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Airgram No. 68 from Swift to Admiral Stevens, AMCOMLIB, with attachment 'Joint Agreement on Principles Governing Programs Broadcast by Radio Liberation'

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Summary:

AMCOMLIB official Swift provides Chairman Stevens with a draft of Radio Liberty program guidelines agreed between his office and the émigré Coordinating Center for the Anti-Bolshevik Struggle

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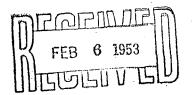
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AIRBRAM NO. 68

January 21, 1953

ADMIRAL STEVENS AMCONLIB NEW YORK

REFERENCE AIRGRAM 17 JANUARY 5 ATTACHENG LATEST DRAFT FROM OFFICE MANNING WILLIAMS ON JOINT AGREEMENT PRINCIPLES GOVERNING PROCRAMS PARA WILLIAMS ADVISES ME DELAY IN THIS MATTER HAS BEEN DUE TO LACK OF APPROVAL FROM THE CENTER BUT THAT HE EXPECTS THIS APPROVAL MOMENTARILY AND THAT ONLY CHANGE ANTICIPATED IS THE ONE HE HAS INDICATED IN ITEM 4, PAGE 2. PARA I AM SENDING IT AT THIS TIME THE IF THIS IS INDEED ONLY ANTICIPATED CHANGE WE CAN CABLE ANY MINOR CORRECTIONS WHICH FINAL EMIGRE APPROVAL INVOLVES.

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CC: Mr. Manning Williams

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JOINT AGRESHENT ON PRINCIPLES COVERNING PROGRAMS BROADCAST BY "RADIO LIBERATION"

- 1. The basic political line is the political platform of the Coordinating Center of the Anti-Bolshevist Struggle, namely:
 - a. Implecable struggle against the Communist dictatorable until its complete destruction.
 - b. Putting into effect the principle of true self-government first proclaimed in Russia by the February Revolution as the primary condition opposed to attempts to restore
 absolution or to establish any kind of dictatorship.
 - e. Becognition of the incontestable right of all peoples residing in the territory of the Soviet Union to determine their fate freely by means of democratic expression of their will, as well as real guaranty of this right of celf-determination.
 - d. Reservation to all citizens of full political and civil rights without distinction as to sex, actionality and religion.
 - e. Recognition of freedom of conscience and of the right to disseminate religious doctrines.
 - f. Liquidation of the exploitation of man by man, by party, or by state; subordination of state policy to the interests of the free development of human personality, and elevation of the material and cultural living standard of the peoples.
 - g. Destruction of the system of terror and oppression.

 Destruction of all concentration camps and of all forms
 of forced slave labor. Liberation of political prisoners.

 Repatriation of the repressed and of victims of mass
 deportations.
 - h. Prohibition of a policy of vengeance after the overthrow of the distatorship.
 - 1. Liquidation of the kolkhoses and of the system of ferced deliveries. Transfer of the land to ownership by the peasants. Reservation to them of the right to choose freely the forms of land ownership and of land utilization.
 - j. Liberation of creative activities and cultural life of the country from all forms of state compulsions
 - k. Liquidation of the aggressive foreign policy of the USSR and decisive repudiation of the acts of that aggression.

- The radio's main theme will be liberation -- liberation from the tyranay of Bolsheviss and one-party rule, from poverty and suffering forced upon the people by the Bolshovist regime, and from the threat of war imposed by Bolshovist foreign policy and ideology.
- 5. The specific geographical areas to be covered, the particular audiences aimed at, and the languages to be used will be determined by the Contral Bureau of the Coordinating Center (or its appropriate representative) in consultation with the Redio idvisor of the American Committee. This will be based on obtaining the maximum propagance effect with the technical facilities at hand. The political advisability of fairly dividing an appropriate amount of program time among the various nationalities represented in the Coordinating Center is also recognized.
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- 4. Because of the heterogeneous nature and widely varying views of the many organizations forming the Coordinating Center, a determined effort must be made to avoid presenting the partions views of any particular groups or individuals on controversial subjects except within the franework of special progress intended for this purpose, such as, for example, a round-table discussion/
 - 5. It is likewise agreed that the radio must take a non-determinate position on those questions (such as inter-nationality political relationships) which can be determined only after liberation by the desocratically expressed will of the people.
 - The broadcasts must not contain material effensive to the legitimate succeptibilities of any nationality or tending to create differences among the peoples of the USSR.
 - 7. The broadcasts will avoid encouraging any preseture outbreaks of overt resistance to the Soviet regime which could only result in needless sacrifices. They will, however, encourage the people to hope and plan for the day of liberation.
 - forces, will encourage Soviet citizens to escape and join the forces of the Copylinating Center in the common struggle.

 They will not escape escape when there is needless danger involved.
 - The broadcasts will not contain matter offensive to the German Covernment or to the German people.
- Members of the smed forces of the USSR will be appealed to as 10. the natural representatives and defenders of their peoples. It is of the utmost importance that they consider themselves the ones who must deliver their peoples from the present bondage and from the dangers of a new world ware

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- 11. The organe of the Bolchovist Party and of the MOB and MVD will be treated in broadcasts as appressors of the people. Care must be taken to indicate that many individual members are helplessly caught in the party-police net and are only avaiting the day when they can redoom themselves by joining the liberation struggle.
- 12. The broadcasts will make no promises, demands or offers which are not capable of fulfillment.
- 13. The broadcasts of Radio Liberation, which is under the sponsorohip of the Coordinating Center, will be the first large-scale
 common effort on the part of all the peoples of Soviet Russia
 in the struggle for the everthros of Bolshevism. In view of
 this fact it is of vital importance that these broadcasts be
 of the highest quality and effectiveness. Every effort must
 be made to produce programs which will win for the radio station and for the Coordinating Center the confidence and the support
 of the peoples behind the Iron Curtain.

With this end in view, it is understood that the Program Department of the radio will obtain the services of the persons best qualified for such work by virtue of their intellectual capacity; their experience in journalistic and propaganda work; their intimate knowledge of present conditions in the Soviet Union, of the desires and aspirations of the population, and of the nature and functioning of the apparatus of the present dictatorship; and their understanding of the nature and functioning of desogratic society.

14. This Joint Agreement may be amended as necessary by sutual concurrence of the Central Bureau of the Coordinating Center and the Radio Advisor of the American Committee.