matter of hours. Monitoring of NTS broudcasts indicates that as an inselect essectation of Europerica servicemen in ends propherer efforts of their survises to the Mangaptian patricts. The patrict forces were requested to coud a linkow staff to make contact with the Mangarian servicement's econdition, then implying at loss! that avalatines was an the border. In addition. there are anarolismed reports of a anarolismist station in East Germany using AFE call inters in breadcasts to Hunsdey, which may well have been confised with RFE. We are checking three reports Suntiner.

We are arranging for the review by Rangarian language specializes of tapes of all broadcasts mode by RFE during this period. We estimate that this will require some thirty days to complete. We suggest that find judgement in withheld will we have completed the full analysis in the Kungarian language of the estual broadcasts made.

Recent events in the Javist Max profoundly affect not only AFE has all Free Europe Committee operations. This regulars a reaspectment of this only activity. We are presently sugaged in such a respectment and will come derward shortly with our proposals for both policy and operational revisions.

