This memorandum is for information only.

1. Attached as Tab A is a statement of present broadcast policy and content review procedures in effect within AFN. Attached as Tab B is a memorandum transmitted by FBI to the President concerning AFN broadcasts during the period October 23 to December 4. This memorandum is specifically responsive to allegations made by various people to the effect that AFN incited the Hungarian people to revolution and/or promised or implied outside military intervention during the revolution.

2. Based on a review of some twenty political commentaries in English translation, we believe that:

a. AFN broadcasts were generally consistent with U.S. policy toward the satellite;

b. AFN did not incite the Hungarian people to revolution;

c. AFN did not directly or by implication offer hope that outside military assistance could be forthcoming to the Hungarian patriots;

d. AFN most certainly beyond specific guidelines in identifying itself with certain patriot aims and in offering tactical advice to the patriots. We did not consider these significant policy violations.

3. We are arranging for the review by Hungarian language specialists of tapes of actual broadcasts during this period. We estimate that this will require some thirty days to complete once qualified personnel are made available. These people have been requested.
1. Also, we are actively engaged in determining what could be required to conduct post-cast spot checks of active language scripts to all five satellite audiences. From information at hand, we do not believe that it is necessary or feasible to post cast all broadcasts to all target countries. We are certain that it is not feasible to review all scripts prior to broadcasting.

2. Recent events in the Soviet Bloc profoundly affect not only Radio Free Europe but all RSF operations. This requires a reexamination of this entire activity. We will come forward shortly with our proposals for revisions in both the policy and operational fields.

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Attachments (2)
Tab A. Monitoring and Program Control of RSF, November 17, 1976
Tab B. Radio Free Europe, 26 November 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Via: Acting Deputy Director (Policy)
Chief, Psychological and Propaganda Staff

SUBJECT: Monitoring and Programming Control of Radio Free Europe and Radio Libeरा

This memorandum is in response to your request for information on the methods of monitoring and controlling content applied to Radio Free Europe and Radio Libeरा.

2. Radio Free Europe

a. RFERL's strategic policy is based on a policy handbook written in 1971 and supplemented by subsequent strategic guidelines on major events as they arose. The handbook and all of the guidelines were reviewed and approved in Washington.

The handbook was designed to guide the implementation of the Free Europe Fund's, program, but the handbook has not yet been approved by the government of the Free Europe Fund's, program.

b. RFERL's political policy is based primarily in Berlin. All political content is reviewed at the highest level by the target countries and theVen are prepared in each. The policy guidelines for these contentions are provided by the Political Office's office for support daily meetings with each of the country desks. All written statements of the daily guidelines is prepared.

c. Most international content and news of America is written in New York. A daily international content summary paper is prepared by the New York policy staff, sent out to the target countries and distributed to Washington. In addition to the foreign policy summaries, guidelines are sometimes sent from Washington to New York, particularly at times of major developments in the target area. These guidelines are sometimes sent in written summaries, but more often because of the need for speed, they are forwarded directly by telephone to New York.
approved for broadcast consisted of "don't shoot" messages addressed to Soviet troops in Hungary. After 5 November, Radio Liberation was permitted to resume its normal program origination, but under the added personal supervision of the President's Deputy in Europe.

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