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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Support for the Voice of America in the fields of
Intelligence and of Research and Development

REFERENCES: A. NSC 66
B. Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same
subject, dated April 4, 1950

As requested by the Secretary of State the reference report on the subject has been submitted for consideration by the National Security Council, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission. At the further suggestion of the Secretary of State, the Secretaries of State and Defense, the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission and the Director of Central Intelligence were requested in advance to designate representatives to prepare a report for consideration by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission in the event the Recommendations contained in NSC 66 were approved.

The following replies have been received:

- State: Approves the Recommendations in NSC 66 and designates Mr. Howland Sargeant as a member of the proposed special staff group.
- Defense: Recommends, as stated in the enclosed letter, that no further action be taken on this matter by the Council until an ad hoc committee of the Intelligence Advisory Committee completes its current investigation of the problem and submits its report.
- Treasury: Approves the Recommendations in NSC 66.

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MSRB: Approves the Recommendations in NSC 66

FCC: Disapproves the Recommendations in NSC 66, with the comment that the problem of the Soviet jamming of the Voice of America is only a fraction of the problems of the Voice of America and that there should be a re-evaluation of the entire "Voice" operations and programming in regard to both the national security and the over-all telecommunications policy of the United States; and designates Mr. Curtis B. Plummer as a member of the proposed special staff group.

CIA: Designates Mr. Ralph L. Clark as a member of the proposed special staff group, and reports on certain current related activities as indicated in the enclosed memorandum.

The above information is transmitted herewith for consideration by the National Security Council, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Chairman, Federal Communications Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting, with a view to reaching agreement on an appropriate course of action.

James S. Lay, Jr.
JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
Executive Secretary

cc: The Secretary of the Treasury
The Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

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