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Comments on US Policy Towards the USSR and Radio Free Europe

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Summary:

Richard Bissell forwards to Allen Dulles comments of Cord Meyer on Moscow Dispatch No. 375. Dulles' handwritten comment registers agreement with Meyer and Ambassador Thompson.

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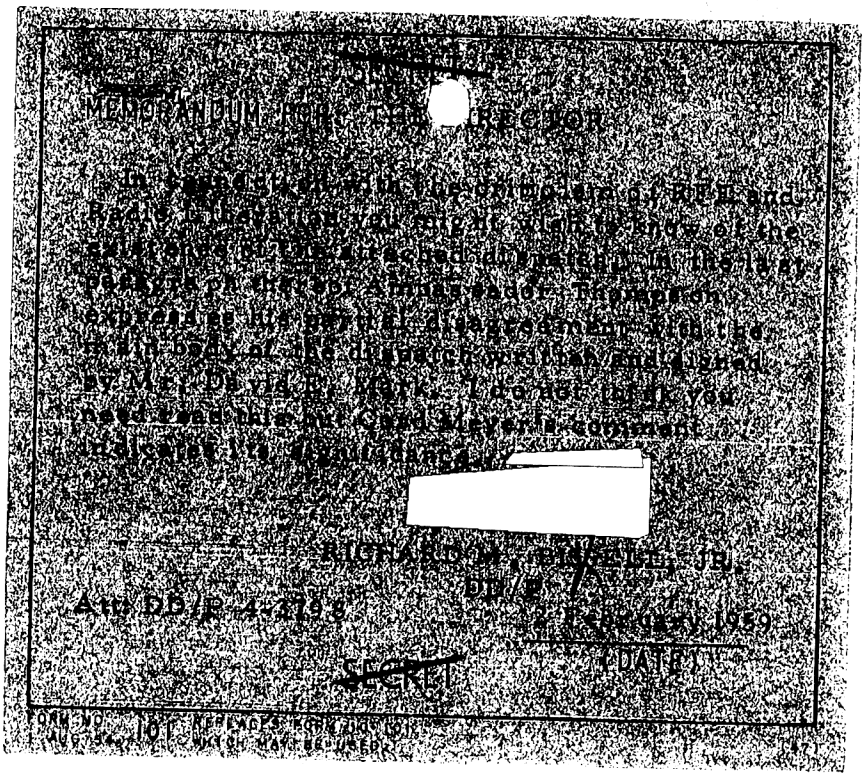
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)
THROUGH: ADD/P for PP Operations *1/s/ct.B.*
SUBJECT: Foreign Service Despatch No. 375
from Moscow Embassy

1. This despatch strikes me as illogical, illusory, and possibly dangerous if the views expressed in it are widely shared in the Department. Mr. Mark's logic is as follows:

a. The Soviets are strong and stable and will get stronger over the next ten years.

b. Soviet leadership is determined to exploit every weakness in the West and not to swerve from their objective of eventual world control. Therefore, let us remove all propaganda pressures against such control, both within Eastern Europe and Russia proper, while at the same time encouraging an exchange of high level officials.

2. The Director may be interested in this as perhaps reflecting the views of some people in the Embassy in Moscow which may have been given to Mr. May and Mr. Cantrell during their visit there.

[Redacted Signature]

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1 Attach. AmEmb Desp 375

I fully agree with Amb. Thompson and Cord's remarks.

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