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2 January 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The Committee for a Free Asia

1. A memorandum of undertaking dated December 21, 1951, above subject, copy attached, was discussed during the period December 23 - January 1, 1952 with Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Valentine, [redacted], [redacted] and with Messrs. Barrett, Krents, Devine, Connors of State.

2. A memorandum dated December 28 from State states that "it is an acceptable basis in which CFA can operate and at the same time avoid undesirable overlap or conflict with the foreign information program of the Department of State".

3. This memorandum has the concurrence of Mr. Dulles, and I am informed by [redacted], the concurrence of Mr. Wisner. It has the concurrence of Mr. Valentine, and representatives of Radio Free Asia.

4. It is believed that it has complete coordination.

5. We shall arrange monthly meetings with State, and other liaison mutually satisfactory to insure that everyone is informed as necessary as CFA's program develops.

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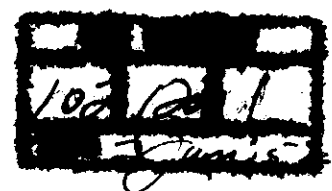
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- Enclosures:
- 1. Memo dated 12-21-51
 - 2. Comments of State 12-28-51
 - 3. Memo from AD/PC to Valentine

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Agreements with Mr. Alan Valentine

The following agreements were reached during Mr. Alan Valentine's visit here of December 26-31.

1. Mr. Valentine would proceed to explore means of securing best candidates for key positions on CFA: Deputy and/or Vice President for operations; Chief of Public Relations; and possibly others, as the form of the organization becomes clearer. It was agreed that the personnel consulting firm of Sorzano, Antell and Wright might be utilized to assist in this search, for a fee of about \$3000.

2. It was agreed that the qualifications of George Eugene Seita, candidate for comptroller, meet necessary requirements. Harold Noble was advised it was in order to proceed to offer him the position, subject to the agreement that he was to remain unwitting until the balance of the covert security clearance was completed with satisfactory results. This was also checked out with Mr. Valentine.

3. A briefing by [] and group will be held on the evening of January 14 in San Francisco. This it was agreed would be confined to the Executive Committee, cleared key CFA staff to be nominated by Mr. Valentine, and five Washington visitors. A more generalized briefing for other directors suggested by Brayton Wilbur may be held if desired for incentive reasons. This was confirmed in a TMI and by telephone to Harold Noble on 28 December 1951.

4. It was agreed that CFA would underwrite the Harvard Seminar proposal with the understanding that it would not serve as a precedent. Funds are to be transferred in such a way that CFA's name does not appear. However CFA may participate in the selection of candidates, in the development of the agenda for the seminar, and other matters as desired. Details are to be worked out by us with CFA, Harvard, et al.

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5. We shall secure information as to how Counsel Services may best contribute to the CFA program -- probably limited to the development of audio-visual aids -- and pass on recommendations to CFA.

6. A memorandum setting forth general policies with respect to CFA, and RFA in particular, was developed which has the concurrence of DD/P, State, and CFA. CFA will now be authorized to proceed with their program, including development of RFA, in accordance with the policies agreed to.* It was also agreed that until CFA gets into the field and evaluates the problems in each area it will not be possible to precisely define all the activities which it should undertake nor the best techniques of carrying out its objectives.

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* Copy of State comment and memorandum attached.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: []
FROM: John Devine
SUBJECT: The Committee for a Free Asia

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The memorandum entitled The Committee for a Free Asia, dated December 21, 1951, has been reviewed by responsible officers of the Department of State in response to your request and the general reaction is favorable. With the minor exceptions stated below, the Department feels that the subject document is an acceptable basis on which the Committee for a Free Asia can operate and at the same time avoid undesirable overlap or conflict with the foreign information programs of the Department of State.

It is suggested that the subject document would be improved by the inclusion, probably under the section on General Policies, of the names of the Asian countries in which operations will be conducted and to which material will be directed. Similarly, it is suggested that the target groups within these countries be more precisely identified. It is recognized that it is difficult at this stage to be exact in these matters but it is our opinion that the paper would gain in usefulness if it contained even provisional country and target audience statements.

The use of the word "described" in paragraph 2 of the same section is not clear to us.

Under Radio Free Asia, Paragraph 4, item b., the activity as described seems to be one that could be normally carried out by VOA.

Since the successful implementation of your paper will depend to a great extent on close cooperation between your agency and the Department of State, it is suggested that a working level meeting be held at least once a month at which operations and plans of the Committee for Free Asia can be discussed by representatives of your agency and the Department of State.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CFE Attention FE/PL ([])
FROM: []
SUBJECT: Terms of Reference - Committee for a Free Asia

1. As discussed with [] on December 18, I am transmitting two copies of revised terms of reference for CFA.

2. These, I believe, reflect the views expressed in recent meetings with State.

3. This paper, if and when concurred on by CFE, CFA and other CIA people will form the basis of discussion at another meeting with State at which we hope to obtain final agreement on the fields of operation appropriate to CFA and RFA.

4. We should very much appreciate receiving the concurrence of CFE in the next day or two so that we may proceed to coordinate with CFA and others.

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