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Summary:

The Operations Coordinating Board forwards CIA's acceptance of Jackson Committee recommendations that the Free Europe Committee and American Committee for Liberation concentrate on radio broadcasting to the Soviet bloc as distinct from émigré support projects.

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THE JACKSON COMMITTEE REPORT (NSC Action No. 866)

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ANNEX E

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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 (List B)

Operations Against the Soviet System

Radio

4. All broadcast material to the Soviet system for which the United States Government does not wish to accept responsibility should be handled by Radio Free Europe (RFE), Radio Liberation, or [redacted]

Close coordination has been established with the new USIA and at present there appear to be no problems with respect to broadcast material to the Soviet system which cannot be readily resolved. Discussions, however, are continuing and any unresolved issues will be submitted to the OCB.

10. The American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism, Inc., should concentrate on the improvement of Radio Liberation and reduce expenditures on the endgrs coordinating center.

The operation of the American Committee for Liberation from Bolshevism, Inc. has been under particularly close review for the past three months. This review has included trips by responsible officials to Germany, plus discussions in Washington between the Chairman of the American Committee, representatives of the Department of State, and senior CIA officials. Efforts have been and are being made to improve the quality of Radio Liberation broadcasts. Consequently, serious consideration has been and is being given to the improvement of Radio Liberation and to the reduction of expenditures on the endgrs coordinating center.

11. The National Committee for a Free Europe should devote primary attention to RFE. The other activities of NCFE should be subjected to review by CIA.

The activities of NCFE have been and are being reviewed by CIA and greater emphasis has been placed on the development of Radio Free Europe. This has come about as the result of direction and the effect of budgetary limitations.

12. The possibility of providing international sponsorship for RFE [redacted] should be studied [redacted]

In view of the fact that the problem of the sponsorship for RFE is being solved in a more effective manner than that proposed in the original Jackson Committee recommendation, Recommendation No. 12 is considered no longer effective.