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SUBJECT: Ferdinand Durcansky, President of the Executive Council, Liberation Committee.

There is enclosed for the Department's information a copy of a letter addressed to the U.S. High Commissioner by Durcansky concerning the programs of the radio station of the "National Committee for a Free Europe" in Munich. This letter, in turn, includes a copy of a letter from Durcansky on the same subject to the Political Adviser of Radio Free Europe in Munich.

Edward T. Lampson

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Enclosures:

1. Letter to U. S. High Commissioner.
2. Letter to Political Adviser of Radio Free Europe.

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Ferdinand Durcansky
President of the Executive Council
of the Slovak Liberation Committee

Munich, March 3, 1953.

Munich-Waldperlach,
Putzbrunnerstrasse.

His Excellency
Mr. James B. Conant,
United States High Commissioner,
Bad Godesberg-Mehlem,
Mehlener Aue.

Dear Sir,

I take the liberty to send you enclosed the copy of a letter directed to Mr. Griffith, Political Advisor of the Radio Free Europe, concerning the transmissions of the broadcasting station of the "National Committee for a Free Europe" in Munich.

There is no doubt over that the Resistance in Slovakia against the Communism and Soviet Imperialism would be strengthened, if the Slovak people would see that there is in the West an understanding for the natural right of the Slovak people and to the assertion of their rights on an independent life. The present political tendency convinces the Slovaks only thereof that in contradiction of the principles of Democracy the present tyranny of the Communist-Czechs by a domination of the Noncommunist-Czechs shall be replaced.

Please, Excellency, accept the assurance of my respect.

Sincerely yours,

(signed F. Durcansky)

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Ferdinand Durcansky
President of the Executive Council
of the Slovak Liberation Committee
München-Waldperlach, Putzbrunnerstr.

Munich, February 18, 1953.

Mr. Griffith,
Political Advisor of the Radio Free Europe,
München-Neu Grünwald,
Herrenwiesstrasse 1.

Dear Mr. Griffith,

After several years of stay in South America, I have now resettled to Europe. Here I receive almost every day new evidence that in Slovakia, except a few people, the entire population opposes Soviet imperialism and international Communism, and rejects with the same resoluteness the idea of living together with the Czechs in one State, whatever form it might have. One of the never reasons of the Slovak resistance against the Czechs is the fact that they have imposed Communism upon Slovakia, and it is with Czech help that Communism is being kept in power. The violence, of which the Slovak people are the victim, is the work of various formations composed mostly of Czechs. This all has strengthened the Slovak nation's decision which manifested itself in the unanimous vote of the Diet of the Slovak Republic on March 14, 1939.

The realization of the principles of Freedom and Democracy in Slovakia is inconceivable without the realization of a Slovak Republic which, as an equal partner of other European nations, would become part of a United Europe and co-operate closely with the nations of Central Europe respectively. A re-establishment of Czecho-Slovakia, in whatever form, would mean for Slovakia that the present tyranny would be replaced by a new form of despotism incompatible with the principles of Democracy.

I believe that the Government and the people of the United States strive for extending Democracy and the rule of Law in the World and that the creation of the National Committee for a Free Europe has been a manifestation of these noble endeavours. It is therefore my duty to draw your kind attention to the above facts. The more so, because the broadcasts of the radio station organized in Munich by the National Committee for a Free Europe and personally supervised by you, propagate, and want to impose upon the Slovaks, the Czechoslovak conception which is being regarded by the Slovak people as one of the causes of its present plight and which, according to absolutely reliable information from Slovakia, conflicts with the will of the Slovak people.

Because it is generally in the interest of every follower of the principles of Freedom and Democracy that resistance against Communism and Moscow's imperialism be strengthened, and because the realization of these principles behind the Iron Curtain is a pre-condition for peace, may I be allowed to remind you that a successful achievement of these aims requires to organize a special Slovak section-desk in the radio station of the

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National Committee for a Free Europe in Munich, which would in no way be dependent on the Czechs but would have the same working capacity as the Czech desk.

The Slovak Liberation Committee, which the enslaved Slovak people at home regard as the interpreter of their political ideals and which has 80 percent of refugees from Slovakia as its avowed followers, is prepared to co-operate with every institution which has the aim to remove Communist tyranny and to establish in Slovakia a rule of law and the principles of Democracy.

The Slovak Liberation Committee would gladly co-operate with the National Committee for a Free Europe if we would be given the democratic opportunity of broadcasting those ideals of which the Independence of the United States was born and which alone can form the basis of progress, happiness and peace in the World.

Being guided by the ideals of humanity and their realization in the World, I take the liberty of addressing to you these few lines with the firm conviction that in doing this I am serving the aims which are common to all those who strive for Law, Democracy and Progress.

Yours sincerely,

/Prof. Dr. Ferdinand Durcansky /
President of the Executive Council
of the Slovak Liberation Committee.

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