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Summary:

Approval of "low key" Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty broadcasts on issues of nuclear warfare [a rare case of NSC-level involvement in broadcast policy]

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The Special Group approved the Nuclear Warfare programming but stipulated that the broadcasts be in low key and limit themselves to a sober factual presentation on the problems of Nuclear Warfare. The question of comparisons of civilian defense capabilities should be omitted although it is hoped that the listener will be induced to wonder about the inadequacies or lack of counter-measures to protect him against fallout and other problems which will be presented in the broadcast. The emphasis in the guidance is on the factual treatment and care should be taken not to imply that the U. S. or any American outlet is threatening Nuclear Warfare.

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