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Policy Considerations for Radio Liberty Broadcasts

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CIA redistributes a State Department message of November 1 endorsing RL's [temporary] ban on commentary on Hungarian events.

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"GUIDANCE FOR RADLIS, PARTICULARLY THAT CONTAINED IN MY DIRECTIVE
SENT OCT 28, REPRESENTS VIEWS DEPT AND AGENCY, AND DOES NOT DIFFER
IN ANY MARKED DEGREE
AT SAME TIME, WE HAVE HAD TO RECOGNIZE THAT ROLE OF RADLIS IN RECENT
PERIOD OF UPHEAVALS IN HUNGARY AND POLAND HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY DELICATE,
HAVING IN MIND OUR DESIRE (a) NOT TO GIVE IMPRESSION TO SOVIETS THAT WE
ARE COUNSELING OR ABETTING ANTI-SOVIET ELEMENTS, (b) NOT TO GIVE SOVIET
MILITARY EXCUSE FOR HARSHER REPRESSIVE MEASURES, (c) NOT TO CONVEY TO
SOVIET OCCUPATION FORCES THROUGHOUT AREA THOUGHT THAT PATRIOT MOVEMENTS
IN HUNGARY OR POLAND ARE ANTI-RUSSIAN RATHER THAN DIRECTED AGAINST
SPECIFIC ACTIONS AND POLICIES OF USSR AND OF PAST GOVERNMENTS THOSE
COUNTRIES.

"DEPT REALIZES THAT POLICY GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON IS STRINGENT
AND POSSIBLY IMPOSE DEGREE OF RESTRAINT UPON RADLIS WHICH MAY BE

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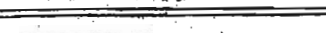
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SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT AND UNPALATABLE TO BROADCASTERS. AT SAME TIME, WE
CONTINUE TO BELIEVE CABLES CAN FULFILL HIGHLY IMPORTANT ROLE SIMPLY
BY TRANSMITTING TO SOVIETS ALL AVAILABLE HARD FACTS OF RAPIDLY
EVOLVING SITUATION AS THEY COME TO LIGHT."

END OF MESSAGE

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