MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: KGB Guidance, October 24, 1956, on Hungarian Developments

1. Heavy and detailed coverage of Hungarian developments should be played extensively to all targets. These news reports should take priority over all other broadcasts.

2. A parallel may be drawn between the popular Pusznai uprising and the participation of the non-Communist individuals in the uprising in Budapest.

3. Hungarian developments demonstrate the irresistible desire for real freedom and an expression by the people to move for action to satisfy that desire.

4. The use of Soviet troops should be treated as a crime and an outrageous indignity to the people of Hungary. It should be pointed out that if the demands of the people of Hungary were met, there would be no need for troop action, either Soviet or Hungarian.

5. Do no prejudge the action of Nagy and Gomulka. We must know more about their actual policies.

6. Despite the foregoing, Stalin is soothsaying to indicate that the Nagy Government will have to live down calling in Soviet troops to restore order. This deed can be lived down only by keeping promises to the people for establishing a climate of real freedom and material satisfaction for which the people yearn.

7. Quoting extensively from the Kiesinger message of September 23, using particularly, “A people which has once known freedom cannot be deprived for always of its national independence and its personal liberty. This truth applies to all people in Eastern Europe. Love of freedom is more enduring than the power of tyrants”.