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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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Agenda Items for Meeting, March 20, 1957.

1. Mr. ... 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. ... 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 ... or ...

2. Mr. ... reported that the Polish paper on ... will be the subject of a State-File meeting 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 ... Nothing has been done on Rumania.

It was agreed that after the Bulgarian paper has State-File completed, it will be submitted to ... It will also provide a point of departure for ... preparation of partial ... All such papers will be reviewed by all interested ... before reaching final stage.

Mr. ... presented the views of ... on ... It is stated that there is a need for an official station to discuss ... However, this should be done not in a ... and should not be an ... It should have no party ... and should be devoted to hearing ... without however, presenting specific ... Mr. ... did not feel this approach to be inconsistent with ... view that we should have less rather than more ... that developments in the ... have grown from events ... and not ... influences, and that nothing said in ... broadcasts is likely to influence developments ... or ... in the Soviet Union.

The Committee agreed there is need for a radio voice to the ... in addition to VOA, and concluded that ... should be authorized to sign ... 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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