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Summary:

An Office of Policy Coordination officer explains Radio Liberty aims and objectives as involving “Russians speaking to Russians through an organization made up of the peoples of Russia.”

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Chief, EE

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Radio Aims and Objectives

1. The main objective of the [REDACTED] radio program will be to reach the peoples of the Soviet Union as a program of Russians speaking to Russians, not the U.S. Government speaking to the Russians and other nationalities of the Soviet Union. It is felt that through such programs we can "get across" the vitally important idea that there is a Russian alternative to the present regime.

2. In general these programs will stress the following points or attempt to lay the basic foundation for them:

a. A strong friendship exists on the part of the American and other peoples of the free world for the peoples of Russia.

b. A Russian alternative to the present regime is possible.

c. America and its allies wish to see the peoples of Russia free and living under a democratic rule.

d. The Council for the Liberation of the Peoples of Russia espouses democratic rule in Russia with such basic changes as:

(1) Break-up of collective farms;

(2) Some private ownership;

(3) Freedom of religion, speech, press, etc.

e. The patriotism of the various peoples of Russia must be built up as a force against the Soviet regime.

f. The different nationalities will be influenced to concentrate their hatred against the regime and not against each other.

g. The Russian people will be influenced to increase their will to resist the regime.

h. It will be shown that refugees from the Soviet Union are

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well-treated, respected and given an important and active role in the anti-Soviet struggle.

i. It will be shown that the peoples of the Soviet Union that the U.S. and its allies are the real foes for peace in the world and have no intention of destroying or enslaving the Russian people.

j. Soviet actions and propaganda will be exposed.

k. U. S. and allied policy to the peoples of Russia will be explained.

3. [redacted] radio will broadcast in the name of the peoples of Russia. By having Russians speaking to Russians through an organization made up of the peoples of Russia, we will achieve an effect that can never be attained by "foreign" operated broadcasts. Not representing the official voice of the U.S. Government, which maintains diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union, [redacted] radio will be able to speak frankly and forcefully directly to the peoples of Russia, to the various social and economic groups, and to individuals. [redacted]

4. These broadcasts will not:

a. Attempt to cause revolution [the possibilities in this direction must be recognized as a weapon in reserve for such time as U.S. policy may change, as in hot war];

b. Speak for a "government-in-exile";

c. Officially commit the U.S. to any particular policy in regard to a governmental, political, economic structure of any future free government or governments in the areas bounded by the Soviet Union;

d. Back any particular refugee or exile group.

EE- [redacted]

1-Addressee

2-SD

5-EE [redacted]

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