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Summary:

The outgoing Johnson administration defers for action by the incoming Nixon administration decisions on future funding of RFE and RL

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSTOW

SUBJECT: RFE-R/L Funding Problem for Next Administration

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President Johnson was faced with the choice of preparing a high budget which could be pared and shaved by a Nixon Administration or a low budget to which the new administration could make add-ons.

President Johnson chose the latter [Redacted]

[Redacted]

The most appropriate solution for the new administration to this problem of funding the radios (either for continuation or termination) is to reinstate this amount.

This is normally done by the new Budget Director writing a letter to the Mahon and Russell committees asking for the add-on.

[Redacted] needed if the radios are to be continued and a somewhat less amount if they are to be terminated.

Prior to policy examination by the new administration, either by committee designated by Mr. Kissinger, or by direction of the new President, this budgetary step would seem to be a wise move. Regardless of the decision, money will be needed.

With "x" amount [Redacted] the new administration can approach the problem at the pace or intensity they choose.

"signed"

Peter Jessup

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