

## **March 20, 1957**

### **Committee on Radio Broadcasting Policy Minutes**

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#### **Summary:**

Minutes of the Committee on Radio Broadcasting Policy (CRBP) meeting of that date, attended by State Department, USIA (United States Information Agency), and CIA officials

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COMMITTEE ON THE HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION, March 20, 1957  
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Principal

Alternate

- Mr. Tolson - Mr. Allen Lippauer, Jr., Chairman
- Mr. Boardman - Mr. Boardman
- Mr. Nichols - Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Belmont - Mr. Belmont
- Mr. Mohr - Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Casper - Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad - Mr. Conrad
- Mr. DeLoach - Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Evans - Mr. Evans
- Mr. Gale - Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen - Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan - Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel - Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Trotter - Mr. Trotter
- Mr. Tele. Room - Mr. Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes - Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy - Miss Gandy

Chairman: Agenda Items for Meeting, March 20, 1957.

1. Mr. Boardman raised the question of document security in connection with the Committee's activities. It was agreed that documents could be held by members only as long as needed, then returned to Mr. Boardman's office. It is important to avoid having any of the highly sensitive documents used by the Committee find their way into the normal filing system of either FBI or State.

2. Mr. Boardman reported that the Polish paper on Bulgaria [redacted] will be the subject of a State-File meeting on March 21. Papers on Hungary and Czechoslovakia will be ready in a few days, the Polish paper is in preparation and one meeting has been held on the [redacted] papers. Nothing has been done on Rumania.

It was agreed that after the Bulgarian paper has State-File completed, it will be submitted to FBI. Once [redacted] will be reflected in the final report. It will also provide a point of departure for all preparation of partial CIA guidance papers. All such papers will be reviewed by all interested agencies before reaching final stage.

3. Mr. Boardman presented the views of all on non-attributable broadcasts. It is stated that there is a need for an official station to discuss internal events in the Soviet Union. However, this should be done not by a "Radio Liberation" and should not be an active station. It should have no overt range objectives, and should be devoted to hearing alive reports within the USSR without however, presenting specific alternatives. Mr. Boardman did not feel this approach to be inconsistent with Ambassador [redacted] view that we should have less rather than more propaganda that developments in the USSR have grown from events here and not from outside influences, and that nothing said in propaganda broadcasts is likely to influence developments one way or the other within the Soviet Union.

The Committee agreed there is need for a radio voice to the USSR in addition to VOA, and concluded that ANSOB should be authorized to sign the pending contract with the Spanish Government for transmitting facilities near Barcelona, provided that the terms of the contract do not preclude a change at a later date of the name of the Committee and of the radio station.

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In recognition of the hazards that accompany broadcasting, it was agreed that in the event of crisis developments, for example in Poland, the Committee should meet daily to provide guidance both for unattributed broadcasts and VOA.

4. It was agreed that the paper on conditions indicating a phase-out of Polish broadcasts would be considered in the preparation of the country paper to be prepared on Poland.

5. It was agreed that at the next meeting consideration would be given to the question of radio broadcasting in the Near East.

6. A brief discussion was held about the "Muhren meeting" and it was agreed that the Committee should take responsibility for this matter. Mr. Boardman stated that in the immediate no further action would be taken in VOA.

Mr. Boardman deb  
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