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SUBJECT: Committee for a Free Asia

It is agreed by both the Department of State and CIA that there is a real job to be done in Asia by CFA - a job which State cannot do through USIS or its other associated programs.

Until more experience is gained by CFA - particularly through its field organizations - it will not be possible to specifically define all activities which it should undertake. It is however, considered important that CFA operations get underway without further delay, providing, of course, that they do not conflict with national policies, nor compete with USIS or other State activities.

The revised operating program of CFA, dated December 4, 1951 (which has been approved in principle by the P area of State), is therefore approved, providing that it is implemented in accordance with the policies and instructions set forth in the attached memorandum, and provided that close coordination is maintained in the field and in Washington.

This includes authorization to proceed with the development of plans for future operations of Radio Free Asia - in accordance with the policies set forth in the attached, with the understanding that such plans will be coordinated as necessary prior to their implementation.

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