MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, International Organizations Division

SUBJECT: Radio Broadcasting Policy Committee
RFE and VOA Papers on the Satellites

1. We had a meeting in Washington, D.C. on August 9 with USIA and
State representatives to go over, in a preliminary way, the VOA
Hungarian and Czech papers, and to try to reach an agreement on the RFE
Hungarian paper, about which Revy of USIA has raised some questions.
These we hope will all be resolved at a subsequent meeting to be held
on Tuesday, August 13. Although we did not have time to read the VOA
papers because they did not arrive until an hour or two before the
meeting, I believe that there is a basic policy question here which
may not have been fully considered by the Radio Committee when the
Bulgarian papers were acted on.

2. The main point that I would like to raise for your considera-
tion is this - these papers permit both RFE and VOA to operate in prac-
tically identical fields. As we pointed out before, the area of overlap
is about 90% with perhaps about 5% of difference between the two radios.
I believe a logical interpretation of this might be that there is no
reason for both to continue to operate. This may be an opportunity for
the Bureau of the Budget to raise a serious question as to why RFE should
continue to operate, a question which they have asked several times be-
fore.

3. It is pointed out, however, that the difference is only one of degree because
these policy papers authorize VOA considerable latitude in this regard.

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