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GENERAL
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January 6, 1976

Dear Mr. Basarab:

The President has asked that I reply to your recent letter expressing your support for Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe.

We appreciate your informing the White House of your views about this matter, and I can assure you that Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty are not facing curtailment of their broadcasts. The Congress recently approved their budget at a higher level than for the previous fiscal year. As you may know, they recently expanded their services by commencing broadcasts in the Baltic languages to Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Board of International Broadcasting, 1030 15th Street, N.W., Suite 430, Washington, D. C. 20005, which has jurisdiction over the two stations.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence



X
Mr. Stephen Basarab
Secretary, External Affairs
X Ukrainian Congress Committee of America
2958 Wyman Parkway
Baltimore, Maryland 21211

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR
JEANNE W. DAVIS

The attached memo for your
signature to Roland Elliott
would forward a proposed
reply to Mr. Basarab.

(NOTE: I have checked the
subject with the B.I.B.)



A.D.C.

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

7754

January 5, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR ROLAND L. ELLIOTT

FROM: *fn* Jeanne W. Davis *WHD*
SUBJECT: Reply to Mr. Basarab

Stephen Basarab has written the President (Tab B) to express his support for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.

The reply for your signature to Mr. Basarab at Tab A would express the President's appreciation.



PROPOSED REPLY

Final

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S/S# 7523259

Date December 3, 1975

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

FOR: Mr. Brent Scowcroft
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: Pres. Ford FROM: Stephen Basarah
DATE: 11/16/75 SUBJECT: US broadcasts into the
Soviet Union.


WHITE HOUSE REFERRAL DATED: 11/20/75 NSC# 7507754
(if any)

THE ATTACHED ITEM WAS SENT DIRECTLY
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION TAKEN:

- XXX A draft reply is attached.
_____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
_____ A translation is attached.
_____ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
_____ We believe no response is necessary for the
reason cited below.
_____ Other

REMARKS:


(f) [Signature]
George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
REFERRAL

7523259

Date: 11/20/75
NSC log # 7507754

MEMORANDUM FOR:

George S. Springsteen
Executive Secretary
Department of StateDOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

To: President Ford

From: Stephen Basarab

Date: 11/16/75

Subject: United States broadcasts into the Soviet Union.

ACTION REQUESTED:XXXXXX Draft reply for: President's SignatureXXXXX White House Staff Other Direct reply Furnish info copy Dispatch Translation Recommendations/Comments Appropriate Handling Other InformationDUE DATE: 11/27/75COMMENTS:*Handy Ann. H. Davis*
for Jeanné W. Davis
Staff SecretaryCLASSIFICATION: Unclassified

9:00
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UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE OF AMERICA

MARYLAND BRANCH
2301-05 EASTERN AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21224

November 16, 1975

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Members of our organization are deeply concerned about the recurrent surfacing of statements looking toward the curtailment and elimination of United States information services or broadcasts into the various republics of the Soviet Union.

At a time when the principles which guided the growth of the United States of America are brought forth in an endless stream in conjunction with bicentennial observances, it does our American heritage little credit to diminish the access to outside information of the peoples in the curtailed world--those in the Soviet Union--who need it most.

Time and again the American people have uncompromisingly throughout their history declared their support for freedom of speech, press and related ideals. No greater reiteration can a people, endowed by existing circumstances with leadership of the free world, make than to continue to support the means for beaming words of truth and priceless hope toward those who are by directive and surveillance kept uninformed and misinformed.


In detente, according to pronouncements from your office and your administration, understanding relationships between the peoples of the Soviet Union and the United States are to be encouraged. To this end nothing is more important than knowledge of what is happening not only in both nations but in all parts of the world.

When Lincoln spoke of a nation that could not remain half slave and half free, he exposed a fundamental criterion for America's behavior. By silencing Radio Liberty, or Radio Free Europe, we promote the ideas of tyrants, with peril to ourselves and all free peoples.

Respectfully yours,

Stephen Basarab

STEPHEN BASARAB
Secretary, External Affairs
2958 Wyman Pkwy, Baltimore 21211



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SUBJECT: <u>Sub ltr to Pres from Basarak re the elimination of KASIA Information from or broadcast into the Soviet Union</u>				

DISTRIBUTION/INITIAL ACTION ASGMT	INTERNAL ROUTING AND DISTRIBUTION			REC CY FOR	ACTION REQUIRED
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	STAFF SECRETARY				MEMO FOR PRES (_____)
	FAR EAST				REPLY FOR (_____)
	SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA				APPROPRIATE ACTION (_____)
	MID EAST / NO. AFRICA / SO. ASIA				MEMO _____ TO _____ (_____)
	EUROPE / CANADA				RECOMMENDATIONS (_____)
	LATIN AMERICA				JOINT MEMO (_____)
	UNITED NATIONS				REFER TO _____ FOR: _____ (_____)
	ECONOMIC				ANY ACTION NECESSARY? (_____)
	SCIENTIFIC				CONCURRENCE (_____)
	PROGRAM ANALYSIS				DUE DATE:
	NSC PLANNING				COMMENTS: (INCLUDING SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS)
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OCEANS POLICY					
INTELLIGENCE					

SUBSEQUENT ROUTING/ACTIONS	DATE	FROM	TO	S	SUBSEQUENT ACTION REQUIRED (OR TAKEN):	CY TO
	11/30		State		State Dept Reply in att. (12-2)	
	12/3		State		Ref State Dept 7523259	
	12/3		State		Memo Davis to R. Elliott (12-10)	
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