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Mr. James M. Frey, Director
International Programs Division
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Jim:

As you know, recent events are giving us concern over funding of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty in FY 1972.

Since it may be some time before we know what will happen with regard to overt funding of the Radios, we believe it would be best to provide some contingent method of funding the Radios during any part of FY 1972 where they do not have overt funding. We also believe we should take steps now to cover funding a contingency of termination.

I have discussed the general problem with Jim Taylor and, based upon Jim's advice, I have advised my Director that the Office of Management and Budget has no reasonable alternatives to suggest at this time. We think there may be one option that is possible given support of Higher authority, and I would appreciate having your comments on these matters as soon as possible.

Attached is a brief paper which outlines the problem and recommends a possible solution. It would be helpful if we can get together and test the idea at an early time next week.

Sincerely,

(signed) John M. Clarke

John M. Clarke
Director of Planning,
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Attachment:

As mentioned above

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