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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed S. 3190 which authorizes appropriations of \$49,990,000 to support the activities of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty and for the operating expenses of the Board for International Broadcasting for fiscal year 1975.

The "Board for International Broadcasting Act of 1973" authorized the creation of a seven-member Board for International Broadcasting to assume from the State Department the role of administering the annual U. S. grants to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty and to monitor and evaluate the radios' activities. The Act also authorized appropriations for the operations of the radios and the Board for fiscal year 1974.

S. 3190 amends the 1973 Act to authorize appropriations of \$49,990,000 to remain available until expended, for the operating expenses of the two radios and the Board for fiscal year 1975. In addition, the bill authorizes to be appropriated for fiscal year 1975 such additional sums as may be necessary for increased employee benefits authorized by law, such as pay raises, and other nondiscretionary costs.

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