

## **November 2, 1956**

### **Policy Considerations for Radio Liberty Broadcasts**

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#### **Summary:**

CIA redistributes a State Department message of November 1 endorsing RL's [temporary] ban on commentary on Hungarian events.

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"GUIDANCE FOR RADLIB, PARTICULARLY THAT CONTAINED IN MY DIRECTIVE SENT OCT 28, REPRESENTS VIEWS DEPT AND AGENCY, AND DOES NOT DIFFER IN ANY MARKED DEGREE [redacted]

AT SAME TIME, WE HAVE HAD TO RECOGNIZE THAT ROLE OF RADLIB IN RECENT PERIOD OF UPHEAVALS IN HUNGARY AND POLAND HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY DELICATE, HAVING IN MIND US DESIRE (a) NOT TO GIVE IMPRESSION TO SOVIETS THAT WE ARE COUNSELING OR ABETTING ANTI-SOVIET ELEMENTS, (b) NOT TO GIVE SOVIET MILITARY EXCUSE FOR HARSHER REPRESSIVE MEASURES, (c) NOT TO CONVEY TO SOVIET OCCUPATION FORCES THROUGHOUT AREA THROUGHT THAT PATRIOT MOVEMENTS IN HUNGARY OR POLAND ARE ANTI-RUSSIAN RATHER THAN DIRECTED AGAINST SPECIFIC ACTIONS AND POLICIES OF USSR AND OF PAST GOVERNMENTS THOSE COUNTRIES.

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"DEPT REALIZES THAT POLICY GUIDANCES FROM WASHINGTON BY ARE STRINGENT AND POSSIBLY IMPOSE DEGREE OF RESTRAINT UPON RADLIB WHICH MAY BE

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SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT AND UNPALATABLE TO BROADCASTERS. AT SAME TIME, WE  
CONTINUE TO BELIEVE CABLES CAN FULFILL HIGHLY IMPORTANT ROLE SIMPLY  
BY TRANSMITTING TO SOVIETS ALL AVAILABLE HARD FACTS OF RAPIDLY  
EVOLVING SITUATION AS THEY COME TO LIGHT."

END OF MESSAGE

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