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CIA View of Warsaw Embassy Critique of Radio Free Europe

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Summary:

Cord Meyer forwards Ambassador Beam's criticism of RFE to Allen Dulles and calls for more American control over the RFE Polish Service

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

**VIA: Chief, IS
Deputy Director (Plans)**

SUBJECT: Attached letter from Ambassador Jacob K. Dorn

1. This memorandum is for the information only of the Director.
2. Attached is Ambassador Jacob Dorn's response to your letter of 13 November 1960 in which you asked for the Ambassador's assistance in monitoring and improving the Radio Free Europe Polish programming, particularly to Polish intellectuals.
3. Ambassador Dorn's letter is encouraging in that he plans to have his staff spot-check RFE's broadcasts and agrees that occasional visits by Embassy officers to RFE/Polish might be helpful. The Ambassador does not feel it is feasible to add an additional member to his Embassy staff at this juncture.
4. I understand that Ambassador Dorn feels it would be useful as a first step to have Dwight Hillman of the British Consulate visit Embassy offices to consult on RFE matters. We also understand that the State Department has no funds for such a visit and would appreciate our picking up the tab. He was quite willing to do this if you agree, but we are of course under no illusions that such a visit would substantially influence the RFE Polish output, which as you know can only be done by closer American control over the Polish Dept.

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3. We also attach a copy of two compilations (and the scripts in-
cluded) which Alexander has forwarded to General Brent in
Paris. We have reviewed the full scripts referred to and are inclined
to feel that while they do not represent major problems, they are
symptomatic of what is wrong with some of SFR's current broadcast lines
to Poland. We have referred these compilations to Archie Alexander.

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David Meyer, Jr.
Chief, International Organization

Attachments:

- 1 - SFR letter to Gen. Brent 13 Nov 1950
- 1 - Gen. Brent letter to SFR 20 November 1950
- 1 - Gen. Brent letter to Gen. Brent 10 Nov 1950
- 2 - SFR Polish scripts

cc: SFR

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