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CAESAR INFO WALKER FM MICHIE

OUR VIENNA BUREAU YESTERDAY REPORTED FOLLOWING BALLOON REACTION:
QUOTE SEVEN MEN FROM PARDUBICE SAID THAT ALL LAST WEEK PEOPLE
WERE JUMPING LIKE FROGS TO CATCH THE LEAFLETS AS THEY CAME DOWN.
MANY PEOPLE WORE THE COINS AROUND THEIR NECKS. MANY SOLDIERS
WERE CHECKED OUT FROM THEIR ARMY UNITS TO COLLECT THE LEAFLETS.
SAME REFUGEES SAID ALSO THAT IN PILSEN MIG PLANES TOOK OFF EVERY
HOUR FROM THE AIRPORT TO SHOOT DOWN THE BALLOONS. THERE WERE
NO REPEAT NO LEAFLETS AND NO REPEAT NO BALLOONS IN THE RUDEJOVICE
AREA IT WAS REPORTED. NEVERTHELESS ALL THE GENDARMERIE INTERVIEWED
THE POPULATION TO SEE IF THEY HAD SOMEHOW OBTAINED ANY. ALSO THE
POSTMEN HAD ORDERS FROM THE GENDARMERIE TO ASK EVERYBODY ALONG
THEIR POSTAL ROUTES IF THEY HAD ANY LEAFLETS. UNQUOTE

TO CAESAR FOR W. HEN. A. MICHEL

RADIO WARSAW JULY 20 0700 HOURS QUOTE BALLOON ACTION. AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS HAVE LATELY LAUNCHED IN WESTERN GERMANY A CAMPAIGN AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA - THE DAILY RUDE PRAVO STATED IN AN ARTICLE ENTITLED QUOTE A CAMPAIGN CONDEMNED TO FIASCO UNQUOTE. FROM AUSTRIA SMALL BALLOONS CONTAINING DENOUNCING LEAFLETS HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED IN THE DIRECTION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE ACTION - AS ANNOUNCED BY THE MUNICH SLANDER-STATION FREE EUROPE - WAS LED BY AMERICAN EXPERTS WHO CAME TO WESTERN GERMANY FOR THAT INTENTION. IT IS A FACT SAYS RUDE PRAVO THAT BALLOON EXPERTS HAVE NOT SPARED THE LEAFLETS. DURING TWO DAYS TIME CZECHOSLOVAK CITIZENS HAVE BROUGHT HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF LEAFLETS TO SECURITY AUTHORITIES AND NATIONAL COMMITTEES. CZECHOSLOVAK WORKING MASSES ARE DEEPLY INDIGNANT AT THIS DISHONEST PROVOCATION OF WARMONGERS UNQUOTE.

RADIO WARSAW JULY 22 0700 HOURS QUOTED THE NOTE SENT BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. THE CZECHOSLOVAK GOVERNMENT SENT A NOTE TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN PRAGUE IN WHICH IT PROTESTS VIOLENTLY AGAINST SPREADING ON CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY SOME LEAFLETS, CALLING FOR ANTI-STATE ACTIVITY. THE NOTE STRESSED THAT THE PROVOCATIONS HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND CARRIED OUT BY AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO ARE STAYING IN THE AMERICAN OCCUPATION ZONE IN WESTERN GERMANY UNQUOTE

A SEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS SERVICE

July 26, 1955

The following report is one of the first full attacks on the recent "Balloon Operation" in Czechoslovakia. The text was read over Radio Prague on July 18, 1955:

We are going to read to you now an article from today's Pravda. The article is called "An Action Doomed to Failure". Pravda is the paper policy of the Soviet Union and of all the countries of the camp of peace, the conviction that a war can be prevented grows stronger among the people all through the world. Naturally, this evolution creates a great concern with those for whom war constitutes a source of immeasurable gains and of a luxurious life. Therefore the warmongers do their best to put obstacles in the way which leads towards the lessening of international tension. In Korea the part of the provocateur and saboteur of the peace effort was given to Syngman Rhee. In Germany specialists were used, recruited from the ranks of Nazi war criminals in the democratic sector of Berlin as well as in some other parts of the German Democratic Republic. And after the failure this much heralded day, there comes the hypocritical and demagogical offer to help to the population of the DDR, which was made for obvious propaganda reasons which, in fact, was admitted by the Western bourgeois press.

Into this chain of provocations which are aimed against the strengthening of peace there also belongs the American propaganda action which was started in the last days in Western Germany against Czechoslovakia. In a similar way in which two years ago the ill-famed "Crusade for Freedom" was doing it, today again balloons dispersing inflammatory leaflets over our territory are being sent from the Saxonian side.

The Munich transmitter Free Europe, financed by Ford and similar "institutions" speaks bombastically of the propaganda balloon action which, allegedly is the biggest action of this kind which ever has been attempted and for the direction of which there came to Western Germany specialists from America.

We can indeed certify that the balloons specialists did not spare the leaflets in the first two days tens and hundreds of thousands of those leaflets are with our police and our national committees where they are being brought by our citizens after having been discovered. The farmer Hajek from Doubravice, district of Cesky Brod, brought an entire parcel of leaflets which came down in one piece. Josef Korinek from Zatec brought an entire balloon which fell down. The leaflets are being brought by the workers of the Vladimir Lenin Works as well as other factories, by farmers, railwaymen and children. Yet even if the balloon action was not only four times bigger - as Free Europe says - but hundred times bigger than the Crusade action of 1951, it will bring to its initiators the very opposite of what they had in mind.

With words of justified anger our citizens come with the leaflets and they are especially offended by the fact that one of the leaflets is some kind of a facsimile of the new Czechoslovak crown stamped on both sides by inflammatory words. Our citizens hold in esteem the new crown which is firm and valuable and has a great purchasing power which helped us to get rid of rationing and, therefore, with sharp and often crude words they criticize that its image had been misused as the basis for printing big lies concerning the government of our republic and the USSR.

The second leaflet is propagating the Fascist provocations which took place on seventeen June in the German Democratic Republic. When those provocations ended by failure, their organizers ordered that they should be used at last for the printing of leaflets with pictures, demonstrating the bandits of Berlin in action; as they are starting fires or indulging in provocations, etc.

Those pictures belong into the series of the photographs which the Nazis throatcutters used to take while they were starting fires in the occupied countries, in the Ukraine, in Cracow, in Lidice. It is quite natural that this, too, can only create disgust towards those who have started this criminal action. Besides, the pictures of the Fascist provocations in Berlin are no sensational news for us, as the directors of the balloon action obviously imagine. Similar pictures were published not long ago in our Svet Prave. It demonstrates the absolute political shortsightedness which when people mentioned it is described as stupidity of the organizers of the balloon action who think that they could influence our people by leaflets one side of which constitutes a glorification of hatred and of the attack against peace which was to take place on 17th June in Berlin.

In vain is the part of the defender of Czechoslovak working people - and this will always be the same - assumed by those, from whose actions there emanates the wish to start a new murderous war which is not wanted by any honest working citizen whatever be his political or his religious opinion. This provocation clearly demonstrates how the USA reactionary circles plan the lessening of international tension.

It is a gross heresy just at the time when the people of the entire world are looking forward with hope towards the possibility of a truce in Korea, when with confidence they are following the peace policy of USSR, aiming at the peaceful settlement of all disputed international questions.

Therefore, the balloon action was met with sharp condemnation on the part of our people. The balloon specialists would certainly not like to hear what the people say when they bring the leaflets to the SMR and to the National Committees. It is worth noticing that even such people who so far did not find an active attitude to the socialist development express their surprise about the means the West is employing. And all our people are deeply offended by the latent violating of the independence of our State territory. They are surprised by the great amount of stupidity of the people

who thought that they will achieve anything by the balloons. True, the Crusaders of Freedom in the West are losing more and more possibilities for conducting enemy activity on the territory of our Republic. On the frontiers of our country there stands a vigilant guard which breaks all the attempts of their agents and so they must be contented with the balloon action which our people overtly laughed at and which they condemn.

They openly say that the entire action was a kind of pansterism which not even Hitler dared to commit at the time of the greatest hatred campaign against Czechoslovakia. Then they are bringing the leaflets which they had found to the security organs and to the administrative organs, they ask that the action should be publicly condemned.

This spontaneous disgust concerning the balloon action demonstrated in which complete isolation, lack of information and ignorance of the real thinking of our working people do live the mercenaries of Free Europe which is the patron of this action. Free Europe even broadcast, while propagating the balloons, some kind of poor poetry in which one says, that "Always all the good things were coming from above" and that our people knew this".

Yet our people have got a longer memory than Free Europe believes. They will remember what good came to them from above from the West; that it was the bombs which on the eve of the end of the war were murdering women and children in peaceful residential quarters of Prague and Pilsen and which destroyed the Pilsen Skoda Works and the Prague Kolben Works in order to make our reconstruction more difficult. Later we were getting from above, from Western Germany a flood of the Colorado beetle which was supposed to bring us misery and starvation, and they know very well what American pilots are bringing from above to the women and children of Korea.

And one more coincidence: One of the boxes with leaflets which was found near Brezove in the Pilsen Region carried the inscription Munchen and also with the name of Munich are connected for every citizen the memories of the worst time of our nations: the memories how in reality looks the love of the so-called friends of our people.

In fact the organizers of the ridiculous and stupid balloon action spent their dollars for balloons, paper and metal stamps carrying the emblem of Free Europe which are also being spread. They can hardly expect any thanks on the part of their employers because the result is exactly the contrary of the expected. True, a few business men finally got their pockets full but otherwise the action was doomed to failure from its very beginning. This action blown up by Free Europe deflated soon just as its balloons.

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PHENIX LANG WALKER GRIFFITH FM CONEON
FOLLOWS RADIO PRAGUE ANNOUNCEMENT 0510 TODAY RE NOTE ON BALLOONS.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES ON JULY 20, 1953:

DURING THE PAST DAYS BALLOONS WERE SENT TO CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY
WITH LEAFLETS OF A NATURE DESIGNED TO INCITE DISCONTENT OF THE
POPULATION AND TO ENCOURAGE ANTI-STATE ACTIVITIES. THIS NEW ATTEMPT
TO INFLUENCE THE CZECHOSLOVAK WORKING PEOPLE WITH PROPAGANDA MEANS OF
SO PRIMITIVE A LEVEL, UNDERSTANDABLY MET WITH INDIGNANT RESISTANCE,
THAT THE ENTIRE ACTION
WAS PREPARED AND CARRIED OUT BY AMERICAN CITIZENS SENT FOR THIS
PURPOSE TO GERMANY, TO GERMAN TERRITORY UNDER US OCCUPATION ADMINIS-
TRATION. IT IS THEREFORE A NEW INSTANCE WHERE THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT ABUSED ITS POSITION AS AN OCCUPATION POWER TOWARDS ENDS
INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT ON GERMANY, WHICH BINDS
THE UNITED STATE TO CARRY OUT THE OCCUPATION ACCORDING TO THE BASIC
TENET THAT GERMANY IS NEVER AGAIN TO BECOME A THREAT TO WORLD
PEACE AND ITS NEIGHBOURS.

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ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACT WHICH MAKES THIS DEVIATION OF BASIC PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PARTICULARLY OBJECTIONABLE IS THE FACT THAT IT TOOK PLACE AT A TIME WHEN THE NATIONS OF THE ENTIRE WORLD ARE INCREASING THEIR EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE PEACE AND ASSURE PEACEFUL COOPERATION.

THE AIM OF THIS PROVOCATIVE ACTION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE PROTECTION OF US OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES IS TO INCREASE THE POLICIES OF THE SO-CALLED COLD WAR AND TO PREVENT A LOOSENING OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION.

FOR THESE REASONS THE GOVERNMENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA DECISIVELY PROTESTS AGAINST THIS ACTION AND ASKS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO FURNISH INFORMATION ON THE STEPS TAKEN TO PREVENT SIMILAR PROVOCATIONS AIMED AGAINST PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF NATIONS, REPRESENTING CRUDE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL CZECHOSLOVAK AFFAIRS."

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FOR THE WEEK OF July 28, 1944

Czechoslovak

Balloon Operation

The "Czechoslovak Week" quoted an article from "Radio
Pravo" dealing with the preparation for "X-Day". It lies
broadcast from abroad, no balloon operation can deny the
fact that the plan for "X-Day" which had been prepared for
5 years failed with the Berlin plots.

The weekly program "Uncle from Slovakia" tries to ridicule
and underestimate the significance of the balloon operations.
This program was broadcast by Radio Bratislava in Slovak
dialect. It tells the story of the "Uncle" who found some
of the crowns which had been put into the balloons on the
real and of course immediately recognized that they were
only the imitations or the real crowns. Next day he entered
the tobacconist's shop and when paying said to the girl
recalled the crown he had found on the balloon. She only laughed
and told him he could not get anything for that crown but
has to pay with real Czechoslovak currency.

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21 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT: Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs' Note to
America Legation

REFERENCE: Memo dated 21 July 1953 - Subject: "Czech
Reactions to Balloon Operation"

1. The Czech Desk of the Department of State is preparing an answer to the Czech note which will generally disclaim any U.S. Governmental responsibility for the balloon operation. The VOA is being instructed to brush off the Czech note and to cite it as another example of the regime's attempt to prevent the Czech people from getting the truth.

2. RFE will not comment on the note except to report the U.S. reply as a news item, but will comment on the *Pravda* editorial taking the line the Czech Government can't let its people know the truth and also speculating on how many Czechs did not turn in their pamphlets.

THOMAS W. BRADEN

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SECURITY INFORMATION

21 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT: Czech reactions to balloon operation

1. Attached are Czech reactions to the balloon operation including the text of a note from the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs delivered today to the American Embassy in Prague.
2. Radio Free Europe has been instructed not to comment upon this note until directed.

Thomas W. Braden
THOMAS W. BRADEN
Chief

International Organizations Division

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Fellow Radio Prague announcement 0510 today re note on balloons:

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The aim of this provocative action, organized under the protection of U.S. occupation authorities is to increase the policies of the so-called cold war and to prevent a loosening of international tensions.

For these reasons the Government of Czechoslovakia decisively protests against this action and asks the Government of the U.S. to furnish information on the steps taken to prevent similar provocation aimed against peaceful co-existence of nations, representing crude interference in internal Czech affairs."

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MUNICH RFE 20 - JULY 20, 1953

PLEASE NOTE THAT TODAY'S PRAYDA CARRIED REPRINT OF
MAJOR PORTION OF RUDE PRAVO BALLOON EDITORIAL,
INCLUDING MENTION OF RFE, UNDER TITLE: "TANNER OF
THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE TO THE PROVOCATORS AND
SLANDERS". UNITED PRESS CARRIED STORY OF RUDE PRAVO
EDITORIAL UNDER VIENNA DATELINE JULY 16.

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RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS SERVICE

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Draft Note to Czechoslovak Government

Verbatim Text

Following is text note for transmission FOMONY in reply to its note July 20.

Begin text. The American Embassy presents its compliments to the Czechoslovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with reference to the Ministry's Note of July 20, 1953, concerning the release of balloons from the US Zone of Germany has the honor, upon instructions of the US Government, to make the following reply:

The balloons apparently in question were not released by any official agency of this Government but by the Crusade for Freedom, an organization established by private American citizens. The US Government has ascertained that the balloons were released for the purpose of communicating with the people of Czechoslovakia.

It is a fundamental conviction of the American Government and people that free communication between peoples constitutes a principle upon which the very life of the international community should be founded. If any government attempts to erect a wall sealing off its people from contact with the outside world, it is inevitable that ways will be found both by the people inside that country and by the peoples of other countries outside to penetrate that artificial barrier and maintain some line of contact with one another. The use by those outside of such media as balloons confirms that the Czechoslovak Government has created a barrier interfering with free communication. The US believes that the best assurance that this means of communication will not be used is to obviate the need for it by permitting what is natural and necessary in the modern world, namely, free contact between nations and the free exchange of information and ideas.

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As for the content of the messages carried to Czechoslovakia by this medium, it is understood that they contained information on current developments in Central and Eastern Europe and in addition various statements focusing on the idea of "freedom". There would be no reason for a government to be disturbed about the principle of freedom in a message to its people, if conditions of freedom actually existed in that country. One cannot readily believe that the Czechoslovak Government would even raise this issue with the US Government if the fundamental freedoms were observed in Czechoslovakia and if the Czechoslovak Government were not now especially concerned about the attitude of the people toward the absence of those freedoms.

The US Government cannot agree that the transmission of these messages to the people of Czechoslovakia from the territory of the US Zone of Germany by the Crusade for Freedom Committee involved any misuse of the position of the US as an occupying power. Such communication is clearly not contrary to any quadripartite agreements affecting Germany. Nor does such communication violate any other international agreement to which the US Government is a signatory.

With reference to efforts to strengthen world peace the US, as is generally known, has endeavored in every practicable way to work step by step, in accordance with the deep interests of the American people in permanent peace and in cooperation with other countries, toward building an enduring structure of international peace and stability. The US seeks to help bring about a relaxation of international tension wherever there are genuine possibilities of doing so. It is recognized at the same time that true international tranquillity presupposes conditions which assure human rights and fundamental freedoms for the people concerned. End text/

Cable soonest intended date delivery so press release may be issued here.

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Source of information

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Another important factor which makes this new violation of basic principle of international law particularly objectionable is the fact that it took place at a time when the nations of the entire world are increasing their efforts to strengthen the peace and assure peaceful cooperation.

The aim of this provocative action, organized under the protection of US occupation authorities is to increase the policies of the so-called cold war and to prevent a loosening of international tensions.

For these reasons the Government of Czech decisively protest against this action and ask the Government of the US to furnish information on the steps taken to prevent similar provocation aimed against peaceful co-existence of nations, representing crude interference in internal Czech affairs."

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REMARKS:

Attached is Mr. Durkee's recommendation in respect to Mr. Zygmunt Nagorski, Jr., International Federation of Free Journalists and the Free European Press Service. His recommendation is that we do not support this organization for PW or intelligence purposes. I concur in it.

see 2 June Chrono TWB

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20 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR:

C/EC

SUBJECT:

Tymant Narorski; Free European Press Service;
International Federation of Free Journalists.

REFERENCE:

Memo to DE/P fr C/EC dtd 12 June, same subject.

1. I have read with interest the reference memorandum which concludes with recommendations against the utilization of Narorski and his "organization" in connection with PR operations, including dissemination activities. It is my recollection that there had been a previous recommendation against the use of this individual and his colleagues and associates as sources of information. It is my further recollection that, in part as the result of a recommendation which we received from C. D. Jackson, we recently granted a very modest (\$3500 per month) subsidy to cover a try-out period of a few months' duration.

2. Will you please advise me if I am wrong in any of my points of recollection as indicated above. If, on the other hand, my recollection is accurate, will you please prepare for my signature a brief communication suitable for transmittal to Mr. C. D. Jackson and stating, in effect, that whereas we did in fact go forward with a modest subsidy for a three (3) month period, we have now had an opportunity to re-examine this entire situation in detail, including the identity and character of Narorski's sources and associates, and have reached the conclusion that we have no interest or desire to continue our support and relationship with Narorski beyond the conclusion of the trial period.

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Deputy Director (Plans)cc: C/EC
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Attachments:

Ref. memo and tab.

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20 July 1953

IO, Attn: Mr. Durkee
 VIA : Chief, EE
 IG/EE/P

Proposed Balloon Campaign in Event President Offers Food to Poland

1. With reference to our discussion of 17 July, attached hereto is a sample of the coupon which it is recommended that the Crusade for Freedom distribute by balloon from Germany in the event that a Presidential offer of food for Poland is refused by the Polish Government. This coupon reads as follows:

The bearer of this coupon is entitled to receive from the food supplies donated by Americans:

(food listed will be those specifically offered)

Stamped across the coupon are the words, "Invalid due to the rejection of the offer by The Polish 'Peoples' Republic".

2. We are advising the Frankfurt mission of this plan and requesting their estimate of the number of leaflets which they could release by balloon from the Baltic. Please advise us whether or not your printing facilities can supply the German mission with whatever number of leaflets they undertake to distribute. We, on the other hand, will advise you soonest of the number of balloons we will require from your stocks and the address to which they are to be consigned.

3. In the event that the Crusade desires to include a printed message on the reverse of the leaflet, it is requested that the text of the message be cleared either with this desk or with the German mission prior to printing.

Attachment:

WALPOLE DAVIS
 Deputy Chief

*See Dike's
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EE/P: ECHOWARMS
 20 July 1953

2 Addressees
 1 RI
 2 EE/P

16 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: IO/PP

ATTENTION: Mr. Thomas Braden

SUBJECT: Mr. Kenneth Dean Koch

1. In January of this year I discussed with your office the retention of Kenneth Dean Koch in Berlin as RFE representative, due to his extensive usefulness to FI in Berlin, providing FI with cover facilities, leads, general services and working very satisfactorily in supporting the FI mission in Berlin. At that time I was assured by IO that they would do everything possible to retain Mr. Koch in Berlin as the RFE representative. In May of this year I had occasion to visit Bob Lang in New York on another matter and I again touched upon Mr. Koch's assignment in Berlin, at which time Mr. Lang assured me that no changes would be made in Koch's assignment in Berlin without prior clearance with me. He also emphasized that no man would be sent to Berlin who did not meet with our complete approval. In the meantime, Koch was sent to Israel to set up the RFE office but seemingly met with opposition on the part of Israel authorities and has returned to Germany with no definite job envisaged for him. John Elliott has taken over the RFE office in Berlin and there seems to be no attempt to make any concessions to FI wishes in Berlin.

2. We find this solution an extremely unsatisfactory one. Elliott, by background, general character, and ability, is not as useful to FI in Berlin as Koch was and I seriously doubt that RFE would find him as satisfactory as Koch in standard RFE business. I knew Elliott when he was a newspaper man, and I have checked with several of his former colleagues who agree that he does not have any of the hard-hitting qualities so desirable for an RFE representative in Berlin. This is not an attempt to belittle his ability as a journalist but the job in Berlin is very much more than that. In short, I would appreciate your office taking steps with RFE to return Dean Koch to Berlin as RFE representative, since his services to FI are very much desired even on a part-time basis. Our main reason for wanting Koch in Berlin is that the RFE office attracts a large percentage of Satellite refugees and as such it is important for us to have the head of the RFE office in Berlin

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cognizant of our intelligence interests in order to be able to channel the right type of refugee to our doorstep. Furthermore, in many cases the RFE representative can perform valuable screening and cutout functions which would preserve his own cover and yet save us valuable time and effort.

3. I would appreciate any action you can take on this subject and refer you to IN 40404 from Berlin which is attached. Please keep me advised on any progress you make in this case.

PETER SICHEL
Chief, EE/FI

Attachment: IN 40404

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*Read by Wiener
7/17/53*

16 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT: RFE Report on recent Soviet Zone
Politburo Meeting

1. Attached herewith, I am forwarding you a cable which has just been received in New York from Munich.
2. The information contained therein was transmitted by the RFE correspondent in Hamburg, Major Ramsey, who reportedly got it from a usually reliable British SIS contact.
3. RFE has asked us to treat this information with extreme caution and strictly as speculation.

Signed: THOMAS W. BRADEN

THOMAS W. BRADEN
Chief
International Organizations Division

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SOVIET ZONE POLITBURO MEETING

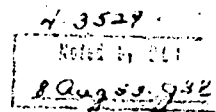
Cable dated 7/16/53 from Munich to New York

"East German ailing President Wilhelm Pieck is definitely on the way out, reliable sources in close contacts with the East German Government said here today. The sources stated that Pieck's ouster was disclosed during an East-West German Communist Politburo meeting which ended in East Germany on July 12. Top German Communist leaders were also told that East German Secret Police Chief, Wilhelm Zaisser, is now suspended or under house arrest. Zaisser was arrested for publication of casualty figures of the June 17 revolt, the source said. His ouster also falls in line with recent Communist policy shifts all over the Red Empire, they said. At the meeting it was disclosed that SED head Walter Ulbricht will remain a potent force in East German politics despite recent rumors of his impending purge. Premier Otto Grotewohl will be given increased power in the new government set-up, the sources said. During a discussion of recent events in the Soviet at the Politburo meeting, the Communist leaders were given information from Moscow reporting that Foreign Minister Molotov will emerge during the next month as the key figure in the Soviet Union. Premier Malenkov will serve as a figurehead for Molotov, the sources revealed. The Red Army is fast becoming a major political force in Russia and several generals have been recalled from outpost areas by order of Molotov, the sources said. The USSR is suffering from acute shortages of raw materials, especially rubber and oil, as well as strategic metals of the rarer varieties, it was disclosed at the meeting. In view of this, the top Communists were told that Russia would continue its "peace offensive" for at least another year. The sources, reported to be "highly reliable", said that the revelations released at the meeting were to be used as "policy directives" by East and West Communist leaders."

NOTE:

PYI. "This information was released through our Central News with the warning to treat with extreme caution, adding that Political Advisor's office agreed it is of most explosive nature and should be handled strictly as speculation."

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15 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Purge of Beria

Attached herewith is a guidance received by
RFE on the purge of Beria.

Carl W. Meyer
CARL W. MEYER, JR.
Deputy Chief,
International Organizations Division

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PROVISIONAL GUIDANCE: PURGE OF BERIA

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2. THE STRUGGLE FOR THE SUCCESSION TO STALIN IS DEVELOPING MUCH MORE RAPIDLY THAN AFTER THE DEATH OF LENIN. IT TOOK FOUR YEARS FOR STALIN TO REMOVE THE RIGHTISTS. FURTHERMORE, CONSIDERING THE SHIFT TO THE RIGHT IN THE EAST GERMANY AND HUNGARY, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT AS LATE AS A WEEK OR SO AGO OF "PRO-NATIONALIST" CHANGES IN TADJIKISTAN, THE DECISION IN THE STRUGGLE MUST HAVE HAPPENED ONLY WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS. BERIA'S ABSENCE (WHEN ALL THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE POLITBURO WERE PRESENT) AT THE BOLSHOI THEATRE ON JUNE 28 WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC INDICATIONS OF HIS APPROACHING FALL; THE JULY 8 EDITORIAL OF IZVESTIA, THE SECOND.

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II. GUIDANCE:

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS: Officer designations should be used in the "TO" column. Under each comment a line should be drawn across sheet and each comment numbered to correspond with the number in the "TO" column. Each officer should initial (check mark insufficient) before further routing. This Routing and Record Sheet should be returned to Registry.

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IO/branch 1.

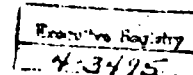
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TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
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1. CTP		15 JUL 1953	17	CTB	<p>Tom -</p> <p>Thanks - This suits me great. What does State think? The messages are stronger than what I thought State would buy - BUT -</p> <p>Good -</p> <p>Tracy.</p> <p>How was your trip - let's exchange early next week.</p> <p>Tracy</p> <p>4-26-53</p>
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15 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: RFE - Balloon Operation

Attached herewith is the story of the balloon operation and an early report of what happened.

Carl Meyer Jr.
CARL MEYER, JR.

Deputy Chief
International Organizations Division

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FOLLOWING RELEASED LOCALLY TODAY: RELEASE FROM RAINY FREE EUROPE:
EMBARGOED UNTIL 11:30 GMT - JULY 14, 1953

MUNICH, JULY 14, 1953-- THOUSANDS OF HIGH ALTITUDE BALLOONS CARRYING
MESSAGES OF HOPE TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE WERE RELEASED ON THE CZECH BORDER
LAST NIGHT BY THE CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM.

CARRIED BY STRONG WINDS AT ALTITUDES UP TO 30,000 FEET, THE BALLOONS WERE
EXPECTED TO REACH AS FAR AS THE INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF OSTRAVA ON THE POLISH
BORDER, WITH PILSEN, PRAGUE, MOST AND SOKOLOV AS SPECIAL TARGETS.

THE "BALLOON BARRAGE"-- THE SECOND AIMED AT CZECHOSLOVAKIA BY THE CRUSADE
FOR FREEDOM -- WILL CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL DAYS. A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 12,000,000
MESSAGES, OR ONE FOR EVERY PERSON IN THE COUNTRY, WILL BE SENT.

CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM LAUNCHED A SIMILAR BARRAGE AT CZECHOSLOVAKIA ON AUGUST
23, 1951, AND ANOTHER AT POLAND ON AUGUST 28, 1951. HOWEVER, THE PRESENT
OPERATION IS FOUR TIMES AS LARGE AND BELIEVED TO BE THE BIGGEST EVER ATTEMPTED.

MESSAGES CARRIED BY THE BALLOONS RELEASED LAST NIGHT AND TODAY WERE OF
THREE TYPES: A REPRODUCTION OF A NEW ONE-CROWN NOTE, BEARING A PLEA TO OPPOSE
THE COMMUNIST REGIME; A PAMPHLET EXPLAINING THE RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS IN
EAST GERMANY AND THE FALL OF SOVIET POLICY CHIEF LATEVITI BERIA; AND AN ALUMINUM
COIN STAMPED WITH THE "FREEDOM BELL" AND THE SLOGAN "ALL CZECHS AND SLOVAKS FOR
FREEDOM--ALL THE FREE WORLD FOR THE CZECHS AND SLOVAKS."

THE BALLOONS USED IN THE OPERATION CALLED "WINDS OF FREEDOM" ARE OF TWO
TYPES, A RUBBER SPHERE WHICH EXPLODES AT HIGH ALTITUDES, SCATTERING ITS
MESSAGES OVER A WIDE AREA, AND A PLASTIC BALLOON WHICH DESCENDS ON THE TARGET.
BOTH TYPES ARE FILLED WITH HYDROGEN.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE MESSAGE PRINTED ON THE ONE CROWN NOTE FOLLOWS:
ON ONE SIDE --

CZECHOSLOVAKS, KNOW THIS; THE REGIME IS WEAKER THAN YOU HAVE DARED TO
THINK; POWER LIES WITH THE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE STAND OPPOSED. WITH DUTY

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AND COURAGE, ORGANIZE YOUR STRENGTH: DOWN WITH THE COLLECTIVE! INSIST ON WORKERS' RIGHTS! TODAY DEMAND CONCESSIONS; TOMORROW - FREEDOM!

ON THE OTHER SIDE --

MEN CALL THIS 'THE HUNGER CROWN - GIFT OF THE SOVIET UNION. IT IS THE SYMBOL OF REGIME DESPERATION, OF FIVE-YEAR FAILURE: IT IS A CHALLENGE TO FIGHT, TO MEET WEAKNESS WITH STRENGTH, TO RESIST AS YOU KNOW BEST. THE OTHER CAPTIVE PEOPLES ARE UNITING AND WILL JOIN YOU IN YOUR STRUGGLE. THE FREE WORLD IS WITH YOU! ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PAMPHLET ABOUT EVENTS IN EAST GERMANY: CZECHS AND SLOVAKS! HEAR THE MESSAGE WHICH COMES TO YOU TODAY FROM THE FREE WORLD: THE SOVIET UNION IS GETTING WEAKER! THE PEOPLES OF THE CAPTIVE COUNTRIES ARE GETTING STRONGER! THE SOVIET UNION IS GETTING WEAKER. THE STRUGGLE FOR STALIN'S HERITAGE SHAKES THE ENTIRE SOVIET EMPIRE AND FEAR HAS CREPT INTO THE KREMLIN. WHO WILL FALL WITH BERIA AND WHO WILL FALL AFTER BERIA? HOW MANY MILLIONS WILL FALL VICTIMS TO THE NEW PURGE WHICH IS NOW GOING TO BEGIN - THE BIGGEST PURGE WHICH THE SOVIET UNION HAS EVER KNOWN?

HOW MANY VICTIMS WILL FALL IN THE SOVIET UNION AND HOW MANY IN THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES? WHO WILL FALL WITH BERIA IN PRAGUE AND WHO WILL BE DRAGGED DOWN BY HIS FALL IN BRATISLAVA? WHO WILL BE THE NEW SLANSKY AND WHO THE NEW CLEMENTIS? AND WHEN THE PURGE SPREADS AND BROADENS, DOWN FROM THE POLITBURO TO THE LANDS AND DISTRICTS, TO THE OFFICES AND THE FACTORIES - HOW MANY FUNCTIONARIES WILL SAFELY SURVIVE?

ONLY THOSE WILL SURVIVE WHO WILL DETACH THEMSELVES FROM THE SINKING COMMUNIST BOAT IN TIME. ONLY THOSE WHO JOIN THE PEOPLE AND HELP IN ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST THE OPPRESSORS.

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AT ANY RATE, THE SOVIETS ARE IN A BLIND ALLEY. IF THE MOSCOW BOOT WILL WEIGH EVEN HEAVIER ON THE NECKS OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLE AND IF MOSCOW'S DEMANDS UPON THE FRIGHTENED PUPPET GOVERNMENTS OF THE CAPTIVE COUNTRIES WILL BECOME MORE PRESSING, THE RESISTANCE OF THE PEOPLE WILL ONLY GROW: FOR THE PEOPLE WILL NOT RETURN INTO SUBMISSION. IF THE COMMUNIST REGIMES, IN ORDER TO APPEASE THE WRATH OF THE PEOPLE, WILL TRY TO BRIBE THEIR SUBJECTS BY PROMISING CONCESSIONS AS WE HAVE SEEN IN HUNGARY AND IN EASTERN GERMANY, THEY WILL NOT GET ANSWERS: FOR THE PEOPLE WILL NOT BE DECEIVED ANYMORE BY PITONY CONCESSIONS.

THE PEOPLE ARE GROWING STRONGER. THE FIRST FLAMES OF REVOLT FLARED OUT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND IN EASTERN GERMANY. FROM PILSEN, FROM MORAVSKA OSTRAVA, FROM BERLIN, DRESDEN AND MAGDEBURG THE ECHO OF THIS REVOLT PEARED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND DEEPLY SHOCK THE ENTIRE SOVIET REALM: THE PEOPLE SHOWED THEIR STRENGTH.

THE COMMUNIST REGIMES RECOGNIZED THE MENACE AND BECAME APPAID. THEY STARTED APOLOGIZING, THEY STARTED SELF-CRITICISING, THEY STARTED GIVING PROMISES. IN GERMANY THE ANTI-LABOR DECREES HAD TO BE REVOKED. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THE FRIGHTENED GOVERNMENT WAS FORCED TO DESIST FROM APPLYING THE PENAL LAWS CONCERNING ASSENTMENT. IN MOSCOW, UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE NEWS OF THE PEOPLES REVOLT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND GERMANY, THE INTERNAL STRUGGLE BECAME SHARPER. BERIA AND HIS ALL-POWERFUL POLICE FELL AS VICTIMS. YOUR REVOLT HELPED TO ALTER THE COURSE OF HISTORY: NEW FORCES MADE THEIR APPEARANCE ON THE BATTLEFIELD, THE PEOPLE WON ITS FIRST MAJOR VICTORY IN ITS FIGHT WITH THE REGIMES.

CZECHS AND SLOVAKS: THE MORE YOUR OPPRESSORS ARE SHAKEN BY UNCERTAINTY, THE GREATER IS THE CERTAINTY OF YOUR VICTORY. THE REGIME IS APPAID OF YOU, IT KNOWS THAT POWER IS FUNDAMENTALLY ON YOUR SIDE. THIS IS THE TIME WHEN PEOPLES UNITY, A COMMON AGREEMENT AND A UNITED PURPOSE ARE ABLE TO WIN CON-

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CESSIONS. YOUR BATTLEFIELD IS IN THE FACTORIES AND IN THE FIELDS. ON THIS BATTLEFIELD OF LABOR YOU HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF NUMBERS. ON THIS BATTLEFIELD YOU CANNOT BE VANQUISHED. YOU WILL NOT BE CONTENT WITH PROMISES, YOU WILL ASK FOR DEEDS. YOU WILL NOT BE CONTENT WITH BRIBES, YOU WILL ASK MORE AND MORE FROM THE EXPLOITERS. WE DO NOT PRESUME TO GIVE YOU ORDERS NOR TO GIVE YOU ADVICES. YOU AND YOUR NEW LEADERS WHO ARE BEING BORN IN THE STRUGGLE KNOW BEST NOW AND WHERE TO STRIKE. BUT WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE NOT ALONE; AMONG THE MASSES OF PEOPLE BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN THE FIRE OF REVOLT IS SHOULDERING AND ITS SPARKS ARE FLYING FROM COUNTRY TO COUNTRY. EVERYWHERE IN THE FREE WORLD. YOUR FRIENDS ARE WITH YOU. THEIR HELP WILL GROW AS YOUR DETERMINATION GROWS.

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The following was received from Conden, Munich

Have report early afternoon that Czech fighter plane attempting shoot down balloons. In only instance so far reported, planes shot down two out of ten that were in air at moment. Also have report that attempts being made shoot balloons down from ground, but no success. This shooting occurred at 1410 local time, which is only report so far. Will inform you of any developments.

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The following received from Condon, Munich

Following is full story as of 1700 local time on shooting. At 1400 two possibly three jet aircraft, presumably MIG, which kept well within Czech territory, managed after considerable moving to shoot down two repeat two balloons. Aircraft departed area and have not returned since. Small arms fire during most of afternoon accounted for total of three repeat three balloons. Small arms fire effective only during periods when weather conditions did not permit rapid rise of balloons crossing border at height within range of submarine guns and carbines.

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Walker's report - Temper of residence in launching area calm and unworried.

End of Message

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8 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, IO
FROM: EE/Czechoslovakia
SUBJECT: Bohumil HOUSER

1. Reference is made to a letter dated 25 June 1953 and addressed to you from Mr. Leo M. Cherne, Executive Director of the Research Institute of America, forwarding certain proposals sent to the latter by Mr. Bohumil HOUSER of the International Rescue Committee, Camp Valka, Nuernberg, Germany. This memorandum will summarize for you our knowledge of Subject, and our present interest in his activities.
2. Subject was born 1 March 1922 in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. He reportedly fought in the underground in World War II and was taken prisoner. From the end of the war until December 1945 he was employed as interpreter to the U.S. military unit in Falknov, Czechoslovakia, and in 1949 he was head of the personnel department of the Brown Coal Mining Company in Falknov.
3. According to a report from the British Army of the Rhine, he was recruited by the Czechoslovak Intelligence Service in 1946 in Cheb, Czechoslovakia, and is an ardent Communist. According to the CIC, he travelled to Belgium shortly after the war, and then returned to Germany (sic).
4. We do not know exactly when Subject left Czechoslovakia. He seems to have emigrated to Australia in 1949 or 1950, and to have returned to Germany some time prior to September 1951, when he became associated with the American Fund for Czech Refugees and with the International Rescue Committee. According to one informant, Subject was deported from Australia for Communist Party activities.
5. On 14 April 1953 Subject sent Mr. Cherne an operational proposal of such interest that, in spite of the unfavorable information on Subject, we felt obliged to investigate it further. Upon our instructions, an agent of the Munich Operations Base contacted Subject on or about 25 June, using air force cover, and obtained the identity of Subject's lead. This person turned out to be an individual who has been suspected since 1949 of being an agent of the Czech Intelligence Service, and who has very recently been crossing lines with one or two operations being run by Berlin Operations Base. Under the circumstances it appears very likely that Subject's lead amounts to nothing more than a provocation or fabrication. We are still waiting for an appraisal and recommendations from the field.

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RICHARD A. FINNEY

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7 July 1953

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7/13/53

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

SUBJECT: Proposed Balloon Operation

1. The following message was received from Whitney Shepardson on the proposed balloon operation.

Shepardson talked at length with Conant yesterday, Monday. Conant did not object to the proposed balloon operation, but on the contrary "endorses" the project, but said he could not "request" acquiescence. Thus Shepardson says we have "improved upon our minimum expectations".

Shepardson says further that Adenauer has been away since last Saturday but that Lentz and Hallstein were to have returned last night and BIGGS is trying to arrange an appointment with either or both for today, Tuesday.

Shepardson will send further word after these talks.

Carl Meyer for
THOMAS M. MEYER
Chief
International Organizations Division

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7 July 1953
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Memorandum for the Record

Subject: Conversation with Congressman Kersten

1. On 6 May Congressman Kersten addressed a letter to the State Department, enclosing a letter dated 6 May 1953, which he had received from Mr. Creighton Scott, a former employee of Radio Free Europe at Munich, Germany. This letter was highly critical of certain personnel in RFE, particularly as regards allegations of pro-communist attitudes. On 6 July I discussed these criticisms with Congressman Kersten in detail, conveying to him orally the material contained in the memorandum of 17 June 1953 from the Director of Security; Subject: Inquiry by Congressman Kersten; which the Director of Security had noted should be utilized in this meeting with Congressman Kersten.
2. The Congressman noted the difficulty in evaluating the type of criticisms which Mr. Scott had made but appeared willing to accept our explanation.
3. Congressman Kersten then turned to certain criticisms which he had heard expressed regarding RFE from several sources, including Scott. One such criticism is that RFE is not doing the best it should on religious programs. He feels that this aspect of the broadcasts could probably be considerably strengthened, particularly among Catholic elements.
4. Mr. Kersten cited the opinion of Count Tarnowski (sp. ?), a well known Pole, who told the Congressman that any fourteen year old Soviet citizen would be so well briefed on Soviet philosophy as to turn up their noses at the RFE material. The Count (and Kersten appears to agree) feels that the Soviet population has more sophisticated philosophical material thrown at them by their own Government, and that it should be an important function of RFE to counter with an attempt to destroy the Soviet philosophical material and shake the Soviet faith in their theoreticians.
5. Congressman Kersten realized that it is difficult to capture a wide audience with philosophical arguments, but he feels that if these arguments reached a segment of important leaders behind the Iron Curtain, it would help to destroy and counter the philosophical teachings of Marx, Lenin, et al. The Congressman feels that many of our broadcasts deal with economic matters, and, while these are important, RFE should go

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deeper and hit harder on religion and philosophy.

6. While Congressman Kersten is aware that many of the captive population are not interested in rightist movements, it is his opinion that RFE cannot beat communism with socialism. In particular, he felt (and Scott bore this out in their conversation) that we were making too much use of Czech socialists, and we were using socialists from the Benes Government which had sought to compromise with the communists. While he recognizes the popularity of Benes and Masaryk in Czechia, he feels they are not effective in Slovakia, where there is a heavy Catholic population.

7. Congressman Kersten plans to go to Europe, probably in September. While he did not say so, I believe he would welcome an invitation to visit RFE, Munich. Furthermore, as the author of the Kersten Amendment and of several resolutions on the enslaved peoples, at least one of which may receive Congressional approval at this session, consideration might be given as to whether it would be advisable to request the Congressman to utilize RFE facilities to broadcast while he is abroad.

Walter L. Pforzheimer
Legislative Counsel

OGC/WLP:jps

*Mr. Kirkpatrick gave
the original of this to the
OC-1, who read it and
took a copy for NCFE-*

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3 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: O'Arcy Brophy and Louis Novins' Trip to Europe

1. Mr. Brophy and Mr. Novins tell me that you have agreed to pay their expenses for their trip to Europe. I told them that since they were traveling on our business they should draw the money from Heritage Foundation funds which have been made available.

2. I think this is the tidiest way of handling the transaction. Novins gave me some representations that it would be better to channel funds for the trip through one of his clients, Paramount Pictures. This seems to me complicated and insecure, and I recommend that if this subject is raised with you directly, you again suggest use of Heritage funds.

THOMAS W. BRADEN

THOMAS W. BRADEN

Chief

International Organizations Division

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1 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Comments on Arthur Page's letter of 29 June 1953

1. I think a budget presentation before a mixed audience of PRC members and directors or members of the Executive Committee of NCFE plus supposedly members of the NCFE staff would be extremely confusing, whether it were held here or in New York. Not all the members of the PRC have detailed knowledge of NCFE operations and most of the members of the Executive Committee do not have such knowledge. I see a meeting such as Arthur Page suggests going about as follows:

a. IO Division presents the budget with cuts which we plan to recommend.

b. Members of the Executive Committee of NCFE oppose the cuts.

c. PRC is placed in a position of turning down its own staff before the assembled outsiders with whom the staff is working.

2. I should suggest instead that we follow the following procedure:

a. IO Division presents the budget with the suggested cuts in same.

b. PRC considers these cuts carefully.

c. PRC calls in expert members of the staff of NCFE, i.e. Spencer Phenix, Bob Lang, Bernie Yarrow etc., if it desires to do so, and questions them on any matter within their respective responsibilities and in particular about the suggested cuts.

d. The experts leave the room.

e. PRC makes up its mind whether to accept the cut proposed or to make bigger cuts, or to add to the budget, as it may desire to do.

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3. It would be useful to brief the Executive Committee on the reasons why any changes in the budget are made after they are made, and it might be well to have a luncheon with the Executive Committee down here or in New York after the action has been taken and have the Director explain the reasons ~~why PRG did this or that~~ *for Agency action.*

4. I suggest that you write Arthur Page saying that you think a meeting such as Phenix suggests would confuse our procedures but that you do think a ~~later meeting~~ with the Executive Committee to explain the actions taken and have a meeting of minds for the work ahead after the budget has been passed would be useful.

luncheon here

THOMAS W. BRADEN
Chief
International Organizations Division

JUN 30 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION

SUBJECT: Funds for Balloon Operation

This will authorize you to inform officials of TPTONIC that the restrictions imposed by the Project Review Committee, at its meeting on 29 May 1953 of \$3,000,000 for operating expenses of TPTONIC for the first quarter of fiscal year 1954, may be exceeded by the funds necessary to prepare and/or execute a balloon operation.

15/ A.W. Dulles

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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(30 June 1953)

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JUN 29 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: C/PP

SUBJECT: Recent Developments in the Rumanian Refugee Situation

1. In a verbal report to the Rumanian National Committee upon his return from a trip to Europe to secure former King Michael's approval of a proposed refugee committee, Mr. Visolani stated that the King did not reject the proposal advanced for the reorganization and enlargement of the present Committee, although he indicated no interest in having the plan put into effect immediately. This information on the attitude of the King is contrary to that previously reported by a member of the Rumanian National Committee, who stated that the King had finally rejected the proposal upon the recommendation of his AEC, Petre-Lazar.

2. In his last conversation with Mr. Visolani, the King requested that the members of the present Rumanian National Committee should send him, either jointly or individually, their opinions in writing about the following points:

a. On what grounds does the Rumanian National Committee consider that it cannot continue in its present form?

b. What are the criteria for choosing the members of the new committee and who are the persons who should belong to it?

c. Who are the Rumanian exiles and Rumanian organizations in exile which could be consulted by the King to advise him in the matter of forming a new National Committee?

3. The Rumanian National Committee members plan to send a joint resolution to the King requesting that he entrust Visolani with the formation of a new committee to be comprised of members whose names were submitted to the King. Should Michael refuse this request, the Committee intends to tender its resignation.

4. Visolani reported that he had conversations in Paris with Gafencu, Gherna, Veniamin and Antonide, to whom he proposed membership in the new committee. At that time, which was before the death of General Radescu, Gafencu refused because of the exclusion of the General in the new organization. Since Visolani was unable to return to Paris after his conversations with the King, a meeting with Gafencu subsequent to Radescu's death has not been possible. Gherna did not refuse to

become a member of the new committee, but wished to be accepted as a representative of the Socialist Party. This would be difficult because of Cherman's affiliation with the left-wing faction which seceded from Petrescu's Party in 1946, subsequently joining with the Communist Party. Antoniadu and Verdiman have agreed to become members of the new committee.

5. In a letter to the Fund on 26 May 1953, Gafencu stated that an attempt should be made to give support to a new committee through a large national council in order to establish unity of the leaders and of the Rumanian colony abroad. He said that on the day of General Radescu's death he had received a letter from the General asking him to take over "his task" to assure the unity of the Rumanians abroad. Gafencu also wrote that friends in Paris and abroad had asked him to take over the leadership of a small "ad hoc" committee with the support of all the Associations of Free Rumanians, which he stated he will do if the New York group assures him of their support. After that, he indicated he would see if there would be a possibility of an understanding with the Visoianu group.

6. Prince Nicholas reports that he has been approached by Gafencu with a request that he join forces with Gafencu to form a new Rumanian refugee committee under Gafencu's leadership and with headquarters in France. A committee embracing such individuals as Nicholas and General Ion Gheorghe, whom Gafencu also reportedly approached, would not be acceptable to segments of the Rumanian refugee colony because Nicholas is not on good terms with the King and has had Iron Guard associations, as does Gheorghe.

7. It would appear that there is little reason to believe that the Rumanian refugees will set aside their factional differences and personal ambitions to form a representative committee at this time.

CHRISTIAN M. PREER
Acting Chief, SE

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25 June 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION

SUBJECT: RFE Coverage of Stockholm ICFTU Congress

1. At our request RFE is going to give full coverage to the ICFTU Meeting in Stockholm. It has arranged to have the meeting covered by three desks. The Hungarians are using a Stockholm stringer, while the Poles and Czechs are each sending editors. In addition, there will be overall coverage to the central newroom by RFE's information correspondent, Dreifuss. Messages from the labor leaders of the free world will be broadcast to the Czech people, in line with our recent guidance.

2. A copy of the UN Slave Labor Report was delivered to the boat of Col. Mullany's friend yesterday afternoon prior to departure.

William P. Durkee

WILLIAM P. DURKEE
Chief, IO/Branch 1

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Remarks:

Alice:

Please insure that Mr. Dulles sees this before the NCPE people come in, and that they don't get their hands on it. *TWB*

TWB

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23 June 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with NCFE with afternoon.

According to my informants (I have not talked to Arthur Page), the Executive Committee of NCFE made two decisions at its meeting yesterday:

1. That the performance of RFE in the recent difficulty was like that of a divisional commander who refuses to obey the corps plan, and
2. That NCFE should immediately devise procedures so that future guidances from CIA will be put into effect without the two-week delay caused by Lang's refusal.
3. As I understand it, however, it is a fact that the guidance is not yet fully in effect and that the action part of the guidance, that is to say, paragraph 4, of the instructions of the Executive Committee to Radio Free Europe (you have a copy on your desk), has not yet been put into effect. I am guessing that you will get a lot of talk this evening about how most of this has been done before and is already standard operating procedure etc. etc. etc.
4. If you want to take a firm line this evening, I suggest that you stick to trying to find the answers to two questions:
 - a. Is the guidance initiated by you and passed upon by the Executive Committee fully in effect?
 - b. Have any steps been taken to make sure that in the future guidances will be put into effect?

TWB

THOMAS W. BRADEN
Chief

International Organizations Division

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30 January 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Jesse McKnight,
Department of State

1. Mr. McKnight called to report that Mr. Herbert Pierce from the UN Public Affairs Office is very disturbed about the conduct of "some RFE man" in New York, who is approaching members of the US Mission to the United Nations and asking them all sorts of questions, for example, their views on the recent Doctors' Trial.
2. Mr. McKnight feels that this practice should be discontinued, especially in view of the fact that the new members of the US Mission are not yet fully informed about, or sympathetic to, RFE. He feels that any questions concerning US policy on particular issues should be cleared with Mr. Krotzman, the WOA Policy Chief in New York.
3. I think this matter ought to be discussed with Bob Lang. Would you let me know whether you will take it up with him, or whether you wish me to do so.

*You do so.
JWS*

ELLEN STERN
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2 February 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Meeting to Discuss State Department Proposals on how to Counter-Check Items on UNGA Agenda.

1. I attended a meeting on Wednesday, 28 January 1953, to discuss paragraphs 6 and 7 of the attached paper prepared by the Department of State. It calls for the establishment of "a commission of independent members to study the nature and extent of this escape problem, with the view of determining the reasons and circumstances impelling these people to escape" and suggests that "this inquiry could follow the pattern of the commission on forced labor. The Commission would hear refugees in such places as Western Germany, Geneva, etc., and its eventual report to the assembly would, in fact, be a report on the entire communist system, the denial of basic human right, etc."
2. The questions raised in the meeting centered around the possibility of CIA's intelligence activities being compromised by the investigations of this commission. It was decided that FI, RFDUAP and the operating people were the ones competent to make the decision.
3. Mr. Lazarus informed me by telephone on 30 January, that the above-mentioned individuals had presented him negative answers on the subject proposal. Their conclusions are being forwarded to the DDP and subsequently to the Department of State. Mr. Lazarus further stated that any recommendations by IO would be welcome.

ELLEN STERN
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23 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: SECURITY OFFICER, CIA

SUBJECT: Ireland Stowe

1. Pursuant to my conversation with Mr. Hamby, I have talked with the Director of FVE and he has agreed to terminate subject's present job.

2. He intends to bring subject to New York and make him his personal consultant in the New York office. He assures me of his full intentions to carry out this plan and further assures me that he has no intention of giving subject administrative or operational authority of any kind.

3. Is this arrangement satisfactory to you?

THOMAS W. BRADEN

CHIEF

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22 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)
SUBJECT: Julius Epstein

In response to our request from the Fund, we are forwarding herewith the general information available concerning Julius Epstein.

(Signed) Thomas A. Braden

THOMAS A. BRADEN
Chief
International Organizations Division

Attachments: (5)
Ltr. to Nelson dtd 4/20/53
Personal biography by Epstein
Excerpt from Congressional
Record for 2/9/52
Booklet by Epstein
Article by Arthur Bliss Lane

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ADRESSE TELEGRAPHIQUE: EXILUNIVER STRASBOURG



Paris
April 4th, 1953.

Dear Jim:

You should have this, or leave word me
to send to be relayed by the same report.

David meets with our Ex. Committee on the 9th.
I hope they handle that situation firmly. Hope, too,
Frank has been made aware of what has been up
against.

Sincerely,
Ly.

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April 1, 1953

No. 26 Dear Adolf,

A day or two before I sailed for Europe in January, 1953, I received a typed manuscript copy of the "Progress Report on the College de l'Europe Libre", which has now appeared in mimeographed form under date of February 27, 1953, over the signatures of Royall Tyler and Richard Sears.

I admit to considerable curiosity when this document appeared. In the covering letter Royall Tyler merely stated, "It comes from Dick Sears". I rather wondered why this report should be compiled when it was known I was coming to Europe presumably to examine into conditions and it seemed to me immediately that this might be a counter foil to what it was expected I would find. In reply to a direct inquiry from me, Sears now states it was prepared "to reinforce the German language unit project by supplying information that was apparently lacking.

At the risk of indicating an overly suspicious temperament, which is not characteristic of me, I feel that this report over-simplifies a complex situation. It embodies a point of view that the operation at Strasbourg is proceeding smoothly and successfully, which it is not. It assumes that a paper plan (for the National Seminars) is in full and healthy bloom, which is not the case. I have stated so frequently (almost ad nauseam) that you must live in this frustrating atmosphere for a while before you can understand what conditions are. Royall Tyler and Sears have never had that experience and formed their opinions from what they have been told by Davis, Galy, Straka, and Donzelot. The latter in turn was constantly fed information by Galy and Straka, and altogether has spent only three or four days on the ground. He has had numerous talks in Paris with Galy and some of the tutors.

So, while the factual material in this report can not be questioned — I mean the statistics and the historical portions — the interpretation of them does not reflect the disappointing results. This pertains to the work of the Committee on Awards on the one hand and the actual operation at Robertsau on the other.

When I asked Sears how widely this report had been distributed he told me "to the Trustees of FEUE, to the members of the Association du College

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Dr. Berle

Page 2 of No. 26

April 1, 1953

de l'Europe Libre and to Messrs. Thomas Braden, John C. Hughes, C. D. Jackson and Whitney H. Shepardson". I assume, therefore, that the members of our Executive Committee, to whom I am sending copies of this letter, have received it.

The sentence (bottom of Page 9 and going over to top of Page 10), "These were men of advanced education, expert in their knowledge of their own countries but also, most of them, having studied in French institutions and so capable of forming a bond for the students between their training at home and in exile.", is not an accurate description of the caliber of the tutors.

On Page 11, second line, I would question definitely the phrase "well organized administration". Also on that page, sixth line, the sentence, "Special French courses were being given to those who still showed weakness.", is misleading. Such courses were announced, but the program for teaching the French language is only now being outlined with the help of the French language staff at Strasbourg University after a conference with them I called for this purpose.

On the same page again, fifth line from the bottom, the phrase "the severity of the action taken in the autumn has had a salutary effect in imposing firmer discipline and setting higher standards" simply is not so. The manner in which the action was taken, and the inaccuracy of some of the judgments, which had to be reversed, called forth protests from staff and students alike and did as much as anything else to cause present low student morale.

On Page 16, the last sentence in the first paragraph reads, "A fresh start in life combined with exposure to Western thought and practice will, we are encouraged to hope, produce a full return." Instead of what the statement implies, the students have witnessed a cleavage between the European staff and the Americans, -- and the "exposure to Western thought and practice" has been anything but inspiring or unifying.

The distribution of this document can be and will be very misleading by its implications that success has been achieved to an extent that warrants our proceeding on our present path. That will be unfortunate. We have acquired a fund of valuable experience and we have made mistakes. The net result is the present situation. Fundamental changes must be made, which are bound to be unpleasant, but they are essential, unless we are going to continue a mere charity operation and miss the real purpose of FEUE.

Sincerely yours,

LT:ECK

Dr. A. A. Berle, Jr.
70 Pine Street
New York 5, N. Y.

Levering Tyson
President

6 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT: Information reported by Bob Lang, RFE

Bob Lang has had reported to him the following:

1. Epstein, an investigator for Senator McCarthy, has just turned into the Senator a 150-page anti-RFE report.
2. Lang has received this report from three former RFE employees. The first two, FARAGO and TATER, reported to Lang they were visited by Epstein. They reported this interview to Lang because Lang has considerable derogatory information on them. They do not wish to be identified with any such report. The third informant is one DeCASTER, about whom Lang has written you. DeCASTER resigned a job in RFE to come to work -- presumably for us -- which collapsed, and has since been trying to get his RFE job back. Bob considers his report for that reason to be quite reliable. DeCASTER wrote a letter to the New York Times, which was published 8 March, in which he referred to himself as a former employee of RFE. Epstein apparently read the letter and immediately came to see DeCASTER. During their conversation, Epstein referred to a 150-page uncompromising report he had compiled on RFE.
3. MCFE says that it has some derogatory information on Epstein and it will be forwarded to us.

THOMAS W. BRADEN
Chief

International Organizations Division

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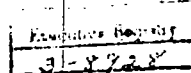
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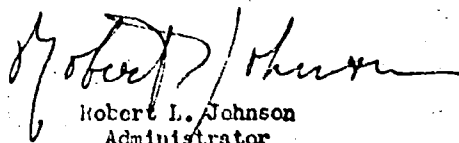
April 3, 1953

My dear Mr. Wisner:

I want you to be informed of the action which I am taking in regard to international broadcasting facilities in this country.

I have sent a letter to the companies concerned along the lines of the enclosed which gives a full explanation.

Sincerely yours,


Robert L. Johnson
Administrator

Enclosure:

Copy of letter to broadcasting
companies terminating contracts.

Mr. Frank Wisner,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

COPY OF LETTER FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA TO THE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Confidential:

Enclosed this month at the request of President Roosevelt and
submitted to me on the basis of the information furnished by
Administration of the Voice of America is a letter.

The study of this complex problem is being carried on
to be completed and will be ready for the President's
administration in making policy and recommendations as to the
certain of these matters to be considered of public policy, which
be decided on the basis of the information furnished.

However, from the standpoint of effect on operations and
view of the recent activities of the Bureau of the United States
possible economic, it is mandatory upon me to take prompt and
over steps are necessary to prevent the Government from becoming
obligated for facilities or services which I believe will not be
needed.

It is my obvious duty, in order to protect the Government, to
give at this time through 90 day notices of termination of a number
of these contracts to avert any possible difficulty therefrom
continuing into the next fiscal year. However, I feel that it is
due to your Company and to the others similarly situated to
accompany these notices with the present frank evaluation of the
reasons for them.

Last fall there was a reduction of power for 15 per cent made
by the Voice of America in the matter of hours of radio program
originating in the United States. This has led to severe trans-
mitter capacity. Aside from the administrative, to correct this
condition, consideration is being given to decentralizing to points
outside the United States more of the program and originating
here. This would result in a requirement for more power in the
United States.

In my judgment, protection of the Government's interests
requires that a notice of termination be given of these
contracts which are being terminated.

Associated Broadcasters of America.

Crosley, as to the installation at Miami, Ohio

General Electric, as to the installation at
Birmingham, California.

Westinghouse
World Wide Broadcasting Corporation

Open

From the executive committee of the National Association of Broadcasters, Inc., to the Board of Directors of the National Association of Broadcasters, Inc., dated May 1, 1941. The Board of Directors of the National Association of Broadcasters, Inc., is requested to terminate the contract with General Electric for the installation of a radio station which will also be terminated.

I personally must take the responsibility for the decision of this committee to terminate the contract with General Electric for the installation of a radio station which will also be terminated. The decision of this committee to terminate the contract with General Electric for the installation of a radio station which will also be terminated is based on the experience of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Inc. I have also taken into consideration the fact that a management unionism campaign which the radio industry has all domestic facilities used by the radio industry. I have based my decision primarily thereon. I have detailed the committee and an acting agent, management and the radio industry, and competent persons in private industry to continue the radio industry with the operations of the Voice.

The decision to terminate these contracts has been taken with full realization of the policy of Public Law 402 relative to private enterprise in the broadcasting field. Very recently I acted to terminate construction contracts for two large Government broadcasting stations in this country.

This present action is not intended to prejudice a continuance or increased participation of a private basis in international broadcasting by these licenses. I shall cooperate to this end.

This action is taken with genuine regret particularly because you and your Company have rendered in many ways services of great value to the United States, and because I know that this has been done in a highly patriotic spirit.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Johnson,
Administrator

6 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT: Agency Channel to NCFE

1. Now that Larry Deffenville is working for NCFE, I know that there will be a strong tendency on the part of all of us to deal with NCFE through Larry, this not only because he is an able man but because we all know him so well.
2. If we take this course, however, we shall confuse channels of communications as between the Agency and NCFE by adding to the normal IO/Branch I (William P. Burke, Chief) channel and to such informal channels as necessarily exist still another channel. This would make the job of all of us more difficult and confound our constant efforts at orderly procedure.
3. I hope that higher authority will bear this in mind.

THOMAS W. BRADEN
Chief
International Organizations Division

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3 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)
DEPUTY DIRECTOR (ADMINISTRATION)

SUBJECT: Request from the NSRF for the release of \$150,000 from
the CIA held reserve for the FREL.

1. Mr. Spencer Phoenix, on behalf of the NSRF, upon authorization of
the Board of Directors, has requested the release of \$150,000 from the CIA
held reserve for FREL capital construction for the following purposes:

(a) "Alterations to the main building:

Installation of a refrigerated cold room for the storage of food	25,400.
Additional automatic kettles and equip- ment in the kitchen and service room	1,700.
Additional office space on the second floor	600.
Total	\$7,500.

The original dining room installation
provided for service for a student body
of 100; the increase in enrollment (now
almost 200) has demonstrated that more
refrigeration and storage space and equip-
ment is needed.

Housing the women students in the main
building with resultant changes in the
physical lay-out has meant the readjust-
ment of office space and it has proved
possible to provide two new offices on the
second floor for the estimated cost of \$600.

(b) Improvements to the furnished house adjoining
the main building and used as residence by the
Assistant Dean \$6,000.

Necessary additional furniture to replace
items removed by lessor and improve living
conditions. 1,200.

Total

\$7,200.

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The contemplated alteration involves principally the installation of central heat connected with the main heating system. At the present time there is no central heating, the building is constantly damp in wintertime and the attempt to maintain a satisfactory temperature with stoves and portable heaters has proved unsatisfactory. Other improvements consist of additional kitchen equipment, including a gas water heater, a kitchen cabinet, the construction of a closet, repairs to the electrical system and conversion of existing garage space into a small dining room.

- (c) Construction of an auditorium for student meetings, lectures and recreation activities, such as concerts, student theatricals, moving pictures and the like with, as a secondary feature, facilities for indoor exercise during the winter months.

Total

\$102,000.

The auditorium will have a reinforced concrete foundation, outside walls of pine clapboards (similar to recently constructed dormitory and lecture hall) with compressed fireproof straw material for insulation, a composition roof of the same material used on the new dormitory and lecture hall and with main framing of steel. Satisfactory lighting and heating systems are included and the interior finish will be such as to provide satisfactory acoustic qualities. Also included in this building are offices and living quarters for the "conscience." The architect's estimate shows the estimated cost of the auditorium itself (17 meters x 22 meters in size, including 15,000. for steel costs and 11,000. for safety plans) as \$50,000, the additional cost of the stage with the "conscience's" accommodations above as \$19,000, connecting passage between auditorium and adjoining building, 12,300, relocation of library and alteration of study halls, 11,100, movable seats, stage and window curtains, motion picture equipment with screen and window curtains, motion picture equipment with screen and athletic equipment, 122,400. (All figures approx.)

- (d) Re-surfacing walks between building and installation of a few electric lights at strategic points along the walks. 3,000.

- (e) Installation and equipment of a central telephone switchboard with necessary wiring and additional telephone instruments so as to permit intercommunication

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between the various buildings and offices.	\$2,000.
(f) Additional furniture required for the "conciergerie's" quarters, equipment for the kitchen enlargement and additional furnishings for the women's dormitory.	\$5,500.
(g) Architect's fees.	\$6,000.
Total	\$135,400.

Savings are due to a great simplification in the architect's proposal for the auditorium, the elimination of the new residence for the Assistant Dean, made possible by the recent agreement on the part of the owner to permit the Assistant Dean to occupy his present quarters until the termination of the lease on the entire property instead of requiring him to vacate the quarters this summer; the elimination for the time being of a proposed small apartment building to accommodate visiting professors and officials; postponement of certain landscaping expenses and the elimination of a proposed enlargement of the dining hall now felt to be unnecessary since a limit of 200 has been fixed for next year's enrollment.

In order to complete new construction by August 1, 1953, work should start not later than March 15, 1953, and in view of the time necessary for the preparation of working plans, opening of bids, and signature of contracts, it is of the greatest importance that the necessary funds be made promptly available."

2. The difference between the total of \$135,400 and the \$150,000 asked for is a 10% margin allowance for price increases.

3. We recommend, for release from the CIA hold reserve by the DD/P and the DD/A, all items except (a) and the 10% margin allowance, a total of \$117,400.

JAMES H. BRADEN

JAMES H. BRADEN
Chief
International Organizations Division

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Deputy Director (Administration)

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2 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Good news concerning William Heimlich.

1. I have just received through Mr. Durkee a report from the RFE people in Munich to the following effect.

2. Mr. Heimlich has visited the premises and talked to some of the key personnel of RFE-Munich. He was cordially received and shown around. At the conclusion of his visit, Mr. Heimlich stated that whereas he was not primarily or particularly interested or concerned with NCFE/RFE activities and operations (presumably meaning that he was more concerned with the State Department information project -- and presumably FEA), he had been very much impressed by what he had seen. He was satisfied that this was a hard-hitting operation; that there was no "fat" on it; and that he would so report to the Senate Committee upon his return.

FRANK O. WISNIE
Acting Deputy Director.

cc: G/IO - information.

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2 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

VIA: Chief, Political and Psychological Warfare

SUBJECT: Points raised by you in connection with Mr. Burkee's conversation with Leland Stowe on 11 March 1953 and Whitney Shephardson on 16 March 1953.

The following answers to Mr. Winger's comments on subject memo have been prepared by Mr. Burkee:

1. "Mr. Lang does not intend to put Stowe in official charge of Munich operations. My remark was intended to indicate that apparently with Lang's consent, Mr. Stowe is becoming increasingly influential in the Munich operation. If Stowe's Information Service develops, so that it is writing scripts and programming as he proposes, and if Stowe's suggestions for dealing with the German problem are followed, he will indeed, if given Lang's full support, be the dominant RTD figure in Munich.

2. "The original 'ice-box' statement was indeed passed on by us. My reference was to our approval of an alternate 'ice-box' statement entitled, 'MEMO Policy Statement', which Shephardson proposes to use in place of the original. I have not been able to determine whether this received our approval and, therefore, on 24 March, sent it through channels to the DB/P and the II/OI for their official approval."

Thomas W. Braden
THOMAS W. BRADEN
Chief

International Organizations Division

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REMARKS: CPP asks that you prepare a reply to the two points raised by F.G.W. and send same to F.G.W. via CPP.

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16 March 1953

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1. CVO				TWB	<p>TOM:</p> <p>Frank is should see this at least to subject of conversation as of Chatterbox (lib) started with him.</p> <p>WPD</p> <p>3 To 4 and 5 -</p> <p>① I had not known before that Lang proposed to put Stone in charge of the Munich question. He has never told us this and I doubt that he would make such a change without telling us, especially since he is aware of certain difficulties in the Stone case.</p> <p>② I was distinctly under the impression that (contrary to what Bill D says) the Lee Cox statement was seen and was approved by AWD. Could I be wrong on this. I suppose you persons (Klein) must know, but I thought you two did.</p> <p>FSW</p>
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4. Mr. Barner			26 Mar	CTB	
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MINUTEMAN OF CONVERSATION WITH ALAN STOWE ON 11 MARCH 1953 AT RAY
ALAN STOWE - 9:30 P. TO 12:15 PM

During the course of our conversation Mr. Stowe stated that he was pleased to have had the opportunity to meet here and to clear up his status. He also stated that:

a. In his opinion Mr. Lang is indispensable to the operation of RFE, but that it was necessary for Mr. Lang to be in Munich more often. He feels that in spite of Mr. Lang's over-all comprehension that developments in Munich have out-run Lang's or anyone's capacity to understand it without closer contact with its day to day operations.

b. He has a high regard for Mr. Richard Condon, whom he feels is doing an excellent job. It is Stowe's opinion that Condon needs a competent administrative assistant and that Alan Richie, RFE correspondent in London, could fill such a position. Lang agrees with him. Stowe feels it remarkable that during his considerable time with RFE that he has never heard a bad word about Mr. Condon.

c. He has a very high regard for Mr. Griffith and the role he plays in RFE's operations, however, it was his feeling that it is impossible for Mr. Griffith to adequately take care of RFE's outside relations in Germany because: (1) Griffith does not have the time and; (2) He is not particularly effective in dealing with Germans because of his youth and rather pedantic manner. He informed me that there is a possibility of getting Raymond G. Swing for employment with RFE and that he felt Swing could excellently undertake the job of dealing with the German government and German public because of Swing's language facility, his familiarity with Germany and his prestige.

d. He is reorganizing the News and Information Service of RFE because the drying up of escapees has increased the need for top rank correspondents with depth of European experience and political knowledge, so that significant ideas and contributions to RFE propaganda can be developed. He also feels that a reorganized news gathering service will lead to more effective American leadership because of the respect the exiles will have for its American personnel. Such procedures, in his opinion, are necessary in order to properly integrate the various free radio desks, their use of information resources and to professionalize program content. He says he intends to have his News and Information Service prepare scripts to be used by all desks. In addition, Stowe pointed out a news gathering service of top rank correspondents will allow him great operational flexibility, for personnel can be interchanged at will.

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e. Stowe also made a strong plea for Malcolm Davis who is a personal friend.

COMMENT:

Stowe is a strong person who is taking over FEH Munich, apparently with Lang's consent. I suspect Lang gives his consent because he has been unable to dominate either Griffith or Condon. Lang has presumably heretofore dealt with this problem by insisting upon F.B.I. policy control and by keeping an inordinately large Czech, Polish and Hungarian program desk in New York.

I am sure there is merit in many of Stowe's observations but suspect that real trouble is brewing between New York and Munich, especially among exile personnel as this becomes more a Stowe "American" operation.

William P. Durkin
WILLIAM P. DURKIN
CAG, IC/TCHC

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MEMORANDUM OF CONFERENCE WITH MR. SHEPARDSON - 16 MARCH AT 9:00 AM

1. Mr. Shepardson said that he had gone over Drew Pearson's business with his entire staff and that they had all agreed that a policy of silence was clearly indicated, — that this was not a time to release the "ice-box" statement which he referred to as "ice-box" statement number 1 and number 2. Shepardson said he would feel out C. D. Jackson in his meeting with him today to determine whether C. D. thought any approach to Pearson should be made and whether he himself would be the one to do it. He agreed that such an approach to Pearson should be made by none else.
2. When I queried him about the "ice-box" statement number 2, he said he referred to the NSPE Policy Statement which states the fact of US Government support. He said that it was his understanding that it had been cleared down here. I replied that to my knowledge this was not so. I told him all we had ever had was a draft statement which had been discussed informally. He agreed that if this was in fact the case, he would immediately send the policy statement for our formal approval.
3. During the course of our conversation he indicated that Abbot Washburn had arranged for RFE to appear before the Jackson Committee on March 26 and also had arranged for the rest of NSPE to make a presentation some time in April. I asked whether Mr. Dulles was informed of this and he said he was not aware that he was. I suggested that some problem existed here for NSPE is Mr. Dulles' responsibility and that no-one denied that NSPE/FE should make such a presentation, it was still a fact that such a unilateral presentation might lead to some difficulties. I therefore suggested that we make a joint presentation whether written or oral, to which Mr. Shepardson agreed.
4. I discussed the problem of security in RFE, Munich, and our concern that a security man competent to deal with questions other than the mere internal security of RFE be placed in Munich. Shepardson immediately agreed that this should be done and we agreed that I would prepare a paper for him outlining what we thought our problems are. In the meantime, Myers will not be informed of our discussions on this subject. He also agreed that the matter of working out the placement of such a person in RFE would be a matter of joint study, but that it was largely a problem for him to work out with such assistance as we can give.
5. We discussed the question of construction funds for the FEU and Shepardson agreed that he would talk with Spencer Phenix in order to arrive at an over-all estimate of University affairs before submitting an official request for funds. It was agreed, therefore, at this time we would not take any action on Phenix's request dated 17 February 1953.
6. I stated that I was anxious for a thorough review of Albanian-Rumanian emigre questions and we agreed that after Shepardson had time to give personal attention to details of these matters, we would have a full discussion here.

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WILLIAM F. WATKINS
Chief, IC/Tonic

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1 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

VIA: Deputy Director (Plans)
Chief, Political and Psychological Warfare

SUBJECT: Release of Funds for purchase of apartments to house
FEUE personnel.

1. Spencer Phenix, Treasurer of FEUE, has submitted a request for the sum of \$22,300.00 to purchase four apartments in Strasbourg, France, to house some of the tutorial staff of the Free University in Exile (see attached). FEUE can obtain these premises by special arrangement with the city of Strasbourg, to whom these apartments belong. There is an acute housing shortage in Strasbourg so that these apartments are necessary if the teaching staff of the University is to be reasonably accommodated.

2. I recommend that this sum be released to FEUE from the CIA held reserve for FEUE capital construction. The purchase price of these quarters is readily recoverable, if necessary, by resale because of housing shortages in the city of Strasbourg -- a shortage which will not be substantially relieved for sometime.

Thomas W. Braden
THOMAS W. BRADEN
Chief

International Organizations Division

Attachment: Ltr. Fr. Phenix dtd
3/23/53

CONCURRENCE:

Deputy Director (Plans)

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23 March 1953

Dear Nelson:

As requested by you this morning, I quote below the text of a letter received today from Paris, regarding the unfurnished apartments which the City of Strasbourg is prepared to sell for use by Robertson personnel.

"This morning I sent you the following cable:

'FOR ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND FRANCES CAN HAVE OPTION EXPIRING ONE MAY TO PURCHASE FOUR UNFURNISHED APARTMENTS PRICED AT SIXTEEN MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND FRANCES STOP OPTION MUST BE TAKEN UP NOT LATER THAN TWENTY SEVEN MARCH STOP YESON AND I FAVOR PURCHASE AS REPRESENTING MOST SATISFACTORY SOLUTION OF HOUSING PROBLEM LETTER FOLLOWS SABOLOT'

As stated in Minot's memorandum of the 9th of March the city of Strasbourg is in control. They are willing to give us an option on these apartments, at a cost of 160,000 francs, said option to expire on 1 May 1953. They give us until the 27th of March to take up this option.

The apartments will be finished on the 1st of August. They have offered us the following apartments:

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| a) Southern exposure - ground floor - 3½ rooms, plus kitchen, bathroom and maid's room in attic. | Fr. 4,075,000 |
| b) Southern exposure - 3rd floor - 4 rooms, plus kitchen, bathroom and maid's room in attic. | Fr. 4,520,000 |
| c) Northern exposure - 2nd floor - 3 rooms, plus kitchen, bathroom and maid's room in attic. | Fr. 3,555,000 |
| d) Northern exposure - 2nd floor - 4 rooms plus kitchen bathroom and maid's room in attic. | Fr. 3,950,000 |

TOTAL

Fr. 16,100,000

To the above total must be added the costs of:

- Registration, transfer and notary fees.
- Installing electrical fixtures.
- Installing stoves and ice boxes in kitchen.
- Furnishing apartments, (I assume some of our staff will have their own furniture, etc.)

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It is estimated the above will come to Fr. 4,300,000, making a total of 20,400,000 francs or \$58,300.00 at 350 francs to the dollar.

I am aware of your reasons for not wishing to own real estate in Europe. However, the problem of finding suitable quarters for the College staff is a difficult one. Providing the funds are available, Ty and I are in favor of purchase, as these apartments provide an immediate partial solution to a difficult problem.

If you should decide to take up the option, we can discuss the financial details of the purchase when you visit Paris next month."

You will note that for the relatively small payment of 160,000 francs, an option will be granted valid until 1 May 1953, and since it is obvious that a final decision cannot be immediately made, I have cabled Paris, requesting that the option be purchased so that we may have time to consider the problem carefully.

I shall be in Washington next Sunday evening and available for discussion Monday morning. If you have not been able to clear the question before then, I suggest that you set up a meeting with George Leflon at which Daniel Church and I can present our views in the hope of obtaining prompt determination.

Sincerely,

s, William L. Digby

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14 May 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, PP

SUBJECT: Letter from G. M. Dimitrov

The attached letter to Mr. Shepardson with appended Agenda and Procedures of the Plenary Session of the B.N.C. came to me through a reliable source in New York. Mr. Dimitrov is unaware that these papers have fallen into our hands. I am passing them along to you for whatever interest they may have. You may want to send them to Tom Braden for his scrutiny and files. It should be underlined that Mr. Dimitrov must not become aware of our having secured this material.

Richard Helms
Chief of Operations, DD/P

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9 June 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Bradshaw Project

Attached is an accounting signed by William L. DIGHT
of the Bradshaw Project for the period August 15, 1952 to
May 27, 1953. This is for retention in your files.

(signed) THOMAS W. BRADEN

THOMAS W. BRADEN
Chief
International Organizations Division

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2 June 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT: Remarks for meeting with Spencer Phenix et al
on Thursday, 2:30 PM, 4 June 1953

1. At a PRC action on Friday, 29 May, as an interim action pending a full review in August of NCFE's total program and budget the Division recommended:

a. NCFE be given three months operating expenses - \$3,945,104 - the current rate of expenditures;

b. \$813,590 to be put in the Free Europe University in Exile account -- the proposed FY 1954 operating expenditures -- with authority for NCFE to draw upon this account for three months at the current rate of expenditures. NCFE authorities had requested that the full amount be made available to them at this time to enable them to comply with the legal requirements of the Board of Regents of the State of New York, to which the University is responsible. It was expressly stated that the activities of the FEUE would be subject to the later full review and that the recommended action in no way implied approval of University activities at this time; and

c. Approval for RFE capital expenditures of \$1,299,275 for the completion of RFE's transmitter program in its present locations. The funds for these expenditures were to come out of Crusade funds which, as you know, are specifically raised for capital construction.

2. In its action the PRC:

a. Refused to allow the \$3,945,104 which NCFE requested to cover its current operating expenses by cutting this figure to \$3,000,000 with the statement NCFE can come back for more if necessary, and with the further stipulation that Crusade funds be used for this purpose;

b. Refused to allow RFE to undertake its proposed capital development but authorized this Division to investigate the possibility of using two 100 kw transmitters owned by this Agency and as well as the purchase of the unused 100 kw's from VOA; and

c. Refused to appropriate any money for the FEUE, but directed NCFE to transfer funds from other accounts including that of the Crusade for Freedom to the FEUE, authorizing NCFE to incur expenditures for three months at the current rate.

3. The intent of this Division in its recommendations to the PRC was to provide NCFE and the FEUE with the operating funds necessary to continue its activities in the FY 1954 at the current rate. These funds were to tide NCFE over the first months of FY 1954, pending a thorough budgetary and program review and subsequent presentation and recommendations to proper CIA authorities in the month of August. At that time Whitney Sheardson will have completed his initial tour of inspection, and can be on hand to defend his budget and our recommendations thereto.

The only exception to this procedure was the request for approval of RFE's capital needs. This request was made after a thorough examination of proposals by this Division and General McClelland, Office of Communications, his technical staff and RFE engineers. As a result, General McClelland authorized this Division to state to the PRC that the RFE proposals were technically sound. As far as these capital expenditures are concerned the IO Division had completed its review and recommended their approval in order that there be no delay in getting this additional transmitter equipment in place.

4. I would strongly suggest that the meeting on Thursday not involve a general budgetary review. It should be confined, in my opinion, to a statement to Mr. Spencer Phenix and his budgetary officer, who should be the sole NCFE officers present, that CIA will conduct through the IO Division:

a. A thorough and detailed review of all current activities and new activities proposed by NCFE;

b. A financial review in the sense that all financial information necessary to support the NCFE program and budget is made available. Our study of this financial information will be confined to a general review to ensure accuracy, adequate explanations of uncertain items and a general analysis to ensure proper budgetary procedures. I would like to point out and strongly emphasize that we have already received the utmost cooperation from the officials of NCFE in getting such program and fiscal information.

5. We cannot, in my opinion, having granted NCFE broad authority in the execution of its task, seek to impose our judgment for theirs in the details of their management of this project. Such matters as were raised at the PRC, i.e. whether the request for replacement of 32 trucks is based on Agency standards for truck replacement, have in my opinion no place in such a review. We can review management and fiscal policies in a broad sense to satisfy ourselves that they are

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sound. NCFE officials should be present at the budget review to answer such questions. This is their responsibility. If we are dissatisfied with the present management, we should get a new one.

We have, however, the responsibility of making a detailed review of the policies and the activities of NCFE undertaken in pursuance of their mission as given to them by this Agency. NCFE is entitled to know that its programs and policies are approved and that no after the fact question can arise. Equally, NCFE is not entitled to undertake programs or activities which are not approved by this Agency.

At the completion of its review of NCFE's proposed program for FY 1954, a review which involves detailed examination in cooperation with the CIA staffs and area divisions and with the Department of State, IO Division will make its recommendations to the proper Agency officials for their final action. Such an orderly procedure will enable this Agency to have completely reviewed NCFE's activities, to have concurred in each, and will allow NCFE to proceed in the knowledge that its activities are fully authorized and approved.

6. I, therefore, propose that the meeting on Thursday be confined to Phenix and his budget officer during which the above approach can be made. I will leave for your judgment the question whether the actions of the PRC on Friday should be opened for review and modification. Phenix will certainly want to do so for the following reasons:

- a. The operating funds authorized are not adequate;
- b. The directive to use Crusade funds for operational expenses runs counter to established procedures and NCFE's commitments to the public in the use of such funds;
- c. The failure to approve RFE capital items now means a delay into next year of the installation of transmitting equipment, which if approved now, can be in place and operating by October of this year. (This will not be the case if you authorize our use of the Agency owned 100 kw's and a purchase of the VOA transmitters can be arranged, which I believe can);
- d. There are not sufficient surplus funds, ^{account.} excluding the Crusade, to apply to the Free Europe University. (There are, however, impressed cash funds which are a three months' operating advances in NCFE's possession which can be used - Phenix agrees.)

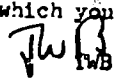
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Chief
International Organizations Division

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REMARKS:

This is the letter which Whitney Shepardson sent to Sol Levitas, about which you are aware.


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May 5, 1953.

10 May 53 SS

Mr. E. M. Levitas,
Executive Editor,
The New Leader,
7 East 15th Street,
New York 3, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Levitas:

In January 1953 an arrangement was made whereby you were to send 1000 copies of The New Leader to England and to Europe during the current year.

We wish to discontinue that arrangement. We do not wish to have our contribution used any longer in that way.

I would like to discuss with you at your early convenience the question of the return to us of some part of that contribution in view of the paper, printing and mailing costs which will be saved by the discontinuance.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION

ATTENTION: IO/BRANCH ONE

SUBJECT: Utilization of Various Balkan Emigre Groups
by SE Division for Operational Purposes

In reply to a request made by Miss Stern of your office for detailed information concerning the operational utilization of various Balkan emigre groups by SE Division, there are attached as tabs to this memorandum studies covering our activities among the Albanian, Bulgarian, Rumanian and Yugoslav emigration. We understand that this information is required to provide a basis for reviewing the operational plan and budget of the Fund for the coming year. Since the information is considered highly sensitive, it is forwarded for your information only.

Christian H. Freer
Acting Chief, SE

Tab A - SE Utilization of Albanian Emigre Groups
Tab B - SE Utilization of Bulgarian Emigre Groups
Tab C - SE Utilization of Yugoslav Emigre Groups
Tab D - SE Utilization of Rumanian Emigre Groups

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, International Organizations Division
SUBJECT: Reported Financial Support of
Dr. Dimitrov by Bulgarians in Germany
REFERENCE: Memorandum (IO-3-682), dated 2 March 1953

1. With regard to reference memorandum, this Division has long suspected that some such arrangement existed. Any money which Dr. Dimitrov managed to extract from the Guard Company members is obtained by him as a result of his own personal sway exercised over this group of Bulgarians.

2. It has also come to our attention that Dr. Dimitrov is receiving money from miscellaneous Bulgarians in Canada and the United States in the name of a trust fund which he has set up. You are no doubt aware of this development.

3. We are most interested in getting from you, your estimate of Dr. Dimitrov's income from all sources as well as a listing of those sources of income about which you know.

CHRISTIAN M. FREER
ACTING CHIEF, SE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF OF DIVISION

SUBJECT : Proposal for Establishing a Microfilm Library
of Rumanian Reference Material

1. The attached paper outlines a project which may be of interest to your division. A Rumanian emigre, interested in propaganda and cultural activities, prepared the paper after consulting with a number of refugee scholars.
2. Although the results of such a project would be of great value to our Rumanian operations, implementation is considered beyond the scope of the activities of this Division. Further, it appears more practicable for a project of this type to be undertaken by a research or cultural organization, rather than an intelligence agency, in order that the results may be more widely used.
3. It is suggested that the NCWE, which is concerned with worthwhile employment of refugee intellectuals, may be interested in this project for its Mid-European Studies Center. If the NCWE is not in a position to finance such a project, it is possible that a privately endowed foundation would be interested. The emigre has discussed this project with Dr. Gerytus Jacobson of the Library of Congress and with Professor Moseley of the Russian Institute of Columbia University. He has reported that both agencies appear interested.
- h. Because of some doubt concerning the reliability of three of the individuals mentioned in section III of the attached report, the following data is submitted for your information:
 - a. Dr. Mircea Eliade was formerly editor of an Iron Guard (Rumanian fascist group) newspaper and a doctrinaire of the Guard. He is reported to have disassociated himself from the Guard in the last year but this information cannot be confirmed.
 - b. Dr. Leontin Constantinescu reported as formerly pro-Iron Guardist in his sympathies.

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c. Dr. Ion Claudian is reportedly engaged at the present time in emigre Iron Guard activities in Europe.

5. If further information is desired, please contact Miss Newsom, extension 1495.

JOHN E. BAKER
Chief, SE

Attachment: As stated above

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26 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, IO

SUBJECT: Bulgarian Guard Company

REFERENCE: Secret Memo from Chief, IO, Subject: Information on
Quasi-soldiers located in Frankfurt dated 19 March 1953

1. Sole control of the Bulgarian Guard Company was assumed by USARWE in December 1952. Since there was never a definite period of enlistment, members of the Company were free to leave at will. As a result, there was a considerable turn-over of personnel. The maximum T/O strength was 200. Peak strength, about 30 in excess of T/O, was reached in 1952. However, this number was immediately reduced to 200.
2. The Company was continually plagued by the constant political activism of the adherents of Dr. Georgi M. Dimitrov. It is estimated that a maximum of 40 members were hard-core Dimitrov adherents.
3. The first Bulgarian Commander of the Company was Stefan Boidev. Upon his removal from the Company, Borislav Baichev was appointed in his place.
4. Stoyan Dobrev (Papazov) does not appear on the last roster of Guard Company members (September 1952) available to us. He was one of the early members of the Company.

JOHN E. BAKER
CHIEF, SE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Psychological Warfare Division

SUBJECT: The New Leader

Confirming the instructions from DCI which I relayed to you by telephone last week, CIA is not to pay for overseas subscriptions to the New Leader either by direct or indirect channels.

(Signed) ALFRED C. ULMER JR.

ALFRED C. ULMER JR.
Assistant Chief
Political and Psychological Warfare Staff

cc: C/IO

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16 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, International Organizations Division

SUBJECT: Memorandum dated 13 March 1953, Subject: "Notes on Paris Trip"

1. C. D. Jackson wrote the Boris Icke Foundation on Cochrane's behalf, asking that he be granted \$10,000. He was granted this amount.
2. Zurcher Berle & Co. are meeting in New York today and I have done everything that I can to ensure that Tyson gets full backing. I think this was really already being done as far as possible. When I got back, I suggested that this be done and a telegram was sent to Tyson giving him full authority to act in any manner in which he saw fit, including the firing of Malcom Davis. In my discussion with Shepardon this morning he agreed that the entire subject of the University and its future should be discussed immediately. He will, therefore, examine their position in this matter for our consideration and he agreed to withdraw the request for construction funds until they themselves know what they wish to do.
3. In discussing the FTUC in Exile with Spencer Phenix while you were away, I was informed that you had decided that support would be withdrawn after June 30. If this is so, I wonder how Pacak could be employed unless it has other means of support. Phenix also informed me that Lennon agreed to go back to Paris for at least six months on an expenses paid basis with no salary.

Frankfurt is supposed to make high level defectors available to WFE. I discussed this while in Munich and was assured that this would be done. The difficulty up to now has been Truscott and the Munich station's inability to insist upon anything from Frankfurt.

4. ACUE has a bank account which is used to bank funds passing through the Committee and which show on ACUE books. Another account is impossible for cover reasons as funds passed to it would not show in ACUE accounts in New York but would in Paris. As a result arrangements were made to have Fugitt's account a joint one with some administrative officer in Paris or to have Fugitt sign a blank check to be held in the Paris office. All these matters were gone into in great detail by Knott. Thayer, in my opinion, is using a technique through Tom Hester of making business impossible. Knott shares this opinion, as do others. For example, Fugitt was granted a raise about one year ago, he has not yet received it, etc.

5. I knew nothing about the Swiss franc matter and moreover my impression is that financial procedures now followed in the unity projects, to which I presume you refer, and which are not in this Division, have been arranged at


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the direction of administrative and finance people. Jim Knott, who is as scrupulous and thorough as any man can be, made all such arrangements and I would accept his recommendations of what needs to be done, if anything.


WILLIAM F. BURNLEY
Chief, IO/TOMIC

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25 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Dr. Paul A. Fabry

At Clover's suggestion, I saw Paul Fabry, a very impressive and learned young Hungarian who is not a citizen and who wanted a job. I have replied to him negatively in the attachment and do so because there is a long list of allegations in the files about his and his wife's Communist associations. These allegations may or may not be correct but are accepted as correct by John Hughes who advises most strongly against having anything to do with him.

THOMAS W. BRADEN
Chief
International Organizations Division

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25 March 1953

Dear Dr. Fabry:

I have given a lot of thought within the past few days to the question of your immediate future which you raised with me. I find on checking into our rules and regulations that I simply can't help you here. I am sorry about this because you are an impressive man to talk to.

I wish you good luck elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Braden

Dr. Paul A. Fabry
347 W. 87th Street
New York, New York

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7 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, IO/PP
 ATTENTION: Mr. Thomas Braden
 SUBJECT: Mr. Ramsey

1. Reference our conversation sometime ago, I would like to give you the results of our Registry checks on Ramsey, who may or may not be identical with the present British citizen employed by EFE in Hamburg.

FTT-289
 19 Aug 48

Subject arrived in Trieste under sponsorship of Charles K. MOFFLY, director of AIS. He speaks fluent Serbian and during war was commander of a Yugoslav camp in Egypt. Has been assigned to planning section of AMG. AIS is cover for SIS.

FTTA-291
 3 June 49

Individual believed identical with subject signed interrogation report either as or for the Trieste Security Officer.

IN-44033
 24 Sept 49

ANTONIJE, suspected EA for British, has for three weeks been under constant BIS interrogation by Italian speaking British sergeant in apartment of Maj. A.I.E. RAMSEY. Surveillance reveals apartments several FSS officers in building. Gold, SIC chief, seen entering and leaving building with subject and several unidentified British women.

FTT-371
 5 Oct 48

Subject is the head of five British officers who are in Trieste making a survey of the entire area prior to conducting special mission in Yugoslavia.

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20 June 47

Subject British FES (Pub. Sec. Officer) Graz. Intervened in the case of Josef Neger.

IN-22201
2 Sept 47

Subject is in Graz. Question as to whether in FES or NI-6.

IN-21808
27 Aug

Subject was named by Mary Allison Miksa, now held in prison in Eaden by the Soviets, as SIS officer in Graz.

WEL-593
12 Sept 47

Public Safety Officer in Military Government in Graz. He has been in contact with representatives of British Austrian Station.

2. Ramsey no doubt is an extremely desirable officer for RFE and I see no objection to a man with intelligence background being employed by RFE, since quite obviously the combination of language and background must be invaluable to their program, but I still believe that those RFE posts which could be exploited best by us should be occupied by American citizens, who can be cleared by us and who will have American intelligence interests closest to their hearts. You may or may not know that RFE, especially in such places as Berlin and Vienna, is one of the important screening points for refugees coming from the Entellito areas and as such the RFE representatives act as bini-dogs for this Agency's FI program wherever possible.

3. I should appreciate your keeping me advised on the possibility of keeping Kenneth Dean Koch in Berlin as the RFE representative.

PETER S. NEL
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5 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, IO Division

ATTENTION: Mr. Durkee

VIA: C/PP

SUBJECT: Radio Free Europe. Miscellaneous matters;
conversation with Mr. Lang.

1. This is a brief report for the benefit of Mr. Durkee and for the information of Messrs. Barnes and Braden, concerning certain aspects of my luncheon conversation with Mr. Robert E. Lang of 4 March.

2. I believe that I was successful in covering in one way or another all of the points raised with me by Mr. Durkee prior to my conversation with Mr. Lang. I will not attempt in this memorandum to recapitulate the entire conversation, but I will comment on certain aspects thereof and state that, in general, the conversation seemed to me to be quite satisfactory.

3. I received the impression that there are still "wheels within wheels" and much internal friction within the NCFE set-up. This is very regrettable, but it seems to be a fact of life which I think should be brought to the attention of Mr. Shepardson at a very early date, and he should be urged to bring the warring factions together on a more amicable basis. The personalities involved are all important to the success of the operation and it is a great shame that they spend so much of their time and energy trying to out-manuever and checkmate one another. I would not "give up" Bob Lang on this in talking with Mr. Shepardson -- but simply make this as a general observation of ours.

4. I came down quite hard on Bob with respect to the Leland Stowe brochure which Mr. Durkee handed to me and which I return to you herewith. I pointed out that this thing struck us as quite bad, and for three good and sufficient reasons, to wit:

a. It represents too much concentration of effort on publicity and propaganda within the United States -- our target is the satellites and to some extent the rest of the free world, but we have no charter to operate or propagandize within the United States and this only invites trouble when it is done;

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