

**December 21, 1967**

**CIA Implementation of 303 Committee Decision on  
Funding and Continuation of Radio Free Europe and  
Radio Liberty**

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**Summary:**

DCI Helms approves procedures to surge-fund RFE and RL through June 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT: 303 Committee Decision on Surge-Funding  
and Continuation of Radio Liberty Committee  
and Free Europe, Inc.

1. This memorandum contains in paragraph 7 a request for approval by the Director.

2. At a meeting of the 303 Committee on 15 December to resolve the future of the radios, the sense of the minutes (see Attachment A) reflects unanimous agreement on the following points:

a. The two organizations should be surge-funded by CIA through 30 June 1969. This is to be accomplished prior to 31 December 1967.

b. The two organizations should continue beyond 30 June 1969. Methods for either overt or covert funding beyond this date will be explored in the interim period.

c. [Redacted]

d. [Redacted]

e. In the case of Free Europe fund raising activities, corporate solicitation should continue but mass media solicitation of funds from the public should be discontinued.

3. With the approval of higher authority of the decision to surge-fund both projects through 30 June 1969, the Bureau of the Budget has approved a release of [Redacted]

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[redacted] for this purpose. These funds, coupled with the unobligated FY 1968 amounts earmarked for the two radios, will permit continued operation at the current level of governmental support through FY 1969.

4. The essential principles that will guide the technical methods for the disbursement of these funds, in the amount of [redacted] to Radio Liberty Committee; [redacted] to Free Europe, Inc. - see Attachment B for details) are:

a. [redacted]

b. [redacted]

c. Recoverability of the balance of the funds by the government, if something unforeseen arises, will be assured.

5. Details to implement these principles are being worked out in coordination with the Executive Director-Comptroller, DDS, and OGC to ensure that the surge-funding will be completed by 31 December 1967.

6. With your approval, the Presidents of RFE and RL will be asked to sign this memorandum on behalf of their organizations, indicating their understanding of the above declaration of principles. They will likewise cooperate in working out a follow-up understanding on technical arrangements for implementation.

7. Your approval of the proposed course of action is requested.

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Chief  
Covert Action Staff

Attachments: as stated

cc: DDCI

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APPROVED:

*Richard Helms*  
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 Director of Central Intelligence

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 President, Free Europe, Inc.

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 President, Radio Liberty Committee

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Deputy Director for Plans

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General Counsel

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Deputy Director for Support

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Executive Director-Comptroller

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