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Summary:

Acting CIA Director Cushman advises President Sargeant to prepare for liquidation in the absence of Congressional funding action. [A similar letter was sent to the FEC. At the last minute, the Congress approved temporary funding for RFE and RL from the USIA budget]

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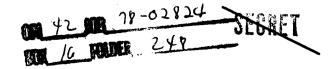
Mr. Howland H. Sargeant President Radio Liberty Committee, Inc. 30 East 42nd Street New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Sargeant:

As you know, the President has expressed a desire that Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty continue to operate, and I assure you that all those concerned in the Executive Branch are doing everything possible to work out a plan for continuing operation.

Unfortunately, the situation at present is most uncertain in view of the failure of the Congress to act on the Case bill in this fiscal year and the resulting uncertainty as to the availability of any funds for Fiscal Year 1972.

We have been exploring the possibility of providing funds under a continuing resolution, but the Chairmen of both Appropriations Committees concerned have stated that they would not approve of this, so no dependence can be placed on this solution. In the alternative, some support has been gained for an open appropriation to USIA for the purpose of continuing the radios for a period of 90 days in the hope that during that time final action will have been taken on the Case bill.







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I realize that you have been planning on 1 July and that administrative and legal problems may make the earlier date impossible of achievement. However, the need for additional funds in the event of liquidation makes any substantial savings of great importance.

We wish to be of all possible assistance with this heavy burden that has been placed upon you.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

R. E. Cushman, Jr.
Lieutenant General, USMC
Acting Director

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