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Summary:

AMCOMLIB President Sargeant informs a CIA IOD officer of discussions with AMCOMLIB Trustee Don Levine, who has criticized RL broadcasts.

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HOWLAND H. SARGEANT
PRESIDENT

Rec'd 2 May

Thursday ---May 1st, 1958

Dear Stan---

I continue to feel that it is unwise to proceed on a substantive basis with Don Levine until Cord returns.

Please see that before that Saturday appointment takes place, there is adequate briefing of the principal. My enclosed memo of the chronology of events will perhaps help you.

With every sympathy for Don's conviction that he is right, and that he is doing a great service to a cause he is deeply devoted to, I believe there are right and wrong ways to go about it. I think the record shows that as general manager I have been taking most of the steps that seem reasonable under the circumstances-----and have kept him and Lyons faithfully and fully informed of these steps.

I have a hunch he is embarrassed under these circumstances that his little maneuver tohave his report reach the principal by a lateral pass has so much been anticipated by steps we had already agreed to take. Especially since he met with the principal after he had been aware of the actions I was taking, failed to mention this matter at all,----and apparently had already or was in process of executing his little lateral pass. This is a poor way to do business.

Thought I would set these few things down. The one weak link in the chain is the failure to have reached the principal ---either by Cord on April 11 or others subsequently---with the main outlines of the story.

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