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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

# American Committee for Liberation

Munich Office

#### 2 May 1962

TO: Director, RLD

FROM: Assistant to Director, RLD

SUBJECT: Liaison and Coordination with Radio Free Europe

Radio Liberty coordination and liaison with RFE exists on many levels through daily contacts and touches every phase of our radio activity from exchange of actuality tapes and sharing of a Far East stringer to discussions on policy matters. While this report is mainly concerned with programming cooperation, ACL cooperation also extends to matters of administration, public relations, security, Audience Research, and engineering. Specific areas of liaison and coordination are spelled out below.

## News Department

We receive the RFE daily news budget and the special analysis papers put out by their Soviet area specialists. Mr. Gamarnikov, Senior Editor of the RFE Polish Desk, is our news and feature correspondent on Polish affairs. Our News Department and the RFE Central News Desk maintain regular and close cooperation. We share the contributions of our Hong Kong and Tokyo (and formerly our India) stringers with RFE.

#### Central Research

We exchange our Daily Information Bulletin and Soviet Propaganda Analysis for RFE's daily news and research budgets plus the monthly editions of <u>Behind the Iron Curtain</u> and <u>East Europe</u>. Aside from publications there is frequent exchange of information by phone and RFE staff members occasionally come over to make use of CRD's files. Mr. Boiter has briefed key personnel in the RFE Research and Evaluation Department on our World Communism file (Krasny Arkhiv).

## Monitoring

We automatically send ten copies of the text of all Khrushchev speeches to RFE, and send monitoring transcriptions of all other important speeches (or routine material) on request. We receive their Daily Monitoring Bulletin.

# Language Desks

Aside from scripts provided by Mr. Gamarnikov, both Central Research and the Russian Desk consult with or use materials provided by RFE's Soviet experts (Messrs. Gill and Zoerb, primarily). RFE Russian scripts are distributed to them, in return. Mr. Zoerb has recently agreed to do a special project for us during his Home Leave.

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## Production

We receive RFE's Special Events Section tape on actuality material daily, and supply them, weekly, with our Panorama tape and telex. Other materials on tape (Khrushchev speeches, etc.) are exchanged as requested by either party. On occasion we have made use of RFE line facilities (e.g., London) and, rarely, they have used ours. Until GEMA stepped in we enjoyed mutual use of music library materials.

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#### Policy and Planning

We are in frequent contact with RFE's Academic Planning and Liaison Section through our Central Features Advisor and are able to share a few outside contributors at a mutual savings through a package deal. We are also able to exploit some of RFE's academic contacts for script material more directly tailored to our needs. Although our policy procedures and aims differ, we exchange policy drafts and papers with RFE and discuss policy problems in fairly regular meetings. We also share guest speakers when problems of mutual concern are discussed. Our Program Manager is in frequent contact with RFE programming executives on matters of mutual concern.

# London

RFE has been extremely helpful in assisting us in setting up our London Bureau including sharing their very knowledgeable legal counselor. In addition to sharing their experience-gained advice, they have made their London Facilities available to Victor Frank for line feeds, technical produrement and in all other areas where we needed their assistance. At their suggestion we engaged RFE's London solicitors to handle RL's incorporation there with most gratifying results.

# <u>Other</u>

The undersigned has had frequent contacts with Administrative and Engineering personnel of RFE on matters of mutual concern primarily in the administrative field, but also touching other mutual problems ranging from performance rights to studio control.

#### Conclusion

Present liaison between the two stations is at a very high level and both make natural use of the unique expertise and experience of the other. In analyzing the papers submitted for this report it is apparent that RFE's greater resources (internal and external) have been placed at our disposal and are well received and utilized. At the same time RFE receives the most suitable material and assistance we are able to offer. In view of the different missions and audience of the two radios, I can find no duplication of effort other than the obvious internal requirements of any radio operation. It is not unlikely that more regular and direct contacts between counterparts would lead to further useful cross-fertilization of ideas and approaches on matters of mutual concern, and should be considered.

Harvey Robbins

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