

## **November 2, 1956**

### **Policy Considerations for Radio Liberty Broadcasts**

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#### **Summary:**

CIA redistributes a State Department message of November 1 endorsing RL's [temporary] ban on commentary on Hungarian events.

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"GUIDANCE FOR RADLIB, PARTICULARLY THAT CONTAINED IN MY DIRECTIVE  
SENT OCT 28, REPRESENTS VIEWS DEPT AND AGENCY, AND DOES NOT DIFFER  
IN ANY MARKED DEGREE  
AT SAME TIME, WE HAVE HAD TO RECOGNIZE THAT ROLE OF RADLIB IN RECENT  
PERIOD OF UPHEAVALS IN HUNGARY AND POLAND HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY DELICATE,  
HAVING IN MIND OUR DESIRE (a) NOT TO GIVE IMPRESSION TO SOVIETS THAT WE  
ARE COUNSELING OR ABETTING ANTI-SOVIET ELEMENTS, (b) NOT TO GIVE SOVIET  
MILITARY EXCUSE FOR HARSHER REPRESSIVE MEASURES, (c) NOT TO CONVEY TO  
SOVIET OCCUPATION FORCES THROUGHOUT AREA THOUGHT THAT PATRIOT MOVEMENTS  
IN HUNGARY OR POLAND ARE ANTI-RUSSIAN RATHER THAN DIRECTED AGAINST  
SPECIFIC ACTIONS AND POLICIES OF USSR AND OF PAST GOVERNMENTS THOSE  
COUNTRIES.

"DEPT REALIZES THAT POLICY GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON IS STRINGENT  
AND POSSIBLY IMPOSE DEGREE OF RESTRAINT UPON RADLIB WHICH MAY BE

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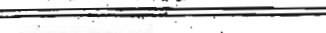
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SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT AND UNPALATABLE TO BROADCASTERS. AT SAME TIME, WE  
CONTINUE TO BELIEVE CABLES CAN FULFILL HIGHLY IMPORTANT ROLE SIMPLY  
BY TRANSMITTING TO SOVIETS ALL AVAILABLE HARD FACTS OF RAPIDLY  
EVOLVING SITUATION AS THEY COME TO LIGHT."

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