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THE DIRECTOR

September 22

George --

Attached are some thoughts my staff pulled together quickly for the arms control NGO session tomorrow. I understand Bob Bell is also coming, and may have more narrowly focused thoughts. The most likely areas of concern are:

-- Comprehensive Test Ban
  * U.S. should set a deadline to complete
  * President Clinton should say more on the issue

-- Nuclear Posture Review
  * Ratifies Bush posture
  * No commitment to further reductions

-- Conventional arms transfer policy

-- ABM/TMD Demarcation

The same group met with Amb. Ledogar and my deputy, Ralph Earle, this morning, mainly on the CTB negotiations. They were most exercised about our special withdrawl position and about what they see as inadequate Presidential efforts to push the test ban through public statements.

On the latter, you can call attention to Dee Dee’s statement this morning (which, however, they find a poor substitute for a Presidential statement), and also say that (1) the President sent me back to Geneva in July to address the Conference on Disarmament and confirm his commitment to a CTBT at the earliest possible time; (2) (depending on White House Summit public affairs strategy) the Summit will address U.S.-Russian joint efforts on the CTBT; and (3) (if true and with the same caveat) the President will discuss it in his UNGA speech.

Because of the disintegration of various efforts to have a Presidential statement in connection with my July trip, then on the Sept. 7 end of the CD session, and again yesterday when Ledogar briefed at the OEOB, a strong reference on the UNGA speech is doubly important. The state of play in negotiations is not promising for a result or major progress by the NPT review conference next April. We can’t afford to let anyone think it’s for lack of our trying.

Best --

[Signature]
COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN NEGOTIATIONS

The NGO community has voiced the following three concerns.

1. Pace of negotiations

The concern is that a slow pace may hurt chances for indefinite extension of the NPT at the NPT Extension Conference next April. A second concern is that we risk losing the window of opportunity for concluding a CTBT if we are not able to accelerate progress. That window may close after French President Mitterand leaves office next May, if Russia becomes less interested in working closely with the U.S., and if there is a change in U.S. administrations.

Talking Points

-- The United States objective from the start of negotiations has been to conclude the CTBT at the earliest possible time.

-- In particular, the United States has been clear that we seek as much progress as possible by the time of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Extension Conference next spring.

-- We will continue to push the process. We are pleased that the Committee agreed to intersessional negotiations this November and December.

2. Scope of the CTBT

The concern is that exceptions to the ban on nuclear testing -- i.e. hydronuclear experiments -- will mean that we end up with a threshold treaty.

Talking Points

-- The U.S. is committed to achieving a comprehensive test ban treaty. Our intention to undertake a variety of programs to maintain confidence in the safety and reliability of our stockpile do not conflict with this objective.

-- The topic of activities that will not be prohibited is under discussion in Geneva among the P-5 and we are not free to discuss it in detail at this time.

3. U.S. withdrawal position

The NGO community is concerned that the U.S. language on a special withdrawal provision has raised concern that the CTBT might turn out to be a limited duration treaty.

Talking Points

-- The U.S. position is that the treaty should be of indefinite duration.
The Nuclear Posture Review and Further Strategic Reductions

-- The Nuclear Posture Review does not represent an end to the Clinton Administration's examination of the role of and requirements for nuclear weapons in the post Cold War era. To the contrary, the Posture Review should be seen as the corollary of the START II strategic reductions process. It describes the START II environment and forces we plan to deploy, but does not represent conclusions about further reductions and stability measures.

-- The President's approval of the Nuclear Posture Review does not exclude exploring the possibilities for further reductions. In fact, he and President Yeltsin will be discussing this question next week.

-- At the same time, the Administration is continuing its internal work examining what kind of further reductions and limitations would be appropriate in light of the changing security environment in which we now operate.

If asked about fissile materials specifically:

-- The Administration is already exploring with the Russians the possibilities for an agreement to assure that fissile material from weapons is not reused in new nuclear weapons, as well as other transparency measures and a ban on production of weapons-grade fissile materials; we will in the future be looking at ways to build on these steps.

ABM/TMD Demarcation

-- The President has made clear that the viability of the ABM Treaty is of central importance to the Administration as the foundation of nuclear arms control and stability between the U.S. and Russia.

-- At the same time, effective theater missile defense (TMD) is a necessary response to the proliferation of ballistic missiles, and complements other U.S. non-proliferation initiatives. The TMD capabilities will be appropriate to the level and nature of the ballistic missile threat.

-- The ABM/TMD demarcation will be a negotiated, mutually beneficial agreement, among the United States and interested states of the former Soviet Union.

-- The President has wisely recognized that we should not force a choice between a fundamentally important treaty and prudent defenses. Through careful planning and diplomacy we can have both.

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CONVENTIONAL ARMS SALES

- The U.S. has emerged as the world's leading arms supplier. However, the increased U.S. share of the arms market is not the result of unrestrained U.S. sales, but of the disintegration of the former Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact.

- The Presidential Review of Conventional Arms Transfer Policy is almost complete. It will strike a proper balance among our foreign policy, national security, arms control, and economic interests, and provide a basis for continued U.S. leadership in promoting responsible arms export standards worldwide.

- The U.S. will continue to exercise appropriate unilateral restraint in arms transfers, and is giving very high priority to completing negotiations with our closest trading partners on a new multilateral export control regime.

- The new regime will increase transparency, responsibility, and (where appropriate) restraint in the transfer of arms and sensitive dual-use items.
The 1995 NPT Conference

Results of the Third Preparatory Committee Meeting

Background

The third meeting of the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) for the 1995 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference was held September 12-16, 1994 at the Palais de Nations in Geneva. Nearly 90 of the more than 160 Treaty parties participated in the meeting. The U.S. Delegation was headed by Ambassador, Thomas Graham, Jr., Special Representative of the President for Arms Control, Nonproliferation and Disarmament, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

The third PrepCom meeting was chaired by Ambassador Isaac Ayewah, Nigeria's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. Pursuant to a decision by the Preparatory Committee at its second meeting to open its sessions to observers, the third PrepCom was attended by representatives of seven States, not party to the Treaty, (Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Israel, Pakistan and Ukraine) and of 51 non-governmental organizations.

The PrepCom made important progress in developing draft rules of procedure for the 1995 NPT Conference in a separate working group chaired by Ambassador S.A. Adekanye, Nigeria's Ambassador in Vienna. The draft rules, which contain several explanatory footnotes, but no brackets, will be forwarded to the fourth PrepCom meeting for completion. The PrepCom considered a number of background papers prepared for its third session by the Secretariats of the United Nations, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Organization for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America (OPANAL), and the South Pacific Forum. These background papers were generally well received by the parties. The Committee asked the respective Secretariats to amend the papers in light of suggestions made by various delegations, to update them to take account of current developments, and to submit them to the Conference. Both Nigeria and Iran asked that additional papers be prepared by the UN Secretariat to (1) provide a legal interpretation of Article 10 (2) of the NPT; and (2) provide further information on the implementation of Article IV, respectively. As there was no agreement among the parties to the preparation of these documents, the Committee agreed to refer this issue to its next meeting.

The Committee also discussed the agenda for the 1995 NPT Conference but did not reach final agreement on it at this meeting.
The Committee devoted two plenary sessions to a substantive exchange of views on issues relating to the NPT and the 1995 NPT Conference. Twenty-five parties made national statements during this segment of the meeting. Virtually all of the statements emphasized the importance of the NPT in stemming nuclear proliferation. The exchange of views underlined the great importance that many parties attach to progress on a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), enhanced security assurances, a cutoff of fissile material for weapons purposes, and a commitment by the nuclear weapon states to work toward the complete elimination of nuclear weapons.

The Preparatory Committee will hold its next meeting January 23-27, 1995 at UN Headquarters in New York.

Role of NGOs in the NPT Extension Process

Non-governmental organizations are playing an important role in the preparations for the 1995 NPT Conference. A number of them share the U.S. objective of NPT indefinite extension; others do not, however, and see the 1995 Conference as an opportunity to put pressure on the U.S. to make further disarmament progress.

ACDA has devoted considerable time and resources to an "NGO Outreach" program that has included numerous briefings by senior ACDA officials to groups and individuals in Washington, New York and Geneva.

POINTS TO MAKE

-- The U.S. is publicly committed to make every effort to secure the indefinite extension of the NPT next year.

-- We value the contribution that many NGOs have made toward this end. We want to continue our consultations with you in the remaining months before the 1995 NPT Conference.

-- We strongly believe that the NPT should be extended on its own merits. Without a strong NPT, further progress in arms control and disarmament would be jeopardized.

-- The nonproliferation and arms control goals of the NPT are mutually reinforcing. We understand that many non-nuclear weapon state parties want evidence that the arms control process is proceeding rapidly and with concrete results before they commit to a permanent NPT.

-- At the same time, a strong, reliable NPT -- an NPT that is a permanent part of the international security structure -- is an essential requirement for the further progress that is desired.

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Export Controls Being Weakened?

• The Administration believes that export controls are a key element of a comprehensive policy to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the missiles that could deliver them.

• We believe the US statutory and regulatory framework for reviewing exports for nonproliferation purposes is second to none; the Administration is dedicated to effective implementation of these laws and policies.

• We carefully review license applications for the transfer of commodities and technology that could be useful to a potential proliferator and approve them only if we are confident that they would not be diverted for WMD or missile purposes, and are otherwise consistent with US nonproliferation objectives.

• We have vigorously enforced US sanctions against countries that engage in transfers that are not consistent with the guidelines of the Missile Technology Control Regime.

• We supported the expansion of sanctions against countries that violate nuclear nonproliferation norms proposed by Senator Glenn and supported by Senator Pell, and which was enacted in April of this year.

• Of course, to be truly effective, export controls should be applied uniformly by all suppliers. And the Administration has taken an exceptionally strong leadership role in pursuing multilateral support for export controls.

• The principal multilateral fora are the Australia Group which addresses CBW-related exports, the Missile Technology Control Regime, and the Nuclear Suppliers Group. We have pursued an expansion of membership in these multilateral groups and proposed many initiatives designed to increase their effectiveness.

• Following the dissolution of COCOM, the US has also led the effort to create a new multilateral forum that would focus on efforts to increase transparency and responsibility in trade in sensitive dual-use items and conventional weapons with a focus on countries of concern and regions of instability.

• There has been a measured relaxation of controls on dual-use items like computers, based on their widespread availability. This does not weaken our nonproliferation commitment, but rather recognizes the reality that ineffectual controls only dilute our efforts.
• And these changes did not affect exports to countries like Iraq, Libya, Iran, and North Korea, which pose significant proliferation threats.

• The US will continue to play a leadership role in promoting effective multilateral export controls, and in implementing the type of strong national system which is necessary to support our international efforts.
GENERAL ISSUES THAT COULD DRAW NGO CRITICISM

Q. In light of the end of the Cold War and the reduced Russian threat to Europe, why is it necessary for the United States to continue deploying nuclear weapons in Europe?

A.

-- NATO responded to the transformation of the European security environment by making dramatic changes in its nuclear posture, stockpile and planning. Since 1988, NATO's nuclear forces have been reduced by more than 90 percent.

-- The U.S., however, does not have a purely national deterrent; we share the deterrent value of our nuclear arsenal with our allies.
Q. With the increasingly evident shortcomings in Russian fissile material safety and security, can we be assured that U.S. fissile material is sufficiently safe and secure?

A. 

- There is no connection between Russia's fissile material control and accounting and physical protection programs and those of the United States. Fissile material stored in the United States is accounted for, controlled and protected by the most proven and sophisticated means available.

- Indeed, the United States has been working with Russia and other FSU states in the the Nunn-Lugar program to identify areas where the application of U.S. expertise and assistance could be used to enhance Russia's existing materials control and accounting and physical protection programs.
Q. Hasn't the slow pace of Nunn-Lugar negotiations and implementation contributed to the recent interceptions of smuggling of fissile materials?

A.

-- The United States takes the smuggling of fissile material very seriously. The United States has offered assistance for improving fissile material control and accounting systems to Belarus, Kazakhstan, Russia, and Ukraine and is providing equipment and design assistance to Russia for a storage facility for fissile material from dismantled nuclear weapons.

-- Although somewhat more slowly than the United States initially projected, the Nunn-Lugar program is gaining momentum. With the signature of 30 implementing agreements last year, the flow of technical expertise and material is increasing dramatically this year.
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Q. Wouldn't the U.S. failure to provide negative security assurances to non-nuclear weapon states undermine the NPT and CTBT efforts?

A.

-- The US has long recognized the importance which non-nuclear NPT parties attach to security assurances against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

-- Of course, this topic has taken on additional importance in view of the upcoming 1995 Conference to extend the NPT.

-- The Administration has reaffirmed the policy of previous administrations with regard to non-use of nuclear weapons against parties to the NPT, which was first adopted by President Carter in 1978.

-- As we have stated at the Conference on Disarmament, we remain open to discussion on this issue and are prepared to continue consultations among the P-5 to determine whether a common approach can be developed.

SEA/ST - B. Gromoll

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George Stephanopoulos  
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Dear Mr. Stephanopoulos:

I very much appreciated having the chance to talk with you yesterday concerning the Ninth Circuit. Recognizing that any prospective presidential nominee faces daunting political challenges in the confirmation process, I can nonetheless claim to have survived scrutiny at least once.

Though I have not mounted a letter-writing campaign, I am confident my nomination would be welcomed by federal, state and local law enforcement in Southern California, by the press, and by associations of women lawyers and judges. On the political front, I believe both Senators Boxer and Feinstein would support my nomination, with the qualification that Senator Feinstein is apparently satisfied with my performance as U.S. Attorney. Although the Senator is not eager to accelerate my departure from this position, she is well aware that a federal judge stands to make the kind of long-term commitment to an administration’s principles that no U.S. Attorney can match. I am sure she is also aware of the many qualified candidates who would be eager to be her choice for the next chief federal law enforcement officer of the country’s largest district.

If there is additional information I can supply you or the President, please do not hesitate to let me know. And if you are in the Los Angeles area, I hope you will consider calling or stopping by.

Sincerely,

Nora M. Manella
United States Attorney
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- National Security Council
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- OA/Box Number: 2952

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- Voice of America [1]

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4/28/98

- Advised Eric not to call Dine & complain, but to register complaint w/BBC.
- Not a legal issue.
- Matter of misrepresentation, lack of coordination, bad judgment, bad govt. practice.
- If Intl. B/casters want our cooperation, they need to give cooperation as well.
- Hurts U.S. intl. b/casting.
Steinberg-Pickering Breakfast Item

Friday, February 13, 1998

Farsi Language Broadcasts by USIA

Background:

The 1998 Commerce/State/Justice appropriations bill targeted additional funds at increasing VOA and Radio Free Europe (RFE) broadcasts in Farsi into Iran. Report language directed that this undertaking take place.

We and State/NEA have real concerns about this project. There is a real risk that it will be perceived in Iran and the region as our heavy-handed attempt to force propaganda down Persian throats, and confuse Tehran about our message. A meeting Thursday at the Broadcasting Board of Governors (which Eric Schwartz requested) suggested that RFE and VOA don’t intend for that to happen. But given the interest by Helms/D’Amato staff in this project, there is the real possibility for this project – and heated USG discussion of it – to send the wrong message to Iran.

We also got the sense that the train is rolling forward pretty fast on this, with July 1 as the target for initial broadcast.

Eric and Newell Highsmith have been working through the thicket of USIA/BBG/Administration relations, and have obtained BBG’s agreement not to go forward pending consultations with the Administration on this. As you recall, the relevant statute states that the BBG should receive foreign policy guidance from the Secretary, conveyed through the USIA Director.

Points to Make:

Don’t want to undermine the calibrated public message the President has sent Khatami and the Iranian people with a heavy-handed effort on “Radio Free Iran.”

We’ve obtained BBG agreement not to move forward without consultations with the Administration, and NSC staff is working this issue with your people.
But the BBG statute states that the Secretary provides guidance to the BBG through the USIA Director, and you should call Joe Duffey to underscore our message - that the BBG should not go forward without meaningful consultations with us.

(We are studying how we could, legally, respond if BBG disregarded our guidance, but we are not at that point.)
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Jimmie Purvis
2006-0165-F
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Background: We are no longer characterizing WorldNet and VOA as operating under different ground rules, as was represented in earlier guidance on this matter. The new guidance does not explicitly correct the old guidance. ALSO: The new guidance continues to state that it is okay for the Administration to convey foreign policy concerns to U.S. broadcasting elements. While this is indeed the case, the statutory procedure for conveying such concerns — SecState to USIA Director to Broadcasting Board of Governors — apparently was not followed in this case.

Q: Did the NSC seek to persuade VOA to cancel its interview with Wei Jingsheng? Was it "disgraceful," as the head of the Broadcasting Board of Governors charged, to "put pressure on these journalists instead of coming to the board"?

A: No. The NSC understands and supports VOA's independence and right to make its own journalistic decisions. The NSC did not suggest to VOA that it should cancel the interview, and it made clear in conversations with VOA officials that decisions on the interview were entirely for VOA to make.

The NSC did discuss with USIA Director Duffey plans for WorldNet Television to carry an interview with Wei. We understand that Director Duffey in turn spoke to the directors of VOA and the International Broadcasting Bureau (not to the journalists involved). The laws governing U.S. international broadcasting provide that information and guidance on foreign policy issues may be provided by the governments, which is what occurred in this case. The NSC described to VOA the foreign policy context in which its planned interview was occurring, including the possibility of future release of dissidents. I want to emphasize, however, that the NSC was clear in its conversations with VOA on VOA's right to make its own decisions about the interview. The NSC did not advise VOA to cancel the interview.

Q: Why did the NSC object to a WorldNet interview with Wei? Was there a US Government commitment to China not to "exploit Mr. Wei's release politically"? Did Ambassador Sasser call to request cancellation of the WorldNet interview?

A: NSC officials described the foreign policy context in which the proposed WorldNet interview was to occur. Part of that context was the possibility of future release of dissidents. I am not going to comment on our diplomatic exchanges with China. As for Ambassador Sasser's role, he did speak to NSC officials to express foreign policy concerns about the proposed WorldNet interview.
Q: Why is the Administration attempting to silence Wei Jingsheng?

A: We are not trying to silence him. Indeed, the President met with him, despite strong Chinese objections. And of course the VOA interview, to which we did not object, went ahead and was aired not only by VOA Radio, but also by other broadcasters (Taiwan and International AP). USIA Director Duffey, after consultations with NSC staff, made his own decision to make a request to the Director of the International Broadcasting Bureau not to broadcast the WorldNet program.
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CREATION DATE/TIME: 12-FEB-1998 11:08:31.00

SUBJECT: Re: Visit to VOA

TO: meglynn (meglynn@usia.gov@INET@LNGTWY [UNKNOWN])

READ:UNKNOWN

TEXT:
educate me:

Can press in the US call in to the VOA show during the interview to ask questions? If not, why by having press sitting in the studio next door (they won't have contact with her, right?) will HRC be more apt to get questions on Monica, etc.?

Where did your list of press develop from?

Thanks. Pls call me when you can. I know you're busy thinking of what birthday gifts to buy for me. After all, it's only 2 months off.

meglynn@usia.gov
02/11/98 02:39:00 PM

Record Type: Record

To: Julie E. Mason
cc:
Subject: Visit to VOA

Hey -
A couple of things.
First, I will have our guys hold off on any sort of press release about HRC's visit here until you tell me it is OK to put something out. (Normally, we release our lists of guests 2 days ahead of time.)
Second, how do you REALLY feel about having press cover her interview? I was thinking that perhaps we could invite a couple of reporters in just to sit in a studio next door and listen to her do the interview. Caveat: there may be questions from callers around the world on the Monica story. This would bring HRC right into the the story in the U.S. Although chances are good that if she did anything newsworthy, it will be reported outside the U.S. and will boomerang back.
Potential reporters:
Chitre Ragavin, NPR
Anne Blackman, TIME
Karen Breslau, Newsweek
Sonya Ross, AP
Kathy Lewis, DMN
Nancy Mathis, Houston Chron
Amy Goldstein, Wash Post
What do you think? Any, all, one, two? I would make clear that they
would just be at VOA to cover the interview, not to ask her questions.
Get back to me when you have time,
MEG
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TEXT:
During the staff meeting, I got a call from a reporter at the Voice of America, who wanted my comment on a possible merger between AT&T and two of the original seven Baby Bells. I had not heard of this until the call—nothing in the Post or on the radio this morning, at least that I caught. There is a squib in the WSJ today. Anyhow, were this anyone other than VOA, I would decline because of my CEA position and because if the deal goes through it will land at the FCC and DOJ in very short order.

The reporter got my name from a colleague at GW, and is calling I think because of what I know about telecom, not because of where I am. Still, I don't think I should talk to him, but if the WH does have a policy of talking to VOA people, I'd be happy to talk to him.

Thanks,

Tim
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Jimmie Purvis
2006-0165-F
jp148
SUBJ: VOA AND RADIO LIBERTY -- VITAL IN KAZAKHSTAN

TEXT:

UNCLAS ALMA ATA 000549
USIA FOR B/N; EU (CARLSON, SKIPPER); VIENNA FOR CSCE;
MUNICH FOR B.O.B. AND RL; WARSAW FOR ZETKULIC
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PGOV, PROP, PREL, SCUL, KZ

VOA AND RADIO LIBERTY -- VITAL IN KAZAKHSTAN
1. RL AND VOA ARE NOW BROADCAST IN ALMA ATA ON MEDIUM-
WAVE RADIO. WE HEAR VERY POSITIVE REACTIONS. WITH ITS
PRIVATE TV AND RADIO STATIONS, ALMA ATA HAS MORE
BROADCAST SOURCES THAN OTHER AREAS OF KAZAKHSTAN, MOST OF
WHICH HAVE ACCESS ONLY TO STATE TV AND RADIO, OSTANKINO
TV FROM MOSCOW, AND SHORTWAVE. THEREFORE, INTEREST IN
THESE AREAS IN SHORTWAVE BROADCAST NEWS IS STILL SIGNIFICANT,
PARTICULARLY AMONG THE INTELLIGENTSIA AND YOUTH.
2. EVEN IN ALMA ATA, WHERE NO MEDIA OUTLET CAN YET
AFFORD TO SUBSCRIBE TO A WESTERN WIRE SERVICE, EMPLOYEES
FROM MANY NEWSPAPERS AND TV STATIONS HAVE SHORTWAVE
RADIOS AND LISTEN TO RL, VOA, AND BBC TO PREPARE NEWS
STORIES. THIS IS HOW THEY LEARN WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE
OUTSIDE WORLD. THEIR ONLY OTHER DIRECT SOURCE OF WESTERN
INFORMATION IS THE USIA WIRELESS FILE, ARTICLES FROM
WHICH ARE REGULARLY CARRIED IN KEY NEWSPAPERS.
3. RL AND VOA MEDIUM- AND SHORT-WAVE BROADCASTS CLEARLY
REMAIN VITAL. KAZAKHSTANIS NEED CONFIDENCE TO WEATHER
THE STRAINS AND NEW INEQUALITIES ATTENTANT TO MOVING
TOWARD DEMOCRACY AND A MARKET ECONOMY. ONE OF THE BEST
SOURCES OF CONFIDENCE IS RELIABLE INFORMATION ON WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OTHER FORMER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MAKING SIMILAR TRANSITIONS, AS WELL AS WHAT IS OCCURRING IN THE WEST. IN OUR VIEW, BROADCASTING THIS INFORMATION -- AS WELL AS APPEALING WESTERN CULTURE -- IS ONE OF THE BEST CONTRIBUTIONS AMERICA CAN MAKE TO FURTHERING DEMOCRACY, MARKET ECONOMICS, AND ETHNIC TOLERANCE IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

4. IN OUR VIEW, RESTRUCTURING RL/VOA BROADCASTS IS VERY WORTHWHILE -- FROM MORE LOCAL, LOW-POWER TRANSMISSIONS TO BRINGING IN THE LIVELY VOA EUROPE. THIS DESERVES STRONG SUPPORT, CERTAINLY FOR KAZAKHSTAN.

5. THERE IS ONE THING WHICH EVERY POLITICAL LEADER IN KAZAKHSTAN SAYS -- "LET US HOPE THAT YUGOSLAVIA DOES NOT OCCUR HERE." FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, WE RECALL THAT RFE NEVER BROADCAST INTO YUGOSLAVIA. COURTNEY

BT
#0549
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SECT: SECTION: 01 OF 01
SSN: 0549
TOR: 930210115553 M0218776
DIST:

SIT: VAX
UNCLAS STATE 047612

1. AS PROMISED IN REFTEL, FMP/MP (MANAGEMENT POLICY) HAS CONSULTED WITH THE EAP BUREAU WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE MERITS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE USIA/VOA REQUEST TO ADD ONE FSN POSITION TO THE TMO STAFF IN HONG KONG. THE FINAL PARAGRAPH HAS AN ACTION REQUEST.

2. EAP COMMENTS -- EAP/EX OPPOSES IN PRINCIPLE ANY EFFORT TO INCREASE STAFFING OF THE MISSION IN HONG KONG. AS WE APPROACH 1997 AND THE REVERSION TO MAINLAND CONTROL, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE STAFF IN HONG KONG, BOTH STATE AND CLIENT AGENCIES. EVERY ADDITION MADE TO THE STAFF NOW WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO REDUCE STATE STAFF WITH SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FUTURE. THAT SAID, IF THE POST AUTHORIZES THE INCREASE, IT MUST ENSURE THAT THE ADDITION HAS MINIMUM EFFECT ON THE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. FAAS ARRANGEMENTS DO NOT PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE REIMBURSEMENT SO SERVICES SHOULD TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE DIRECTLY CHARGED.

EAP/CM CONCURS WITH EX AND REASSERTS THAT WE HAVE BEGUN INTERAGENCY DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT REDUCING THE SIZE OF THIS MISSION AS WE APPROACH 1997. THE REQUESTED POSITION DOES NOT APPEAR ESSENTIAL (TO MAINTENANCE OF OPERATIONS), RATHER IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN ENHANCING...
OPERATIONS - AS ALL USG AGENCIES IN HONG KONG WOULD LIKE TO DO. EAP/CM RECOMMENDS AGAINST INCREASING VOA STAFFING BY 1 FSN POSITION UNLESS A BETTER JUSTIFICATION IS PROVIDED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION ON THE VOA REQUEST. OTHERWISE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT (FMP/MP) WITH YOUR DECISION FOR TRANSMITTAL TO USIA.

CHRISTOPHER
BT
#7612
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SSN: 7612
TOR: 930216202715 M0229721
DIST: SIT: VAX
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SUBJECT: NSDD-38: REQUEST TO ESTABLISH VOA TECHNICAL MONITOR

REF: (A) USIA 6725, (B) 92 USIA 55356, (C) 92 USIA 38253

1. WE REGRET THE DELAY IN REPLYING TO THE REQUEST FOR THE MISSION'S POSITION ON THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A VOA TECHNICAL MONITORING OFFICE (TMO) IN AFRICA. IN VIEW OF THE NECESSITY OF WEIGHING ANY REQUEST FOR STAFFING CHANGES VERY CAREFULLY, WE HAVE WANTED TO CONSIDER THE VOA PROPOSAL AS THOROUGHLY AS POSSIBLE IN REGARD TO NEED AND TO IMPACT ON MISSION RESOURCES. CONTRARY TO REF A, WE DO NOT RECALL EVER ESTABLISHING A PRECISE DATE FOR SUBMITTING A REPLY.

2. THE ENHANCEMENT OF VOA LISTENING FREQUENCIES, AND THUS THE PUBLIC DIPLOMACY BENEFITS, RESULTING FROM ESTABLISHING A TMO IN ACCRA HAVE BEEN CONVINCINGLY PRESENTED IN A MEMO OF DECEMBER 5, 1992 BY VOA ENGINEER ALLEN RICHARDSON. WE MUST ENSURE ALSO, HOWEVER, THAT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REQUIRED BY A TMO COULD BE HANDLED WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO OTHER MISSION OPERATIONS. THAT MEANS THAT IN ADDITION TO THE TWO FSN'S HIRED AS TMO STAFF, EMBASSY WOULD REQUIRE AN INCREASE IN THE FSN/PSC STAFFING COMPLEMENT OF ONE DAS POSITION IN ITS BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICE. THE COST OF THAT POSITION WOULD BE DOLS 3000 PER ANNUM, THE COST OF WHICH SHOULD BE ADDED TO OUR FAAS BASE. FURTHER, WE WOULD REQUIRE AN INCREASE IN THE EMBASSY BASE FAAS ALLOTMENT TO COMPENSATE FOR INCREASED SUPPORT EXPENDITURES AS SHOWN BELOW. THE INCREASES ARE KEYED TO VOA'S REQUESTED FAAS SUPPORT FACTORS.

GENERAL SERVICES:
-- ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLY: DOLS 2600
COMMUNICATIONS: 
-- POUCHING SERVICE DOLS 2500

HEALTH SERVICES:
-- MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND DRUGS DOLS 500

WE CALL VOA'S ATTENTION TO THE LIST OF FAAS SERVICES REQUESTED TO SUPPORT THIS POSITION (REF C, PARA 4). THE POST WOULD BE UNABLE TO SUPPORT SERVICES OTHER THAN THOSE ENUMERATED.

3. ALSO POST'S DS (SECURITY) ALLOTMENT WOULD NEED TO BE INCREASED DOLS 1,000 TO COVER LOCAL GUARD CONTRACT FOR ONE RESIDENCE.

4. IF THE B&P POSITION AND INCREASES IN BASE AND DS ALLOTMENTS (TOTAL DOLS 19,600) CAN BE FUNDED BY VOA, WE WILL AGREE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A TMO IN ACCRA. USIS ACCRA CONCURS IN THIS MESSAGE. BROWN

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SUBJ: NSDD 38 - VOA REQUEST FOR ONE ADDITIONAL FSN POSITION

TEXT:

UNCLAS HONG KONG 001935
DEPT FOR FMP/MP, EAP/CM, AND EAP/EX
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: AODE, AMGT, HK

SUBJECT: NSDD 38 - VOA REQUEST FOR ONE ADDITIONAL FSN POSITION

REF: A) STATE 41669; B) STATE 47612

1. CONSUL GENERAL CONCURS WITH THE VIEW OF EAP/CM AND EAP/EX THAT NSDD-38 REQUEST FROM VOA FOR ADDITIONAL FSN POSITION SHOULD BE DENIED.

2. IN VIEW OF RECENT MESSAGES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OUTLINING THE BUREAU-WIDE CEILING ON FSN COMPENSATION IN FY-93 AS WELL AS BUDGET REDUCTIONS FORESEEN IN FY-94, CONGEN WILL BE UNABLE TO AGREE TO ANY STAFF INCREASES FOR SUPPORTED AGENCIES UNLESS CASE PRESENTED IS OVERWHELMING. INDEED, GIVEN THE FORECASTS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING STAFFING LEVELS TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE CUTS.

3. BEYOND THE MOTIVATION PROVIDED BY THE BUDGETARY CRISIS, THIS POST IS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO REDUCE STAFF IN ANTICIPATION OF THE PRC TAKEOVER OF HONG KONG IN 1997 FOR POLICY REASONS AS WELL. WHETHER IT IS INTENDED TO RETAIN THIS POSITION AFTER 1997 OR NOT, AN AGREEMENT TO INCREASE THE STAFFING COMPLEMENT OF ONE AGENCY WILL ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO TRY TO FOLLOW SUIT. SHOULD THIS PROVE CONTAGIOUS, THIS WILL VASTLY COMPLICATE OUR EFFORTS TO REDUCE STAFF TO THE DESIRED 1997 LEVEL. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT COMPELLING NATIONAL INTEREST MAY INDUCE US TO AGREE TO SOME HYPOTHETICAL INCREASE PROPOSED BY SOME WASHINGTON AGENCY, BUT THIS ONE DOES NOT PASS THAT THRESHOLD. WILLIAMS

BT
#1935

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TO: AMEMBASSY COLOMBO PRIORITY 4810
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SUBJ: NSDD 38 -- CHANGE IN VOA SRI LANKA RELAY STAFFING

TEXT:

UNCLAS STATE 107758
FOR THE CHIEF OF MISSION FROM FMP/MP
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: AODE, AMGT, CE
SUBJECT: NSDD 38 -- CHANGE IN VOA SRI LANKA RELAY STAFFING

REF: STATE 101669

1. AS PROMISED IN REFTEL, FMP/MP HAS CONSULTED WITH THE NEA BUREAU WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDES COMMENTS ON THE MERITS AND IMPLICATIONS ON THE VOA REQUEST TO, IN PHASES OVER A FOUR YEAR PERIOD (THE DURATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT), INCREASE STAFFING AT THE SHORT WAVE RELAY STATION NEAR CHILAW TO A TOTAL OF 9 U.S. USDH AND 23 FSN POSITIONS.

2. NEA COMMENTS -- THE BUREAU REMINDS POST OF OUR LEAN FISCAL SITUATION AND ADVISES THAT NEA/SA/EX IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY FUNDING OF POSITIONS FOR SUPPORTING THE INCREASED USIA/VOA STAFF IF POST CANNOT MEET SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS THESE POSITIONS WOULD IMPOSE.

DUE TO EXTREMELY LIMITED STAFFING IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION OF EMBASSY COLOMBO, NEA/SA/EX BELIEVES THE INCREASED WORKLOAD WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, AND OPPOSES ANY INCREASE IN USIA/VOA STAFFING UNLESS USIA/VOA AGREES TO PROVIDE THE ENTIRE FUNDING (AND ANY FTE, IF PSC EMPLOYEES CANNOT BE UTILIZED) FOR ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS.

THE BUREAU WOULD DEFER, AT THIS TIME, TO THE POST TO PROVIDE ITS OWN ESTIMATE OF THE ADDITIONAL STAFF REQUIRED TO HANDLE THE VOA STAFF INCREASE.
3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION ON THE VOA REQUEST. OTHERWISE PLEASE PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT (FMP/MP) WITH YOUR DECISION FOR TRANSMITTAL TO VOA.

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SUBJ: NSDD 38 - CHANGE IN VOA SRI LANKA RELAY STATION STAFFING

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FOR NEA/EX AND FMP/FP
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: AODE AMGT CE
SUBJ: NSDD 38 - CHANGE IN VOA SRI LANKA RELAY STATION STAFFING

REFS: (A) USIA 14355 (B) STATE 107758
1. POST LOOKS FORWARD TO SUPPORTING THE PERSONNEL INCREASE MENTIONED IN REF B. OUR DILEMMA IS THIS: WE HAVE BEEN TOLD TO DO MUCH MORE WITH MUCH LESS JUST TO SUPPORT THE STATUS QUO. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE ASKED TO HANDLE AN 11 PERCENT INCREASE IN U.S. PERSONNEL AND A 5 PERCENT INCREASE IN FSN PERSONNEL. THERE IS THE VERY REAL POSSIBILITY THAT WE WILL CUT STAFF IN 1994 SIMPLY BECAUSE FUNDS WILL NOT BE THERE. WE CANNOT PREDICT THE EFFECT THIS WILL HAVE ON OUR LABOR-INTENSIVE GSO SECTION. THUS, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL SERVICE AT ALL IN THREE AREAS: SHIPPING AND CUSTOMS, LEASING, AND RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE. THIS SHOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM BECAUSE SERVICES ARE READILY AVAILABLE FROM COMMERCIAL VENDORS.
2. THE VOA STATION CHIEF AND THE POST ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR HAVE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH THE SUBJECT OF NO ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN LEASING, RESIDENTIAL MAINTENANCE, AND SHIPPING AND CUSTOMS. IN A MEMO ON THIS MATTER, VOA STATED ITS PLANS TO LEASE A 5-HOUSE COMPOUND WHERE MAINTENANCE WOULD BE PART OF THE LEASE PROVISION. IT DID NOT SEE A SUPPORT PROBLEM. WITH SHIPPING AND CUSTOMS, VOA COULD SEE GAINS IN TURN-AROUND TIME IF PERFORMED BY A COMMERCIAL CLEARING AGENT. ADMIN'S MEMO CONFIRMS THE SAME UNDERSTANDING AND GOES ON TO SAY CONCURRENCE IS BASED ON THE LACK OF SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. IT RECOGNIZED THAT IF CIRCUMSTANCES RADICALLY CHANGED, THE PRESENT UNDERSTANDING WOULD NEED TO BE ENTIRELY REVISITED.
3. IN OTHER AREAS, WE CAN GIVE FULL SUPPORT.

ALTHOUGH THE AMERICAN PERSONNEL INCREASE IS LARGE,

4. IN ADDITION TO THE AFOREMENTIONED POSITIONS, WE IDENTIFY THE NEED FOR AN FSN SECURITY CLERK POSITION TO ASSIST THE RSO SECURITY INVESTIGATOR OFFICE IN INVESTIGATIONS AND IN ID PROCESSING. THIS OFFICE HAS A WORKLOAD THAT INCREASED FROM 42 TO 39 TO 364 IN FAA'S YEARS '91 TO '93, SHOWING AN 833 PERCENT INCREASE IN 1993. THE INCREASE WAS CAUSED MAINLY BY TWO NEW AGENCIES AT POST, FBO AND VOA CONSTRUCTION. WE PREDICT A LARGE STAFF INCREASE BY VOA PROJECT WOULD AFFECT THE RSO OPERATION. THE SECURITY CLERK POSITION WOULD BE AN FSN 5 WITH SALARY AMOUNTING TO $3,300 AND ONE-TIME START-UP COSTS AMOUNTING TO $5,000. THE POSITION WOULD BE DAS-DIRECT. 

5. OTHER THAN THE POSITIONS CITED ABOVE, POST DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL INCREASES. NONETHELESS, THERE ARE TWO ADDITIONAL FUNDING ISSUES. THIS YEAR THE PERSONNEL OFFICER POSITION WILL BE CONVERTED TO A BUDGET AND FISCAL POSITION WITH OVERSIGHT FOR PERSONNEL. THE PERSON COMING IN WILL BE TRAINED AND BE ABLE TO HANDLE ROUTINE INQUIRIES WITHIN THE NORMAL WORKWEEK. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN B&F WORKLOAD DUE TO VOA CONSTRUCTION, THE OFFICER WOULD NOT HAVE TIME TO GO INTO COMPLEX POSITION DESCRIPTIONS, WAGE SURVEYS OR CLASSIFICATION MATTERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON THE SERVICES OF A PERSONNEL OFFICER IN A NEARBY POST TO COME IN QUARTERLY AND ASSIST ON COMPLEX ISSUES AND ALSO REVIEW OPERATIONS. USING EMBASSY DHAKA AS AN EXAMPLE, THE COST FOR THE VISITS WOULD COME TO $6,200 ANNUALLY. THIS POST HAS SEEN THE "AMERICANS SERVICED" WORKLOAD FACTOR INCREASE 29 PERCENT OVER 992 AND 81 PERCENT OVER 1989. 

6. FINALLY, WE ASK THE SERVICES OF A CONTRACT NURSE FOR ONE DAY A WEEK (EIGHT HOURS). OUR FSNP TELLS US THAT JUST ON INOCULATIONS ALONE, A FAMILY OF FOUR WOULD REQUIRE 10 HOURS OF HIS OR HER TIME ANNUALLY. WE WOULD ASK THE CONTRACT NURSE TO COME IN TWICE A WEEK FOR 4 HOURS TO DO INOCULATIONS AND SIMILAR PROCEDURES TO FREE UP THE FSNP FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND FOR HIGHER QUALITY CARE WITH THOSE PATIENTS WHO REQUIRE SUCH SERVICE. 

7. ADMIN COUNSELOR AND VOA STATION CHIEF HAVE DISCUSSED THE INCREASE MATTERS AT LENGTH. POST HOPES THE BUREAU AND VOA WASHINGTON CAN COME TO AN EARLY AGREEMENT ON OUR RESOURCE NEEDS. SCHAEFFER
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SUBJECT: PROGRESS REPORT ON VOA BOTSWANA RELAY STATION

TEXT:

UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 GABORONE 03066
USIA FOR VOA ACTING DIRECTOR FROM CHARGE
CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: PREL, SOPN, VOA, BC

SUMMARY: EMBASSY GABORONE RECOMMENDS THAT
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VOA/WASHINGTON CONSIDER ACCELERATED CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE II OF THE MEDIUM WAVE RELAY STATION IN BOTSWANA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE COVERAGE OF THE AREA STRETCHING FROM ZIMBABWE TO SOMALIA. BUILDING THE "NORTHERN ARRAY" IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR AS AN IMMEDIATE FOLLOW-ON TO THE ON-GOING EFFORT TO GREATLY ENHANCE THE VOA SIGNAL TO SOUTH AFRICA ON BOTH MEDIUM ("SOUTHERN ARRAY") AND SHORT WAVE ("TROPICAL BAND") WOULD:

-- REALIZE ECONOMIES OF SCALE
-- FACILITATE EMBASSY SUPPORT TO THE PROJECT

-- ADVANCE THE ADMINISTRATION'S GOALS FOR AFRICAN DEMOCRACY, AT LEAST AS WE SEE THEM FROM HERE. END SUMMARY.

2. ON-TIME, ON BUDGET: I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM A
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VISIT TO THE NEW VOA BOTSWANA RELAY STATION SITE NEAR SELEBI-PHIKWE AND LIKED WHAT I SAW. THE MEDIUM-WAVE SITE CONSTRUCTION IS ON TRACK TO MEET THE MAY, 1994 TARGET FOR BROADCASTING AN AM SIGNAL TEN TIMES STRONGER THAN THE CURRENT ONE SOUTHWARD TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA. ON SHORTWAVE, FINAL INSTALLATION OF THE TROPICAL BAND ANTENNA WILL TRANSMIT A GREATLY IMPROVED SIGNAL SOUTHWARD WITHIN SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS. DESPITE THE
REMOTE LOCATION AND DIFFICULT WORKING CONDITIONS, THE VOA AND CORPS OF ENGINEERS PEOPLE IN SELEBI-PHIKWEMAVE DEVELOPED A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH CONTRACTORS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. THEY CONFIRMED THAT EMBASSY ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FROM GABORONE HAS BEEN TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE. BASICALLY, EVERYTHING IS ON TIME, ON BUDGET AND WELL AHEAD OF THE 1995 DEADLINE FOR HANDING OVER THE "OLD" MEDIUM WAVE SITE TO THE BOTSWANA GOVERNMENT IN CONFORMITY WITH OUR BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

3. CONSTRUCTION SITE VS. RADIO STATION: SEEING THE FACILITY IN PLACE FOR THE NORTHERN ARRAY TRANSMITTER, I WAS EASILY CONVINCED BY THE SUGGESTION OF TDY PROJECTS MANAGER PRAHL AND VOA PROJECTS STAFF THAT SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIES COULD BE REALIZED IN CONTRACTING, SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL, AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND TRAVEL COSTS BY COMPLETING THE ENTIRE NORTHERN ARRAY PHASE AT THE SAME TIME AS OR AS AN IMMEDIATE FOLLOW-ON TO THE SOUTHERN ARRAY INSTALLATION, WHICH WILL START JULY 15. THE VOA STATION MANAGER CERTAINLY AGREES THAT IT IS A LOT EASIER TO CONVERT A CONSTRUCTION SITE INTO A FUNCTIONING RADIO STATION THAN IT WOULD BE TO CONVERT THE MEDIUM WAVE RELAY STATION BACK INTO A CONSTRUCTION SITE YEARS LATER TO COMPLETE THE NORTHERN ARRAY.

4. FROM THE EMBASSY'S VIEWPOINT, FY 93 OR 94 __________________________________________ CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTHERN ARRAY WOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES IN TERMS OF EMBASSY SUPPORT:

-- ESTABLISHED WORKING PROCEDURES AND RELATIONS WITH CURRENT PROJECTS PERSONNEL;
-- SECURITY AND HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE APPROPRIATE TO CONSTRUCTION PHASE;
-- RETENTION OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS TRAINED TO U.S. STANDARDS OF WORKMANSHIP ON SITE AND OF EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS WITH LOCAL UTILITIES, ETC. FOR THE PROJECT SITE.
-- ECONOMY OF EFFORT IN TRANSPORT, CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AND CONTROL OF IMPORTED SUPPLIES (E.G. THERE IS UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 GABORONE 03066 USIA FOR VOA ACTING DIRECTOR FROM CHARGE CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY E.O. 12356: N/A TAGS: PREL, SOPN, VOA, BC SUBJECT: PROGRESS REPORT ON VOA BOTSWANA RELAY STATION MUCH LESS STAFF PAPERWORK AND RUNNING AROUND NEEDED TO IMPORT COMPONENTS FOR EIGHT HUGE ANTENNAS ONCE THAN FOR FOUR TWICE).

5. POLITICAL NOTE: WITH THE 1991 COMPLETION OF THE NORTH-WEST-FACING SHORT WAVE RELAY STATION IN BOTSWANA TO REPLACE MONROVIA'S COVERAGE, AND THE UPCOMING IMPROVED SERVICE TO SOUTH AFRICA ON BOTH SHORT AND MEDIUM WAVE FROM THE SAME SITE, IT WILL BE A NICE PLUS FOR THE U.S. TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT WE'RE BROADCASTING TO MUCH OF AFRICA FROM A SUCCESSFUL AFRICAN DEMOCRACY WHICH ITSELF ALLOWS FREE SPEECH AND A FREE PRESS. THAT MESSAGE -- AND THE MARKET FOR THE KIND OF UNBIASED REPORTING VOA CAN PRODUCE -- STRIKES US AS EQUALLY RELEVANT TO CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICA. WHILE
DEFERRING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER POSTS FOR MORE AUTHORITATIVE WORD, FROM HERE IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE POLITICAL FERMENT IN KENYA AND MALAWI, TROUBLES IN ZIMBABWE'S STATE-OWNED MEDIA AND THE REBUILDING PROCESS IN SOMALIA ALL SUGGEST A USEFUL ROLE VOA COULD PLAY IN SETTING THE RIGHT INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT FOR ACHIEVING THE ADMINISTRATION'S DEMOCRATIZATION GOALS. IMPROVED COVERAGE OF THE HARARE-MOGADISHU BAND WHICH THE NORTHERN ARRAY WOULD PROVIDE WOULD, IN OUR VIEW, SERVE AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL PRIORITY AND SHOULD BE ACCELERATED.

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UNCLAS STATE 163279
FOR THE CHIEF OF MISSION FROM FMP/MP
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: AODE, AMGT, RP
SUBJECT: NSDD 38 -- CHANGE IN VOA PHILIPPINES RELAY
STATION STAFFING - PORO AND TINANG SITES

1. AS PROMISED IN REFTEL, USIA HAS SOLICITED COMMENTS
FROM THE APPROPRIATE BUREAUS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT ON
THE MERITS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE USIA REQUEST TO ADD
FIVE FSN POSITIONS TO THE PORO POWER PLANT AND NINE FSN
POSITIONS TO THE TINANG POWER PLANT.

2. EAP COMMENTS -- VOA HAS PROVIDED AN INTERNALLY
CONSISTENT JUSTIFICATION FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF
FSN'S AT PORO POINT AND TINANG BY A TOTAL OF FOURTEEN.
HOWEVER, THE U.S. MISSION IS WORKING TOWARD REDUCING ITS
STAFF BOTH FSN AND AMERICAN. IN THIS ENVIRONMENT, AN
INCREASE IN VOA FSN'S RUNS COUNTER TO OUR EFFORTS TO
STREAMLINE THE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN THE PHILIPPINES.
BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS MADE, WE RECOMMEND THAT VOA
AND THE MISSION EXAMINE MORE CLOSELY THE POSSIBILITY OF
REPROGRAMMING FSN SLOTS FROM USIS MANILA TO THE PROPOSED
VOA SLOTS. THIS MAY, TO AN EXTENT, OFFSET SOME OF THE
PROPOSED STAFF INCREASE. WE ALSO BELIEVE EVERY EFFORT
SHOULD BE MADE TO CROSS TRAIN EXISTING STAFF WHERE
POSSIBLE.

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE CAUTIONS POST THAT ADDITIONAL FUNDS
FROM DEPARTMENT RESOURCES CANNOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO
SUPPORT THE PROPOSED VOA STAFFING INCREASE. IT IS THE
BUREAU'S OPINION THAT ANY DECISIONS WHICH MAY COMMIT A
POST TO GREATER SUPPORT COSTS IN THE FUTURE WOULD BE
SINGULARLY UNWISE, ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE CURRENT AND CONTINUED DEPLETION OF BUDGETARY RESOURCES GOVERNMENT WIDE. THE POST SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT THE FAA5 SYSTEM IS SORELY INEFFECTIVE AND THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DIRECT CHARGING ANY COSTS INCURRED AS A RESULT OF A STAFFING INCREASE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION ON THE VOA REQUEST. OTHERWISE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT (FMP/MP) WITH YOUR DECISION FOR TRANSMITTAL TO VOA.

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TAGS: AODE, AMGT, IN
SUBJECT: NSDD 38 -- REQUEST TO ESTABLISH VOA TECHNICAL MONITORING OFFICE IN NEW DELHI

REF: STATE 74285

1. AS PROMISED IN REFTEL, FMP/MP HAS CONSULTED WITH THE NEA BUREAU WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDES COMMENTS ON THE MERITS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE VOA REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A TECHNICAL MONITORING OFFICE IN NEW DELHI WITH TWO FSN POSITIONS.

2. NEA COMMENTS -- THE BUREAU REMINDS POST OF OUR LEAN FISCAL SITUATION AND ADVISES THAT NEA/SA/EX IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY FUNDING OR POSITIONS TO SUPPORT THE VOA PROPOSAL.

THE BUREAU RECOMMENDS THE EMBASSY CAREFULLY REVIEW ALL SUPPORT ISSUES, INCLUDING MAINTENANCE, LEASING, PROCUREMENT, SUPPLY, COMMUNICATIONS, AND POUCHEMAIL FUNCTIONS TO IDENTIFY ANY SUPPORT COSTS WHICH MIGHT RESULT FROM THIS ADDITIONAL POSITION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION ON THE VOA REQUEST. OTHERWISE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT (FMP/MP) WITH YOUR DECISION FOR TRANSMITTAL TO VOA. CHRISTOPHER
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- D.R. Document will be reviewed upon request.

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E.O. 12356: N/A.

TAGS: SCUL, PROP, SO

SUBJECT: WHY ARE WE KILLING THE VOA SOMALI SERVICE?

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: SOMALI CONTACTS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION A RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT BY VOA'S SOMALI SERVICE WHICH INDICATED THAT VOA/SOMALI SERVICE WILL TERMINATE ON MAY 15. AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN THE SOMALI PEACE TALKS, AN END TO VOA'S SOMALI PROGRAM SENDS A CLEAR MESSAGE: THE U.S. NO LONGER CARES ABOUT SOMALIA. END SUMMARY.

2. THROUGHOUT ITS SHORT EXISTENCE, VOA'S SOMALI SERVICE SERVED TO DEMONSTRATE U.S. COMMITMENT TO SOMALIA. DURING THAT TIME, SOMALIS FROM NORTH TO SOUTH APPLAUDED BOTH THE INFORMATIVE AND OBJECTIVE PRESENTATION OF NEWS IN SOMALI. MANY TOLD USLO OFFICERS, OFTEN IN UNSOLICITED REMARKS, THAT VOA HAD ECLIPSED THE BBC'S SOMALI SERVICE IN LISTENERSHIP. FSNS ON THEIR WAY TO WORK IN THE MORNINGS HEAR VOA EMANATING FROM NEARLY EVERY SOMALI DWELLING IN THE CITY, FROM THE NORTH TO THE SOUTH. ON MAY 2, DAHER_MIRREH, A KEY POLITICAL ADVISOR TO AN IMPORTANT SOMALI MEDIATOR, COLONEL ABDULLAHI YUSUF, SAID THE CANCELLATION OF VOA SOMALI SERVICE ON MAY 15 SENDS A SIGNAL THAT THE U.S. NO LONGER CARES ABOUT SOMALIA.

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UNOSOM RADIO - NO SUBSTITUTE FOR VOA

3. UNOSOM MEDIA ARE NOT AN ADEQUATE OR VIABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR VOA. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY MADE THE POINT THAT UNOSOM HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DELIVER A RADIO PROGRAM THAT REACHES THE SOMALI NATION. UNOSOM'S DAILY NEWSPAPER CALLED "MAANTA" ONCE REACHED 30,000 SOMALIS; NOW THEY PRODUCE A PRETTIER (TWO-TONED) BROADSHEET, BUT HAVE CUT CIRCULATION TO UNDER 10,000. HAVING DEPOSED A HARD-EDGED AMERICAN EDITOR AND RADIO STATION MANAGER, UNOSOM NOW PRODUCES BLAND (AND CENSORED) PRESS/RADIO PRODUCTS.
4. UNOSOM’S "RADIO MAANTA", WHICH TOOK OVER FROM UNITAF’S "RADIO RAJA", LOST MOST OF ITS BROADCAST CAPACITY WHEN U.S. FORCES PULLED OUT OF SOMALIA (E.G. THEIR POWERFUL MEDIUM WAVE TRANSMITTER). RADIO MAANTA’S NEWS PROGRAM TAPES MUST NOW BE CENSORED (RATHER THAN JUST REVIEWED OR SPOT-CHECKED FOR BIAS) BY UNOSOM’S INFORMATION MOGUL, NABIL SAAD, AN EGYPTIAN WHO HAS TURNED MAANTA PRESS AND RADIO INTO PRAVDA-LIKE MOUTHPIECES FOR UNOSOM. FOR EXAMPLE, MAANTA REPORTED THE THEFT OF 3.9 MILLION USD FROM UNOSOM OVER A WEEK AFTER THE EVENT OCCURRED.

5. HAVING FAILED TO PRODUCE SUCCESSFUL RADIO PROGRAMMING THAT COULD REACH AUDIENCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, UNOSOM HAS LAUNCHED A UNOSOM TELEVISION STATION (FINANCED BY AN ARAB GRANT). THOUGHヘEDED BY A CAPABLE FRENCH-AMERICAN TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY PRODUCER FRESH FROM UNTAC, THIS EFFORT IS LUDICROUS. WILL UNOSOM TV ACTUALLY REACH THE HUNDRED OR SO HOMES OF SOMALIS IN MOGADISHU WHO OWN TELEVISIONS AND THE GENERATORS TO RUN THEM? ONE USLO CONTACT REMARKED THAT FOR A SOMALI FAMILY IN MOGADISHU TO WATCH TELEVISION, IT WOULD REQUIRE HIRING AT LEAST FOUR GUARDS: ONE TO GUARD THE TV, ONE FOR THE VIDEO MACHINE, ONE TO GUARD THE GENERATOR TO POWER THE SET-UP, AND ANOTHER TO SIT ON THE ROOF TO WATCH THE ANTENNA.

THE BOTTOM-LINE

6. ALL THIS TO SAY: VOA’S FIFTEEN MINUTES OF SOMALI SERVICE IS NOT MUCH, BUT IT, NOT MAANTA NOR EVEN THE FAMOUS BBC, IS WHAT SOMALIS PAY ATTENTION TO. KILLING VOA SOMALI SERVICE DOES A DOUBLE BLOW TO U.S. POLICY IN SOMALIA:

--- DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO PUSH SOMALIS TO ARRIVE AT A POLITICAL SOLUTION HINGE ON OUR ABILITY TO ASSURE THEM THAT THERE IS STILL U.S. INTEREST IN THE END RESULT: SOME FORM OF SOMALI GOVERNMENT, OR, AT THE VERY LEAST, PEACE. SOMALIS ARE INCREDULOUS THAT THE USG WOULD OFFER 100 MILLION IN DEVELOPMENT AND POLICE AID TO SOMALIA, AND THEN CUT A 15 MINUTE SHORT-WAVE PROGRAM DUE TO BUDGET CONSTRAINTS.

--- MISINFORMATION, RUMOR, AND A BAD UNOSOM MEDIA PRODUCT THAT IS NOT TAILORED TO THE REALITIES OF SOMALIA, CANNOT BE EASILY CORRECTED WITHOUT VOA’S SOMALI SERVICE AS A STANDARD FOR OTHERS TO EMULATE (SOMALI AND U.N. ALIKE).

DON’T PULL THE PLUG -- YET.

7. IF THE SERVICE MUST END - AT LEAST CONSIDER DELAYING THE DEMISE UNTIL AFTER, NOT JUST BEFORE, THE SOMALI NATIONAL RECONCILIATION TALKS. OUR CREDIBILITY AS ADJUNCT MEDIATORS/FACILITATORS IN THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS IS UNCLASSIFIED SECTION 02 OF 02 MOGADISHU 001023

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SUBJECT: WHY ARE WE KILLING THE VOA SOMALI SERVICE?
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SUBJ: NSDD-38 -- REQUEST TO CHANGE AMERICAN STAFFING COMPOSITION AT VOA, PHILIPPINES

TEXT:

UNCLAS MANILA 09022
FOR FMP/MP FROM CHIEF OF MISSION
E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: AODE, AMGT, RP
SUBJECT: NSDD-38 -- REQUEST TO CHANGE AMERICAN STAFFING COMPOSITION AT VOA, PHILIPPINES

1. The Embassy has considered carefully VOA's request to change the existing VOA Philippine operational staff by adding one American security officer and deleting one Executive Officer.

2. For approximately two years the security requirements of VOA Philippines have been covered adequately by the staff of the RSO Office in Manila. This has been accomplished by quarterly visits of a security officer from the RSO staff to the transmitter sites in Poron Point and Tinang. Additional trips to both sites have been undertaken when needed.

3. The RSO Office's ability to carry out this function in a timely manner will be reduced by the elimination of one RSO position this summer. Post's decision to include the ARSO position on our list of positions for elimination was in response to the Department's budget reduction and demand to reduce positions. The decision to list that position for elimination was based on a judgment by Post management that security functions could be adequately covered with less staff. However, the thoroughness and timeliness of our security coverage of VOA's two relatively remote sites certainly would be degraded by the staff reduction. The assignment to Manila of a USIA security officer could therefore be justified in order to guarantee a more ideal level of security coverage.

4. Post estimates that a USIA security officer at this post could productively dedicate an average of two days per week to the VOA sites and an additional one day per week to other USIA installations. The amount
OF TIME WOULD OF COURSE VARY GREATLY FROM ONE WEEK TO THE NEXT, BUT SIXTY PERCENT OF THE OFFICER'S TIME DEDICATED TO VOA/USIA INSTALLATIONS SEEMS A FAIR ESTIMATE. THIS WOULD LEAVE THE OFFICER APPROXIMATELY FORTY PERCENT OF HIS/HER TIME FOR OTHER SECURITY WORK UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE RSO.

5. FINALLY, WE NOTE THAT WHILE TECHNICALLY THIS WOULD NOT BE A NEW POSITION, IN REALITY IT WOULD BE SINCE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION HAS BEEN VACANT FOR OVER NINE MONTHS AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT VOA HAD NOT INTENDED TO FILL IT. IF THIS PROPOSAL FOR A SECURITY OFFICER HAD NOT BEEN MADE, POST WOULD HAVE ASKED THAT THE VACANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION BE ABOLISHED.

6. IN SUMMARY, THE AMBASSADOR RESPONDS AS FOLLOWS TO REFTEL REQUEST:

-- THE REQUEST TO ADD ONE AMERICAN SECURITY OFFICER AND DELETE ONE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS:

. WE BELIEVE THIS POSITION TO BE DESIRABLE AND USEFUL, BUT WE WOULD NOT JUDGE IT TO BE ESSENTIAL. THE JOB REQUIREMENTS COULD BE COVERED, ALTHOUGH LESS THOROUGHLY AND LESS PROMPTLY, BY THE CURRENT RSO STAFF.

. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE A FULL-TIME POSITION. WE ESTIMATE THAT A USIA SECURITY OFFICER AT THIS POST WILL DEDICATE ABOUT SIXTY PERCENT OF HIS/HER TIME TO USIA INSTALLATIONS.

. WE WOULD EXPECT THE OFFICER TO BE AVAILABLE FOR NON-USIA SECURITY WORK, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE RSO, DURING THE APPROXIMATELY FORTY PERCENT OF HIS/HER TIME NOT DEVOTED TO USIA INSTALLATIONS.

. THE CONTINUED NEED FOR THIS POSITION SHOULD BE REVIEWED AFTER TWO YEARS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SECURITY CONDITIONS AND VOA OPERATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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TO: RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3449
INFO: RUEHMZ/AMCONSUL MUNICH 9914
SUBJ: NSDD-38 -- REQUEST TO ESTABLISH VOA TEAM FOR
RFE/RL CONSOLIDATION EFFORTS IN MUNICH

TEXT:

UNCLAS BONN 29467

FOR FMP/MP

ALSO FOR EUR/CE AND EUR/EX

E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: AODE, AMGT, GM
SUBJECT: NSDD-38 -- REQUEST TO ESTABLISH VOA TEAM FOR
RFE/RL CONSOLIDATION EFFORTS IN MUNICH

REF: A) STATE 319683, B) STATE 289995, C) STATE 282440

1. MR. CONNALLY, DIRECTOR OF THE VOA MUNICH RELAY STATION
HAS BRIEFCED THIS MISSION ON THE PURPOSE OF THIS
AUGMENTATION BEING REQUESTED BY VOA (SEE REFTELS). WE ARE
TOLD THAT THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE
TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE RFE/RL CONSOLIDATION AND THE
REQUEST IS FOR TWO POSITIONS LIMITED IN TENURE NOT TO
EXCEED 20 MONTHS (BOTH POSITIONS TO BE ELIMINATED AT THE
END OF FY 96).

2. WE SEE NO POLICY OBJECTIONS TO THIS INCREASE SINCE THE
SOLE PURPOSE FOR THIS INCREASE IS TO ASSIST WITH THE
REDUCTION OF THE OVERALL VOA PRESENCE IN GERMANY. THE
RESOURCE QUESTION IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT. THESE POSITIONS
MUST BE PRIMARILY SELF SUPPORTING. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS
OF DRastically REDUCING OUR STAFF IN MUNICH AND WILL HAVE
ONLY A VERY LIMITED ABILITY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THESE
POSITIONS. THEREFORE WE CAN ONLY CONCUR IF IT IS
UNDERSTOOD THAT HOUSING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY THE
CONSULATE AND THAT ALL OTHER SUPPORT WOULD BE LIMITED IN
NATURE TO THAT NOW BEING OFFERED OTHER VOA STAFFERS IN
MUNICH.

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INFO: RUEHMZ/AMCONSUL MUNICH 9920
SUBJ: NSDD--38 REQUEST FOR FSN AUGMENTATION (VOA)

TEXT:

UNCLAS BONN 29820

FOR EUR/CE AND EUR/EX

E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: AODE, AMGT, GM
SUBJECT: NSDD--38 REQUEST FOR FSN AUGMENTATION (VOA)

REF: STATE 321920

1. THE M/C FOR ADMINISTRATION MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM USIA AND VOA AND DISCUSSED THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED INCREASE. HE POINTED OUT THAT WE WERE IN THE PROCESS OF DOWNSIZING OUR CONSULATE GENERAL IN MUNICH AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE FSNs IN MUNICH. FURTHERMORE, THERE WOULD BE A GREAT DEAL OF PERSONNEL RELATED ACTIVITY GENERATED BY THE CLOSE OUT OF RFE/RL AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 94 FSN POSITIONS. EMBASSY BONN'S POSITION IS THAT IF THIS AUGMENTATION OF FSN STAFF IS APPROVED, VOA SHOULD HAVE A PLAN FOR MANAGING ALL OF THE PERSONNEL SUPPORT FROM WITHIN THEIR OWN RESOURCES. THE VOA REPRESENTATIVES AT THAT TIME AGREED TO DEVELOP SUCH A PLAN.

2. CLEARLY, THE FSN AUGMENTATION IS AN ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE STUDIED CAREFULLY. EUR/EX SHOULD ENSURE THAT APPROVAL FOR THIS ACTION IS DEPENDENT ON AN APPROVED PHASE OUT PLAN AND PERSONNEL SUPPORT FROM VOA MUNICH THAT WILL ENSURE THAT THE EMBASSY PERSONNEL OFFICE IS NOT SADDLED WITH A MASSIVE INCREASE IN LAW SUITS, PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION ACTIONS OR INUNDATED WITH SF 50 REQUESTS. FORMAL REQUEST FOR NSDD--38 APPROVAL SHOULD BE FORWARDED ONLY UPON SUBMISSION OF A WELL THOUGHT OUT RESTRUCTURING PLAN.

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SUBJECT: VOA AMHARIC SERVICE
REFERENCES: A. ADDIS 9054 B. ASMARA 03465

1. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS REGARDING THE AMHARIC SERVICE. I HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES OUTLINED BY YOUR PREDECESSOR REGARDING THE SERVICE AND APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS IN WASHINGTON AND AT POST TO MAKE AN OBJECTIVE AND REASONABLE ASSESSMENT OF ITS VALUE AND DIRECTION GIVEN THE DRAMATICALLY CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES IN ETHIOPIA.

2. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERNS AND HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE VOA TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF TRANSFORMING THE SERVICE. TO DO THIS, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:
   A. EXPAND INTERNATIONAL, AFRICAN AND AMERICAN NEWS COVERAGE.
   B. ELIMINATE ONE PROGRAM THAT FOCUSED ON ISSUES OF INTERNAL ETHIOPIAN POLITICS AND SHARPEN OVERLY LONG INTERVIEWS.
   C. REWORK PROGRAM MIX TO INCLUDE MORE AMERICANA AND AMERICAN CENTERED FEATURES, AND
   D. BROADEN THE SERVICE AWAY FROM NARROW REGIONAL OR NATIONAL ISSUES TO A MORE INTERNATIONAL APPROACH.

3. TO THIS END, OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS THE AFRICAN
DIVISION MANAGEMENT WILL MONITOR - ON A DAILY BASIS - VOA AMHARIC'S PROGRAM PRODUCTION USING SPOT TRANSLATIONS OF POTENTIALLY CONTROVERSIAL REPORTS TO EVALUATE ACCURACY AND BALANCE. VOA WILL ALSO CONDUCT PERIODIC PROGRAM REVIEWS TO MONITOR THE SERVICE'S PROGRESS TOWARDS BECOMING A SERVICE THAT IS IN SYNCH WITH OVERALL VOA PROGRAMMING OBJECTIVES AND MISSION.

4. THIS IS A SIX MONTH PROCESS THAT WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN. I SUGGEST THAT MS. VEDA WILSON TRAVEL TO ADDIS IN THE COMING MONTHS TO DISCUSS THE SERVICE WITH YOU AND USIS ADDIS AS WELL AS WITH INTERESTED ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS AND JOURNALISTS. I INVITE YOU TO AGAIN COMMENT ON THE SERVICE AND ITS RELEVANCE IN JUNE 1995 WHEN WE RE-VISIT THE QUESTION OF ITS CONTINUATION AND/OR TRANSFORMATION.

5. I NOTE YOUR COMMENTS REGARDING THE BUDGET REDUCTIONS AND WRENCHING RESTRUCTURING THAT THE AGENCY AND VOA HAVE HAD TO FACE. THESE HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT AND DEMANDING TIMES. HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME THROUGH, TO DATE, WITHOUT THE CLOSURE OF ANY INDIVIDUAL LANGUAGE SERVICE. ALTHOUGH WE FACE GREATER TRIALS IN THE COMING MONTHS AND MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THIS POSTURE, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE IN OUR INTERESTS TO CHANGE COURSE AT THIS POINT WITH THE ELIMINATION OF A SPECIFIC SERVICE.

6. YOUR STRONG AND UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FOR USIA PROGRAMMING HAS BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED HERE BY ME AND MY COLLEAGUES. LET US STAY IN TOUCH ON THIS ISSUE. ASMARA MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. (AF)

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FOR THE CHIEF OF MISSION FROM M/P

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SUBJECT: NSDD 38 -- RFE/RL ND VOA STAFFING IN PORTUGAL

REF: STATE 320714

1. AS PROMISED IN REFTEL, M/P (FORMERLY FMP/MP) HAS CONSULTED WITH THE APPROPRIATE STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICES AND PROVIDES BELOW COMMENTS ON THE MERITS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE USIA/VOA PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH TWO U.S. DIRECT-HIRE POSITIONS IN PORTUGAL.

2. EUR COMMENTS -- EUR UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS REQUEST IS PART OF AN EFFORT TO RESTRUCTURE AND CONSOLIDATE RFE/RL WITH VOA OPERATIONS IN EUROPE. VOA HAS INDICATED ITS PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE MISSION IN LISBON. USIA IS SENDING A CABLE DEFINING THE RESTRUCTURING PLAN AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON WHICH POST CAN BASE ITS DECISION.

EUR WANTS THE EMBASSY TO ENSURE THAT IT HAS ALL THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO COPE WITH ANY INCREASED WORKLOAD ON ITS AMERICAN AND FSN STAFF, OR THAT IT CAN OBTAIN RESOURCES FROM THE USIA/VOA TO ACCOMODATE ANY INCREASED WORKLOAD. THE EMBASSY SHOULD CAREFULLY REVIEW THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN WHICH WILL RESULT FROM THE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES. THE EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE CLEAR ANY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES IT WILL REQUIRE TO COPE WITH THIS BURDEN; WE HAVE ASSURANCES FROM THE BOARD OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING THAT IT WILL SUPPORT 100 PERCENT OF THE ADDITIONAL COSTS OF SUPPORTING THEIR PERSONNEL IN PORTUGAL.
3. COMMENTS -- THE A BUREAU HAS NO COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BEFORE MAKING YOUR DECISION ON THE USIA/VOA REQUEST. OTHERWISE, PLEASE PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT (M/P) OF YOUR DECISION FOR TRANSMITTAL TO USIA/VOA.

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SUBJECT: NSDD-38 -- VOA REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STAFFING AUTHORITY

REF: A) STATE 337762, B) STATE 321920,
    C) VOA MEMO 01/09/95

1. THE EMBASSY HAS CONSULTED EXTENSIVELY WITH BOTH THE PAO IN BONN AND WILLIAM CONNOLLY, STATION MANAGER, MUNICH RELAY STATION. THE US MISSION IS UNDERGOING SIGNIFICANT DRAWDOWNS IN PERSONNEL AT ALL OF ITS POSTS IN GERMANY AND IS NOT IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT SIZEABLE INCREASES IN FSN STAFFING OF THE MISSION. THAT BEING SAID, GIVEN THE CAVEATS SPELLED OUT BELOW AN THE FIRM COMMITMENT OF USIA/VOA TO CARRY OUT THESE PROPOSALS, EMBASSY BONN CONCURS IN THE RESTRUCTURING PLAN FOR RFE/RL.

2. WHEN VOA MUNICH FIRST PRESENTED THE PLAN TO RESTRUCTURE RFE/RL AND INCORPORATE 94 OF THEIR CONTRACT STAFF INTO THE FSN ROLLS, THE EMBASSY RAISED SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO SUPPORT SUCH AN EFFORT. AT THAT TIME WE POSED THREE SERIOUS CONCERNS: 1) LITIGATION IS A SERIOUS POSSIBILITY FOR THOSE WHOSE EMPLOYMENT IS TERMINATED AND VOA NEEDS TO ENSURE THAT IT HAS ITS OWN LEGAL SUPPORT STAFF, 2) INITIALLY AT LEAST PERSONNEL WORK WILL BE STAGGERING. VOA WILL HAVE TO HAVE A CADRE OF PERSONNEL SPECIALISTS TO WRITE POSITION DESCRIPTIONS, PERSONNEL ACTIONS, STAFFING CHARTS, ETC.,
3) PROPERTY ISSUES WILL ALSO NEED TO BE HANDLED CAREFULLY. THE TRANSFER OF THE ANTENNA STATIONS FROM RFE/RL, A PRIVATE CORPORATION, TO THE US GOVERNMENT WILL REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF THE GERMANY GOVERNMENT.

3. IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS EMBASSY IS NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE THE TYPE OF SUPPORT, EITHER PERSONNEL OR PROPERTY LEASING, NECESSARY TO PROPERLY MANAGE THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY FROM RFE/RL TO VOA. WE HAVE MADE THIS VERY CLEAR. IN RESPONSE, MR. CONNOLLY, MANAGER OF THE MUNICH RELAY STATION, CHARGED WITH MANAGING THIS TRANSITION PROCESS, HAS COME UP WITH A PLAN THAT INCoporATES NECESSARY STAFFING AND CONTRACT SUPPORT TO HANDLE THIS PROCESS. BASED ON HIS MEMORANDUM, WHICH WE WILL SHARE WITH EUR/EX, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSED MERGER OF RFE/FL WITH THE VOA OPERATION IS BOTH DOABLE AND SUPPORTABLE. WE APPRECIATE THE BUREAU'S SUPPORT IN THIS PROCESS.

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SUBJECT: RADIO LIBERTY AND VOA IN AZERI POLITICS
REFERENCE: BAKU 0032-C; USIA 48143
1. IN RESPONSE TO CONCERNS RAISED IN REFTEL CONCERNING VOA OBJECTIVITY AND BALANCE IN COVERING AZERBAIJANI GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION VIEWS, WE INITIATED AN IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF THE AZERBAIJANI SERVICE'S INTERVIEWS AND OTHER COVERAGE OF AZERBAIJANI DOMESTIC AND EXTERNAL ISSUES. THE REVIEW OF PROGRAMS OF THE LAST THREE MONTHS PROVIDED US WITH CONFIRMATION OF THE SERVICE'S TENACIOUS EFFORTS TO ENSURE BALANCE AND OBJECTIVITY IN ITS COVERAGE. IN THE PERIOD REVIEWED, THE AZERBAIJANI SERVICE AIRED TWENTY-SIX INTERVIEWS ON AZERBAIJANI AFFAIRS. FIFTEEN OF THESE INTERVIEWS WERE WITH A WIDE RANGE OF OPPOSITION LEADERS, WITHIN AND OUTSIDE AZERBAIJAN, INCLUDING WITH MR. ALL KARIMOV.

2. OUR REVIEW INDICATED THAT THE AZERBAIJANI SERVICE'S STRINGER INTERVIEWS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS DURING THE PERIOD ADDRESSED COVERED LARGELY ISSUES SUCH AS THE TURKIC NATIONS' SUMMIT IN TURKEY, THE BUDAPEST CSCE CONFERENCE, AND THE ICO CONFERENCE IN CASABLANCA; NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE REPEATEDLY ALERTED MR. HUSEINOV OF OUR REQUIREMENT FOR BALANCED COVERAGE OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AZERBAIJANI AFFAIRS AND HAVE CAUTIONED HIM NOT TO OVERBURDEN HIS GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH AZERBAIJANI OFFICIALS.
3. Despite the limited airtime currently available for Azeri programming, the service devotes considerable attention to human rights and democracy. The recent year-end report, which included interviews with FM Hasan Hasanov and Isa Qanbar of the opposition, is a good example of the emphasis on balance in these important issues.

4. Within the new consolidated U.S. G. Broadcasting framework, VOA will fulfill its mandate to provide global news, U.S. policy and reaction to regional affairs, and information on human rights, democratic processes and U.S. society; nevertheless, VOA Azerbaijani will remain abreast of important developments in Azerbaijan and the region in order to provide the context for the service's other programming. Following the recent reduction in airtime of the Azerbaijani broadcasts from one hour daily to one-half hour, the service has reviewed its programming and is in the process of reorganizing its program content. New emphasis will be placed on human rights and democratic institutions and processes. The service will continue to do its utmost to provide Azerbaijani audiences with otherwise unavailable information, such as U.S. commentary and information on OSCE and other international organizations' efforts in the region.

5. Although it is not VOA's principal mandate under consolidation and dwindling resources make it more difficult than ever, the service will try to increase its coverage of Azerbaijan. A trip by VOA's regional correspondent from Islamabad is planned for early this year, and we will redouble our efforts to increase travel from Moscow and Washington to Azerbaijan throughout the year.

6. The current reduction-in-force ends on January 20. It has been a wrenching process for both organization and individuals. As you are aware, the retention and dismissal of staff members is strictly guided by civil service regulations in accordance with employees' standing on the retention register. The staff, as currently constituted, is composed of representatives from both the Republic of Azerbaijan and Northern Iran. Furthermore, the service is assisted by two contract employees recently arrived in the U.S. from Baku.

7. We are confident that despite the unfortunate departure of staff members from the Azerbaijani service, the remaining staff is prepared to produce quality programming in content and format to attract the widest possible audiences in the Azerbaijani-speaking region. Per ref tel B, we were pleased to report that VOA Azerbaijani would continue to broadcast via shortwave to enable us to reach audiences outside Baku and in Northern Iran. For these audiences, in addition to a weekly "Window on Iranian Azerbaijan," the service's programming will provide coverage of U.S.-Azerbaijani bilateral concerns, global and regional affairs, and the feature programming on latest developments in trade, health and technology requested by our affiliate "Ans."

8. VOA Azerbaijani, as indicated previously, welcomes post input and looks forward to working constructively with the embassy and our affiliate to bring the most relevant programming to all of our Azerbaijani audiences, as dictated by the VOA charter. B/VOA/M DUFFEY
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1. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. USIS BUJUMBURA STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT VOA PLACE A PERMANENT CORRESPONDENT IN BURUNDI.

2. VOA CORRESPONDENT FERDINAND FERELLA WILL SOON END HIS TDY TOUR IN BURUNDI. SO FAR AS I KNOW, HE WILL NOT BE IMMEDIATELY REPLACED. UNLESS FERELLA IS REPLACED OR HIS TOUR EXTENDED, USG POLICY AND REPORTING ON BURUNDI WILL SUFFER. ONLY REUTERS HAS A CORRESPONDENT HERE AND HIS REPORTING DOES NOT HAVE THE INTERNAL IMPACT WHICH VOA RADIO PROVIDES.

3. IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND AND ACCURATELY REPORT ON THE EVENTS IN BURUNDI, ONE MUST LIVE HERE: STRINGERS ARE SUBJECT TO ETHNIC AND POLITICAL PRESSURES WHICH PREVENT THEM FROM FULLY COVERING MOST OF THE NEWS WHILE VISITING CORRESPONDENTS SPEND MUCH OF THEIR TIME GETTING UP TO SPEED ON THE MYRIAD PROBLEMS AND DIVISIONS WHICH PLAGUE THIS NATION. ALTHOUGH CHANGES IN THE POLITICAL SITUATION ARE INCREMENTAL, they ARE CONSTANT AND NEED TO BE CONTINUALLY MONITORED. BURUNDI'S FREQUENT TRAGEDIES BREAK QUICKLY, BUT CAN BE AS QUICKLY BURIED IF NOT
BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

4. VOA'S ROLE IN PROVIDING WELL BALANCED COVERAGE OF THE EVENTS IN BURUNDI IS CRUCIAL TO USG PREVENTATIVE DIPLOMACY. THE BEST EXAMPLE WHICH CAN BE GIVEN IS THE RECENT VOA COVERAGE OF THE EVENTS IN BUKORO, GITEGA ON APRIL 26. IT IS ALLEGED THAT THE BURUNDIAN MILITARY SHOT AND BAYONETTED 234 CIVILIANS - MOSTLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN - THERE. VOA WAS THE FIRST NETWORK TO BREAK THE STORY BECAUSE FERELLA WAS IN PLACE, HAD THE CONTACTS TO GET THE NEWS AND THE COURAGE TO INVESTIGATE.

5. HAD VOA HAD TO SEND IN A CORRESPONDENT TO COVER THE STORY, MOST OF THE EVIDENCE WOULD HAVE VANISHED BY THE TIME THAT PERSON ARRIVED AND NOTHING WOULD HAVE BEEN DONE. INSTEAD, THE BURUNDIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION. WITHOUT THE VOA, THIS INVESTIGATION WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE. AS IT HAS, EVEN IF THE RESULTS ARE UNSATISFACTORY, THE VOA HAS FORCED THE GRB, ON THIS OCCASION, TO ACT IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER BECAUSE IT KNOWS THE WORLD IS WATCHING.

6. A PERMANENT CORRESPONDENT IS NECESSARY, AND I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT VOA APPOINT ONE. DUGUID BT
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1. **(U) SUMMARY:** MISSION HAS REVIEWED THE  
AID/BHR/OTTI-SUPPORTED PROPOSAL BY THE ACADEMY FOR  
EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AED) TO PROVIDE MEDIA SUPPORT AS  
PART OF THE OVERALL U.S. DEMOCRATIZATION STRATEGY IN ZAIRE.  
The AED PROPOSAL WAS OFFERED IN LIEU OF A PREVIOUS VOA/OTTI  
INITIATIVE. WE RECOMMEND AGAINST FURTHER ACTION ON THE AED  
PROPOSAL SINCE, IN OUR VIEW, IT WOULD HAVE LIMITED, MARGINAL  
effectiveness even if it were successful. WE CONTINUE TO  
STRONGLY ENCOURAGE FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VOA  
PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY  

2. **(U) TWO PROPOSALS:** MISSION AND WASHINGTON AGENCIES  
BEgan discussing in JULY 1996 STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF  
THE MEDIA AS PART OF OUR DEMOCRATIZATION STRATEGY IN ZAIRE.  
DISCUSSIONS RECOGNIZED THE OBSTACLES FOR DEMOCRATIZATION  
POSED BY (A) THE LACK OF ACCESS TO MASS MEDIA BY LARGE  
SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION (BOTH BECAUSE OF LACK OF RADIOS  
AND INCOMPLETE BROADCAST COVERAGE IN THE INTERIOR OF ZAIRE);  
THE LOW PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF ZAIRIAN  
PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA; AND, (C) THE INABILITY OF ALL  
POLITICAL AND SOCIAL GROUPS TO HAVE THEIR VOICE HEARD ON THE  
LARGELY GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED ELECTRONIC MEDIA. VOA AND OTI  
officials spent TEN DAYS IN ZAIRE IN OCTOBER TO DEVELOP A  
USG-FUNDED PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THESE OBSTACLES -- THE MOST
RECENT VOA PROGRAM DESCRIPTION WAS PREPARED IN JANUARY.
DURING THE AMBASSADOR'S RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON, HE WAS
INFORMED BY OTI JANUARY 14 THAT OTI WAS INCLINED TO SHIFT
ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT AWAY FROM THE VOA PROPOSAL TOWARDS A
PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY AED. WE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE AED
PROPOSAL JANUARY 27. WE WERE DISAPPOINTED INTER ALIA THAT
THE AED PROPOSAL WAS BASED ON INACCURATE AND OUT OF DATE
INFORMATION, AS SUMMARIZED IN ITS BACKGROUND SECTION.

3. (U) TWO APPROACHES: BOTH THE VOA AND THE AED PROPOSALS
TRY TO ADDRESS THE MEDIA OBSTACLES CITED ABOVE, BUT IN
DIFFERENT WAYS:

(A) LACK OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA RECEPTION: NEITHER VOA NOR
AED PROPOSE PROVIDING BROADCAST EQUIPMENT TO ZAIRIAN PRIVATE
OR PUBLIC RADIO STATIONS AND, HENCE, NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE
IN ZAIRIAN BROADCAST REACH. BOTH ORGANIZATIONS PROPOSE
SIGNIFICANT LIAISON BETWEEN THEIR PROGRAMS AND ZAIRIAN MEDIA
AS WELL AS SOME TRAINING FOR ZAIRIAN BROADCAST TECHNICIANS.
VOA PROPOSES TO BY-PASS THE LIMITATIONS OF ZAIRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE BY ESTABLISHING A NETWORK OF STRINGERS WHO
(USING PRIMARILY EXISTING ZAIRIAN CELLULAR PHONE SYSTEMS)
WOU~ FILE STORIES WITH A VOA REPRESENTATIVE IN ZAIRE FOR
SUBSEQUENT USE IN VOA BROADCASTS TO ZAIRE. VOA ALSO
PROPOSES GIVING SOME ZAIRIAN STATIONS EQUIPMENT TO RECEIVE
VOA PROGRAMS FOR REBROADCAST OVER LOCAL ZAIRIAN STATIONS.
THE AED PROPOSAL DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO MATCH THE INCREASED
BROADCAST CAPABILITY OFFERED BY VOA THROUGH THE EXISTING VOA
NETWORK. AED ATTEMPT TO INCREASE THE ABILITY OF
ZAIRIAN BROADCASTERS TO COORDINATE AND EXCHANGE STORIES
AMONG THEMSELVES BY PROVIDING A LIMITED NET OF PLANT ONE
SATELLITE TELEPHONE/TRANSMISSION SETS (LINKING UP TO FIVE
LOCATIONS). THIS SYSTEM, HOWEVER, WOULD BE COSTLY TO
OPERATE, AND NOT SUSTAINABLE -- ABSENT CONTINUING EXTERNAL
SUBSIDY. AED ALSO UNDERTAKES TO EXPLORE LOWER-TECH
COORDINATION OPTIONS.

(B) LACK OF TECHNICAL/PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS: BOTH VOA AND
AED PROPOSE SOME TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR BOTH JOURNALISTS AND
BROADCAST TECHNICIANS. THE SUCCESS OF THE VOA PROGRAM
DEPENDS ON THE QUALITY OF TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT IT PROVIDES
ITS STRINGERS. THE SUCCESS OF THE AED PROPOSAL, WHICH
INCLUDES PROVIDING STATIONS SOME LIMITED EQUIPMENT FOR
PREPARING AND EDITING STORIES, WILL LARGELY BE LIMITED TO
THE AREA COVERED BY THE FIVE STATIONS, AND WILL VARY FROM
ONE BROADCAST AREA TO ANOTHER DEPENDING ON THE QUALITY OF
AED'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATION AND THE STATION'S
ABILITY/WILLINGNESS TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER STATIONS. AS
NOTED ABOVE, THE VOA PROPOSAL IS MEDIUM-TECH (CELLULAR
PHONES AND SATELLITE DISHES) AND THE AED PROPOSAL IS
RELATIVELY HIGH-TECH (SATELLITE PHONE/TRANSMISSION SETS).
AT THE END OF THEIR PROJECTS, THE VOA STRINGER NETWORK WOULD
LIKELY BE DISBANDED. ZAIRIAN BROADCASTERS WHO RECEIVE
DISHES WILL HAVE A PERMANENT, NO-COST CAPABILITY TO
REBROADCAST VOA REPORTING. AT THE END OF THE AED PROJECT,
ZAIRIAN BROADCASTERS (OR AT LEAST FIVE OF THEM)
THEORETICALLY WILL HAVE THE TECHNICAL ABILITY TO MAINTAIN A
SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER DEGREE OF INTER-REGIONAL NEWS
COORDINATION. THIS CAPABILITY, HOWEVER, WILL BE MAINTAINED ONLY TO THE EXTENT THE STATIONS ARE ABLE TO ASSUME THE MAINTENANCE AND HIGH USER CHARGES FOR THE EQUIPMENT. THERE IS NOTHING TO SUGGEST THIS WILL BE THE CASE.

(C) LACK OF VOICE: VOA PROPOSES INCREASED ZAIREAN UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 02 KINSHASA 000690

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REPORTING -- FOR REBROADCAST TO ZAIRE -- INCLUDING STRAIGHT NEWS AS WELL A TOPICAL AND ROUND-TABLE PIECES GIVING ZAIRIANS OF ALL POLITICAL VIEWS A VOICE. AED PROPOSES TO START FIRST BY PROVIDING LOCAL BROADCASTERS WITH "OFF-THE-SHELF" PIECES WHICH CAN BE USED TO PROMOTE DEMOCRATIZATION. LATER, THROUGH TRAINING AND SOME EQUIPMENT, AED WILL PROVIDE LOCAL BROADCASTERS INCREASED CAPABILITY TO CREATE THEIR OWN PROGRAMMING. AED PROPOSES WORKING THROUGH WHAT REMAINS OF THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED EXISTING RADIO NETWORK. THE EXTENT TO WHICH OPPOSITION VIEWPOINTS ARE GIVEN A VOICE WOULD BE SUBJECT, FOR THE MOST PART, TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

4. (U) VOA HAS IMMEDIATE IMPACT, AED DOES NOT: IN COMPARING THE DIFFERING APPROACHES OF THE VOA AND AED PROPOSALS, MISSION BELIEVES ONLY THE VOA PROPOSAL CAN HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT IN BRINGING ABOUT COMPLETION OF THE MUCH-PROLONGED ZAIREAN DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION. VOA COMES IN WITH AN EXISTING AUDIENCE, A REPUTATION AND THE ABILITY TO IMMEDIATELY INCREASE THE FLOW OF BALANCED NEWS ON ZAIRE. THE AED PROPOSAL IS STRUCTURAL IN APPROACH; IT WORKS WITH THE TRADITIONAL GOVERNMENT BROADCAST INFRASTRUCTURE SEEKING TO INCREASE CAPABILITY. IT IS HIGHLY APT TO RUN INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL, BUREAUCRATIC AND POLITICAL OBSTACLES THAT MAKE WORKING WITH THE GOZ A LONG AND FRUSTRATING PROCESS. IN ITS PRESENT FORM, AED'S PROPOSAL RESTS HEAVILY ON HIGH TECH EQUIPMENT WHICH COSTS $3/MINUTE TO USE -- THIS WILL LAST NO LONGER THAN AED - OR THE USG - PAYS FOR IT.

5. (U) EYE ON THE MISSION: OUR NUMBER ONE OBJECTIVE IN ZAIRE IN 1997 IS TO COMPLETE THE DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION THROUGH ELECTIONS. TO THE DEGREE THAT INCREASED LOCAL ACCESS TO MEDIA AND RADIO COVERAGE OF BALANCED NEWS AND DIVERSE POINTS OF VIEW CAN PROMOTE THAT OBJECTIVE, WE SUPPORT THE INVESTMENT OF USG FUNDS AND THE ALLOCATION OF OUR LIMITED PERSONNEL RESOURCES FOR A MEDIA SUPPORT PROGRAM. WE ARE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT A MEDIA SUPPORT PROGRAM THAT WILL NOT HAVE A TIMELY, APPRECIABLE IMPACT ON OUR OBJECTIVES. THE VOA PROPOSAL CAN HAVE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT AND WILL BE WELL RECEIVED. WE SUPPORT IT AND IT SHOULD BE PURSUED. WE ARE NOT INTERESTED IN PURSuing THE AED PROPOSAL AND WILL NOT SUPPORT IT.
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1. EMBASSY ANKARA WOULD ACCEPT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A 2-PERSON VOA OFFICE IN ANKARA. WE BELIEVE THE OFFICE COULD HELP PROVIDE MORE BALANCED VOA REPORTING ON TURKEY AS WELL AS A CONVENIENT PLATFORM FOR REPORTING ON THE CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS.


3. IF VOA AGREES TO THESE PRECONDITIONS, THE CHIEF OF MISSION IS PREPARED TO GRANT NSDD 38 AUTHORITY TO CREATE THE 2-PERSON VOA OFFICE IN ANKARA AND PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AS OUTLINED IN THE PARAGRAPHS BELOW. BEFORE ESTABLISHING THIS OFFICE, HOWEVER, WE WOULD DISCUSS THE VOA OFFICE GOALS WITH RELEVANT
TURKISH AUTHORITIES TO HELP ENSURE VOA'S SUCCESS HERE.

4. HOUSING
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AS STATED ABOVE, POST POLICY, REPEATEDLY CONFIRMED BY THE POST EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE, REQUIRES THAT ALL USG PERSONNEL IN ANKARA LIVE IN USG HOUSING. FOR SECURITY AND OPERATIONAL REASONS IN THIS HIGH-TELEST-THREAT POST, WE RENT ENTIRE BUILDINGS THAT ARE THEN GIVEN 24-HOUR RESIDENTIAL GUARD SERVICE. THE VOA 'CORRESPONDENT'S HOUSING WILL BE ASSIGNED BY THE MISSION HOUSING BOARD IN ANKARA. THE SELECTION OF HOUSING WILL BE BASED ON FAMILY SIZE AND EMPLOYEE GRADE LEVEL, CONSISTENT WITH POST HOUSING POLICIES. THE CHARGES FOR HOUSING WILL BE BASED ON ACTUAL COSTS OF THE ASSIGNED UNIT. THE ANNUAL COSTS OF AN APARTMENT RANGES FROM $6,800 TO $32,700 DEPENDING UPON THE SPECIFIC APARTMENT ASSIGNED AND BASED ON CURRENT EXCHANGE RATES.

5. RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES
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6. RESIDENTIAL GUARD SERVICES
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BECAUSE OF THE HIGH TERRORIST THREAT IN TURKEY, THE MISSION'S EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE REQUIRES RESIDENTIAL GUARDS 24 HOURS A DAY AT ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT RESIDENCES. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE ROVING MOTOR PATROLS WHICH CANVAS NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE RESIDENCES ARE LOCATED, 24 HOURS A DAY. BILLS FOR ACTUAL GUARD SERVICES WILL BE BASED ON A SHARE OF ACTUAL COSTS BASED UPON THE NUMBER OF APARTMENTS IN THE BUILDING WHERE THE ASSIGNED APARTMENT IS LOCATED. THE GUARD BILL WILL BE SENT TO THE VOA OFFICE AT THE END OF EACH QUARTER, EXCEPT FOR THE LAST QUARTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR (JULY - SEPTEMBER) WHICH WILL BE BILLED IN ADVANCE. THE ACTUAL COSTS OF GUARD SERVICES FOR AN APARTMENT WILL ALSO BE BASED ON THE DATE OF OCCUPANCY AND WILL RANGE FROM $12,000 TO $20,000 PER ANNUM DEPENDING ON THE APARTMENT BUILDING THAT VOA OCCUPIES, CURRENT EXCHANGE RATES AND CURRENT GUARD SALARY RATES. BECAUSE THE GUARDS ARE PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT (PSC) EMPLOYEES, ANY FUTURE SALARY INCREASES APPROVED BY MISSION MANAGEMENT WILL
DIRECTLY IMPACT BILLINGS TO THE TENANT.

7. HOUSING MAKE READY

TYPICALLY, APARTMENTS NEED MINOR REPAIRS BEFORE NEW TENANTS CAN MOVE IN. THESE REPAIRS MAY INCLUDE PAINTING, REFINISHING OF UNCLAS SECTION 02 OF 04 ANKARA 001327.

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HARDWOOD FLOORS AND OTHER MINOR ALTERATIONS. THE AVERAGE COST OF THESE REPAIRS IS ABOUT $2,500 WHICH IS CHARGED TO THE AGENCY OF THE INCOMING TENANT. PAYMENT IS REQUIRED BEFORE OCCUPANCY OF THE APARTMENT.

8. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF RESIDENCES/FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES

PARTS AND SUPPLIES USED IN REPAIR OF HOUSING FIXTURES, FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES THAT OCCUR AFTER OCCUPANCY WILL BE DIRECT-BILLED TO VOA, AS WILL REPAIRS PERFORMED BY COMMERCIAL SERVICEMEN.

9. TELEPHONE EXPENSES AND UTILITIES

THE VOA CORRESPONDENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL TELEPHONE BILLS FOR HIS/HER RESIDENCE. THOSE BILLS WILL BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO THE VOA CORRESPONDENT'S HOME ADDRESS EACH MONTH BY PTT. PAYMENT OF BILLS CAN BE MADE DIRECTLY TO PTT OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO THE EMPLOYEE RECREATION ASSOCIATION LOCATED ON THE EMBASSY COMPOUND FOR A NOMINAL SERVICE CHARGE. UTILITY BILLS FOR RESIDENTIAL HEATING, FUEL, ELECTRICITY, AND WATER WILL BE BILLED TO THE VOA OFFICE BY THE EMBASSY EACH MONTH. SINCE THE UTILITIES ARE IN THE NAME OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, THE EMBASSY WILL MAKE DIRECT PAYMENT TO THE UTILITY COMPANIES. THE EMBASSY REQUIRES REIMBURSEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FROM VOA AFTER PAYMENT OF THE UTILITIES BILLS. TOTAL UTILITIES NORMALLY COST ABOUT $1,000 PER YEAR PER APARTMENT BASED ON CURRENT EXCHANGE RATES.

10. ARMED FORCES NETWORK (AFN) AND CABLE TV

TENANTS OF EMBASSY APARTMENTS RECEIVE AFN (NTSC TV COMPATIBLE) FOR WHICH THEY MUST PAY A SEMIANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEE, CURRENTLY $30. THE TENANT MAY ALSO SUBSCRIBE TO PTT CABLE TV WHICH OFFERS CNN, BBC, NBC SUPERCHANNEL, MTV AND ASSORTED TURKISH, ITALIAN, FRENCH, GERMAN AND SPANISH CHANNELS (PAL OR MULTI-SYSTEM TV REQUIRED). INSTALLATION CHARGES FOR THESE PTT CABLE SERVICES VARY BUT AVERAGE ABOUT $100. THE MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION CHARGE IS CURRENTLY ABOUT $5. PTT WILL SEND MONTHLY BILLS DIRECTLY TO HOME ADDRESSES AND PAYMENT CAN BE MADE DIRECTLY TO PTT OR TO THE EMPLOYEE RECREATION ASSOCIATION (FOR A NOMINAL FEE).

11. VOA OFFICE SPACE

12 FAH 5, PHYSICAL SECURITY FOR VOA CORRESPONDENTS SECTION L.56 STATES THAT "SECURITY REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE MINIMAL AND HANDLED
ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS COMMENSURATE WITH THE THREAT. THE SECURITY THREAT IN TURKEY IS HIGH AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THIS MISSION TO COUNTER THAT THREAT WILL NOT BE WAIVED FOR USG EMPLOYEES HERE. THIS IS KEY AND NON-NEGOTIABLE. USG AMERICAN AND FSN EMPLOYEES WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO WORK IN AN OFF-COMPounding SITE THAT DOES NOT MEET SECURITY STANDARDS (E.G., PHYSICAL, PROCEDURAL, GUARD COVERAGE) FOR A HIGH-TERRORIST-THREAT LOCATION. A VOA OFFICE OUTSIDE THE EMBASSY'S PROTECTIVE UMBRELLA WOULD BE PLACED AT AN UNACCEPTABLE RISK AND WOULD BECOME A TEMPTING SOFT TARGET FOR THE ANTI-U.S. TERRORIST GROUPS HERE. THEREFORE, WE PROPOSE THAT THE VOA OFFICE IN ANKARA BE ESTABLISHED IN THE USIS BUILDING, WHICH IS PART OF THE PROTECTED EMBASSY COMPLEX IN ANKARA.

12. SECURITY

THE VOA CORRESPONDENT WILL BE GRANTED FULL UNEescorted ACCESS TO EMBASSY FACILITIES ONCE TOP-SECRET SECURITY CLEARANCES HAVE BEEN VERIFIED BY EMBASSY SECURITY PERSONNEL. THE VOA CORRESPONDENT AND HIS/HER FAMILY MEMBERS WILL BE ADDED TO THE EMBASSY ROSTER OF AMERICANS LIVING IN COUNTRY AND WILL BECOME PART OF THE EMBASSY'S "EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM," AN ALERT SYSTEM IN CASE OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND/OR CIVIL STRIFE IN COUNTRY.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT COSTS

WE ESTIMATE THAT COSTS FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BY THE EMBASSY WILL BE APPROXIMATELY $27,380 PER ANNUM (BASED ON FY 1997 ESTIMATES). THIS INCLUDES COSTS FOR STAFF TIME IN PERSONNEL, BUDGET AND FISCAL, GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, MAIL AND MESSENGER SERVICES AND HEALTH SERVICES. SEE CHART AT PARA 21 FOR A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF ESTIMATED COSTS ACCORDING TO ICASS CALCULATIONS. THESE COSTS ARE IN ADDITION TO THOSE IN PARAS 4 - 10 ABOVE AND PARAS 20 AND 21 BELOW.

14. PERSONNEL SERVICES

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE VOA CORRESPONDENT WILL NOT HAVE OR SEEK DIPLOMATIC STATUS IN TURKEY. IF SO, THE EMBASSY CANNOT GRANT THE CORRESPONDENT AND HIS/HER FAMILY ACCESS TO THE MILITARY AAFES SHOPPETTE IN ANKARA. ONCE THE VOA CORRESPONDENT ARRIVES IN ANKARA, THE EMBASSY'S PERSONNEL OFFICE WILL FORMALLY NOTIFY THE TURKISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OBTAIN APPROPRIATE TURKISH ID CARDS. THE VOA CORRESPONDENT WILL NOT BE AUTHORIZED VAT EXEMPTION OR OTHER PRIVILEGES WHICH ARE GRANTED BASED UPON DIPLOMATIC STATUS. OTHER PERSONNEL SERVICES, INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT OF LOCAL STAFF, ARE DEPENDENT ON VOA'S NEEDS AND UNCLASS SECTION 03 OF 04 ANKARA 001327

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CONCLUSION OF RELEVANT ICASS AGREEMENTS.

15. VISAS
SINCE THE VOA CORRESPONDENT WILL NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC STATUS, S/HE MUST APPLY FOR APPROPRIATE VISAS FROM THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON BEFORE ARRIVAL INANKARA. PERSONNEL ARRIVING IN TURKEY ON OFFICIAL (RED) OR DIPLOMATIC (BLACK) PASSPORTS CANNOT OBTAIN VISAS AT PORTS OF ENTRY IN TURKEY.

16. HEALTH SERVICES

THE VOA CORRESPONDENT AND HIS/HER FAMILY MEMBERS WILL BE ENTITLED ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY HEALTH UNIT LOCATED ON THE EMBASSY COMPOUND. HEALTH SERVICES INCLUDE ACCESS TO CONSULTATION WITH NURSE PRACTITIONER AND NURSING STAFF AT THE EMBASSY, CONSULTATION WITH THE REGIONAL STATE DEPARTMENT PHYSICIAN AND REGIONAL PSYCHIATRIST DURING THEIR PERIODIC VISITS TO POST AND FREE VACCINATIONS WHEN REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF BEING ASSIGNED TO TURKEY. THE HEALTH UNIT ISSUES AND CHARGES FOR OTHER VACCINATIONS AND MEDICATIONS. SOME MEDICAL CASES ARE REFERRED TO EMBASSY LIAISON PHYSICIANS. THE VOA CORRESPONDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY BILLS FROM OUTSIDE PHYSICIANS. COSTS FOR MEDICAL EVACUATION FROM POST, IF RECOMMENDED BY THE EMBASSY MEDICAL STAFF, ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VOA CORRESPONDENT. COSTS FOR HEALTH SERVICES ARE INCLUDED IN THE ESTIMATED ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES IN PARA 13 ABOVE AND THE CHART IN PARA 21 BELOW.

17. CHECK CASHING

THE VOA CORRESPONDENT, AS WELL AS HIS/HER FAMILY MEMBERS, WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO CASH CHECKS UP TO $1,500 PER DAY AT THE DISBANK CASHIER'S OFFICE, LOCATED ON THE EMBASSY COMPOUND.

18. APO, MAIL AND DIPLOMATIC POUCH SERVICES

THE VOA CORRESPONDENT WILL HAVE ACCESS TO APO AND POUCHING FACILITIES LOCATED ON THE EMBASSY COMPOUND AND WILL BE ALLOWED TO MAIL LETTERS AND PACKAGES. THE VOA CORRESPONDENT AND HIS/HER FAMILY MEMBERS MAY ALSO RECEIVE INCOMING MAIL THROUGH THE APO.

19. EMPLOYEE RECREATION ASSOCIATION

THE VOA CORRESPONDENT AND HIS/HER FAMILY MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO ANKARA WILL HAVE ACCESS TO ACTIVITIES HOSTED BY THE EMPLOYEE RECREATION ASSOCIATION (ERA) AND TO FACILITIES MANAGED BY THEM, SUCH AS THE ERA STORE (EXCEPT FOR DUTY-FREE ITEMS IF THE VOA CORRESPONDENT DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC STATUS), THE ERA VIDEO COLLECTION, THE ERA CAFETERIA, CAR WASHING, TENNIS COURTS AND THE AMBASSADOR'S SWIMMING POOL. THERE ARE FEES FOR THE USE OF VIDEOS AND THE TENNIS COURTS.

20. START-UP COSTS

BECAUSE OF THE SIGNIFICANT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS OF PREPARING FOR THE ARRIVAL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW OFFICE IN ANKARA, THE MISSION ICASS COUNCIL IS NOW CONSIDERING A PROPOSAL THAT EACH NEW AGENCY MUST PAY A ONE-TIME START-UP FEE TO HELP DEFRAY THESE COSTS. UNDER THIS PROPOSAL, THE ONE-TIME FEE FOR VOA WOULD BE $20,600.
21. BELOW IS A CHART OF ESTIMATED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT COSTS ACCORDING TO ICASS BUDGET PROJECTIONS:

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22. IF THE AFOREMENTIONED CONDITIONS (AS WELL AS ANY CONDITIONS LEVIED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON) ARE ACCEPTABLE TO VOA, THE CHIEF OF MISSION IS PREPARED TO GRANT NSDD-38 APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF A TWO-PERSON (ONE AMERICAN, ONE LOCAL) VOA OFFICE IN ANKARA.

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**TO:** RUEHIA/USIA WASHDC 5830  
**RUEHC/SECSTA/E WASHDC 2480**  
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**SUBJ:** VOA BROADCASTS VIA ANS RADIO  

**TEXT:**

UNCLAS BAKU 000861  

USIA  

FOR B/N:WBELL; B/VOA/N:IDAIHYAT; EEN:SHOVANE

STATE FOR S/NIS  

E.O. 1295x: N/A  
**SUBJECT:** VOA BROADCASTS VIA ANS RADIO


2. **ANS OWNER VAHIT NAXIS HAS NOW PROPOSED TO RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR IN EXCHANGE FOR TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR FOUR ANS PERSONNEL: ONE EACH IN RADIO, TV, PRESS, AND MANAGEMENT/MARKETING.**

3. **ANS HAS SOLD TIME TO BBC FOR ONE AND A HALF HOURS OF BROADCASTING DAILY. THIS MEANS THAT TIME REMAINING FOR REBROADCAST OF VOA PROGRAMS IS LIMITED. THE 10:30-11:00 PM SLOT EARLIER USED FOR THE VOA AZERBAIJANI PROGRAM IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE, BECAUSE ANS SOLD THE 10:00-11:00 PM HOUR TO BBC. Bbc HAS ALSO PURCHASED THE 7:00-7:30 AM SLOT. THE VOA AZERBAIJANI PROGRAM IS NOW REBROADCAST BEGINING AT 11:00 PM, AND THE VOA EUROPE PROGRAM AT 3:00-5:00 AM. NAXIS TOLD USIS THAT VOA CAN PROPOSE ALTERNATE TIMES FOR THE AZERBAIJANI PROGRAM: FOR EXAMPLE, THE 7:30-8:00 AM SLOT, WHICH WE BELIEVE WOULD ATTRACT A MUCH WIDER AUDIENCE IN AZERBAIJAN THAN THE CURRENT 11:00 PM SLOT.**
4. THE VOA AZERBAIJANI PROGRAM IS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF CONVEYING INFORMATION IMPORTANT TO U.S. INTERESTS HERE. FURTHER, IT IS VERY POPULAR WITH AZERI YOUTH -- A SEGMENT OF THE SOCIETY WE ARE TRYING TO REACH. AS ANS IS THE MOST PROFESSIONAL AND RESPECTED PRIVATE AZERBAIJANI BROADCASTING ORGANIZATION, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT CONTINUE TO CARRY THE VOA PROGRAMS. IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE USIA/IBB SECURE A LONGER-TERM CONTRACT FOR VOA PROGRAMS. AS ANS CONTINUES ITS EMERGENCE AS A MARKET-BASED STATION, THIS WILL REQUIRE US TO PAY. WE RECOMMEND THAT VOA BUDGET FOR THIS IN FY 1998. WHILE THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES TO ANS IN BAKU, THEY ARE PROBLEMATIC. THE PRIVATE RADIO SARA IS A MUSIC STATION WHICH OFFERS NO NEWS OR COMMENTARIES. THE RADIO-TV SARA MANAGEMENT HAS NOT BEEN CONCERNED, AS ANS HAS, ABOUT INTELLECTUAL COPYRIGHT PROTECTION. FSA SECTION 907 SANCTIONS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO USE STATE RADIO FOR VOA.

BROWN

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TOR: 970327031113 M2685865
DIST:
SIT: MATERA RUMER
SIT: NSC
1. I HAVE JUST LEARNED INFORMALLY THAT VOA PLANS TO AIR TODAY AN INTERVIEW WITH TURKISH ISLAMIST MINISTER OF STATE ABDULLAH GUL. THE PERSONALITY, TOPIC, AND TIMING COULD HARDLY BE WORSE: PRESIDENT DEMIREL WILL ANNOUNCE AT ANY MOMENT HIS CHOICE OF POLITICAL LEADER TO TRY TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT. (WORSE, AGAIN IF WE UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY, GUL'S INTERVIEW WOULD BE CARRIED COURTESY OF THE SAUDI-BACKED MIDEAST BROADCASTING COMPANY, AT A TIME WHEN THE TURKS SEE A SAUDI HAND IN PROMOTING THE ISLAMIST POLITICAL AGENDA IN TURKEY.)

2. SUCH A VOA BROADCAST WOULD PLAY DIRECTLY AND PROVOCATIVELY INTO TURKISH DOMESTIC POLITICS TO THE LASTING HARM OF U.S. INTERESTS IN SUPPORTING TURKISH SECULAR DEMOCRACY IN A NON-PARTISAN WAY. ONE POINT OF BACKGROUND CONTEXT: GUL'S REFAH PARTY AND THE LEADER OF REFAH'S COALITION PARTNER, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CILLER, REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN PLAYING SECRETARY ALBRIGHT'S JUNE 13 PUBLIC COMMENTS IN FORTHRIGHT DEFENSE OF SECULAR DEMOCRACY AS SOMEHOW ENDORSING HER AND REFAH'S CONTINUATION IN POWER.

3. THIS EMBASSY KNOWS AND RESPECTS GUL AND ALL OTHER ELECTED TURKISH OFFICIALS OF ALL LEGITIMATE PARTIES.
BUT NO MATTER WHAT GUL MIGHT SAY AND NO MATTER WHAT OTHER SPEAKERS MIGHT BE ON SUCH A VOA PROGRAM, THE TURKISH MILITARY, PRESIDENT, AND BODY POLITIC WOULD SEE SUCH A UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BROADCAST AS A DIRECT USG ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE TURKISH DOMESTIC POLITICAL DECISIONS THAT ARE PROPERLY ONLY THEIRS TO MAKE, AT A CLIMACTIC MOMENT IN THEIR POLITICAL HISTORY CRISIS. IT WOULD PROVOKE IMMENSE TURKISH RESENTMENT ON ALL SIDES. TURKISH TEMPERS AND EMOTIONS ARE HIGH, ESPECIALLY ON THE PART OF THE MILITARY. THIS IS NO TIME FOR VOA TO INTERVIEW ANY TURKISH POLITICIANS, MUCH LESS ISLAMISTS.

4. I HOPE OUR INFORMATION IS WRONG. IF IT IS NOT, I ASK YOU PLEASE TO PREVENT ANY SUCH PROGRAMMING, AT LEAST THROUGHOUT THE ONGOING TURKISH GOVERNMENT CRISIS. I ALSO ASK THAT VOA TAKE AN ESPECIALLY HARD LOOK AT THE RESULTS IT WISHES TO ACHIEVE WITH ITS PROGRAMMING ON TURKEY VS THE LIKELY CONSEQUENCES FOR THE UNITED STATES OF ANYTHING THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SAYS, OR IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE SAYING, THROUGH THE VOICE OF AMERICA. RICCIARDONE

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FOLDER TITLE: [12/19/1997-12/24/1998]

Jimmie Purvis 2006-0165-F JP161

RESTRICTION CODES

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UNCLAS ADDIS ABABA 000823

USIA
USIA FOR B/TWPF (PADDEN), B/TVP, B/VOA/A, AF (ANDRESEN)
SECESTATE FOR AF/E

E.O. 12958:N/A

SUBJECT: WORLDNET INTERACTIVE BROADCAST OF VOA SYMPOSIUM, MARCH 5, 1400-1600 UTC

REF: USIA 1999

1. POST BELIEVES SUBJECT WORLDNET INTERACTIVE PARTICIPATION WOULD COMPLEMENT WELL OUR RECENT AND PROSPECTIVE ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN ETHIOPIA.

2. FIRST, ETHIOPIA NEEDS INVESTMENT, AND IN RECOGNITION OF THAT FACT "THE ADDIS FORUM" WILL HOLD AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON THESE TOPICS MARCH 8-9. AMONG THE INVITEES ARE CHESTER CROCKER AND HANK COHEN; AMONG THE ORGANIZERS ARE AMB. IRV HICKS. POST WOULD USE OUR INTERACTIVE PORTION OF THIS DIALOGUE AS A SCENE-SETTER FOR THE SYMPOSIUM AND WORK WITH ITS ORGANIZERS TO MAKE IT AS EFFECTIVE AS POSSIBLE.

3. SECOND, THE DIALOGUE WILL ALSO WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH FORMER DAS REGINA BROWN'S WORKING VISIT TO ADDIS ABABA UNDER USIS-AUSPISES IN MIDS-MAY, WHERE SHE WILL ADDRESS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, GOVERNMENT, AND ACADEMIC AUDIENCES ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

4. THIRD, THE DIALOGUE WILL REINFORCE TRADE AND INVESTMENT THEMES PRESENTED BY THE DECEMBER VISITS OF REP. RANGEL'S DELEGATION AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

5. FINALLY, INTERACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE DIALOGUE
WILL REINFORCE OUR NEW SERIES OF VOLUNTARY VISITOR GRANTEES, WHICH INCLUDE THE DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ETHIOPIA TELECOM AND THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF THE ETHIOPIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AMONG OTHERS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR; THE VISIT OF U.S. SPEAKER HARRY HARRIS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CHAMBER'S INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXPOSITION IN NOVEMBER; AND DAILY OUTREACH ON THIS THEME DRAWN MOSTLY FROM WASHINGTON FILE MATERIALS.

6. PLEASE ADVISE.  SEIDENSTRICKER

SECT:  SECTION: 01 OF 01
SSN:  0823
TOR:  980204005822 M3133537
DIST:  SIT: NSC
SUBJ: VOA AS MOUTHPIECE FOR TERRORIST LEADER

TEXT:

UNCLAS ANKARA 012761

DEPT FOR THE SECRETARY; VOA DIRECTOR EVELYN LIEBERMAN,
USIA DIRECTOR JOSEPH DUFFEY

NSC FOR MR. RICHARD CLARK, GLOBAL AFFAIRS

FROM AMBASSADOR PARRIS

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: PTER, PREL, TU, US
SUBJECT: VOA AS MOUTHPIECE FOR TERRORIST LEADER

REF: VOA BROADCASTS OF PKK LEADER INTERVIEW, DECEMBER 23

MADAME SECRETARY, DIRECTORS LIEBERMAN AND DUFFEY

1. I ASK YOUR SUPPORT FOR HOLDING VOA TO ACCOUNT FOR ITS INTERVIEW, AND SUBSEQUENT BROADCAST OF THAT INTERVIEW, WITH A NOTORIOUS INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST LEADER, ABDULLAH OCALAN OF THE KURDISTAN WORKER'S PARTY, OR PKK. ALL OF US, AND THE AMERICAN AND FOREIGN PUBLICS, NEED TO UNDERSTAND WHO MADE THIS DECISION, AND THE RATIONALE FOR SUCH A STEP IN CONTRADICTION OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION'S VERY HIGHEST PRIORITY FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVE OF COMBATING TERRORISM. IF, AS I HOPE AND BELIEVE, THIS WAS A MISTAKE, WE SHOULD SAY SO CLEANLY AND WITHOUT DOUBLE-TALK. I ASK ALSO THAT YOU HALT VOA'S REPORTED PLANS TO REBROADCAST THE INTERVIEW TODAY, THIS TIME IN TURKISH -- THE VERY DAY THAT TURKEY'S PARLIAMENT IS TO VOTE ON THE SEMI-ANNUAL RENEWAL OF OPERATION NORTHERN WATCH -- AND ONE DAY FOLLOWING THE PKK'S LATEST HUMAN SUICIDE BOMB ATTACK IN VAN.

2. YOU WILL RECALL, MADAME SECRETARY, THAT LAST YEAR YOU HAD DESIGNATED THE PKK AS A TERRORIST GROUP UNDER THE ANTI-
TERRORISM AND EFFECTIVE DEATH PENALTY ACT OF 1996. YOU ALSO KNOW FROM YOUR PERSONAL EFFORTS AND THOSE OF DEPUTY SECRETARY TALBOTT THAT MUCH AMERICAN DIPLOMACY THESE PAST TWO MONTHS HAS FOCUSED ON DEFATING THIS PARTICULARLY NOTORIOUS AND BRUTAL TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AND ITS LEADER. IN SEPTEMBER, WE SUCCESSFULLY PRESSED SYRIA TO EXPEL THEM, AS TURKEY AND SYRIA WERE ON THE BRINK OF WAR OVER THE ISSUE. THEN, IN OCTOBER, WE PRESSED RUSSIA TO DO THE SAME. SINCE OCALAN'S ARRIVAL IN ITALY ON NOVEMBER 4, WE HAVE REPEATEDLY CALLED IN PUBLIC AND IN INTENSIVE DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS FOR ITALY AND GERMANY TO ENSURE OCALAN FACES JUSTICE.

3. TO THOSE WHO HARBOR ANY MORAL CONFUSION ON THE ISSUE, YOU AND OTHER AMERICAN LEADERS HAVE REPEATEDLY DRAWN THE SHARP DISTINCTION BETWEEN TERRORISM AND PUTATIVE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OR POLITICAL LEADERS. VOA SHOULD DO THE SAME. WILL VOA, UNDER WHATEVER BROAD FREE-SPEECH PRETEXT, NEXT INTERVIEW SUCH "POLITICAL LEADERS" AS ABU NIDHAL? OSAMA BIN-LADEN? OR HAMAS BOMB-MAKERS? WILL VOA NOW WORK ITS WAY DOWN THE LIST OF 30-ODD TERRORIST GROUPS ON THE ANTI-TERRORISM AND EFFECTIVE DEATH PENALTY LIST? IS THIS WHAT CONGRESS INTENDED WHEN, AS WE SOUGHT TO COUNTER SADDAM HUSSEIN'S BRUTAL REPRESSION OF IRAQI KURDS, IT APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO ESTABLISH THE VOA KURDISH SERVICE?

4. I WELCOME FORWARD-LEANING INTERVIEWS BY VOA OF ALL POINTS OF REVIEW REGARDING TURKEY, CONSISTENT WITH AMERICAN EFFORTS TO SUPPORT TURKS WHO ARE PROMOTING POSITIVE CHANGE HERE -- NOT MURDERERS. THERE ARE ANY NUMBER OF COURAGEOUS, OUTSPOKEN, NON-TERRORIST OPPONENTS OF THE GÖT WHO STAND UP EVERY DAY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL TURKS, INCLUDING KURDS. IF VOA NEEDS SOME RECOMMENDATIONS, I'D BE DELIGHTED TO PROVIDE THEM. BY WELCOMING SUCH PEOPLE TO MY OWN HOME AND VISITING THEM IN THEIR OWN PLACES, I HAVE MADE IT A PERSONAL POINT TO SHOW THE GÖT THAT THE UNITED STATES RESPECTS THEM -- INCLUDING SEVERAL UNDER INDICTMENT FOR POLITICAL CRIMES. BUT BY GIVING TERRORIST LEADERS A PLATFORM TO BROADCAST TO TURKS, VOA WILL SHOOT US OFF AT THE KNEES -- GIVING TURKS TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TERRORIST LEADER AND A LEGITIMATE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST.

PARRIS

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Beth -- re Wilson's note on the splitup of language services, I'm missing a crucial element -- the criteria that "they" apply to make these decisions. Who apply to make these decisions. Who decided that Bulgaria deserves more surrogate broadcasting than Poland? What do they do when the political situation in countries changes? Aside from that, they're in for a long haul w/Congress on getting VOA into the surrogate broadcasting business. VOA has a legislatively-mandated charter designed to prohibit that sort of thing; changing it will be like pulling teeth of some pretty clotuish members (Pell, Paul Simon, etc.)
MEMORANDUM FOR: Daniel Fried (FRIED)
FROM: John R. Beyrle (BEYRLE)
SUBJECT: RE: FYI - RFE/RL

Dan -- I have very strong feelings about the idea of getting VOA into the business of surrogate broadcasting, which is part of the idea of "sharing" language services between VOA and the Radios. As for moving to Prague, I had an impassioned call from Kevin Klose on the subject, but am less persuaded than he is that this is a good thing (ever try to make a phone call out of Prague, for starters?) But I am told the move back to the US is final, no appeal.

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Mary Goodman called with comments on Lake's Qs As for VOA interview.

She spoke with Lipton and Shafer -- they are concerned about the second sentence in the answer you send her for comment: "We will cut off all assistance to such a government and will work actively in international organizations to ensure that all economic grants and loans are stopped."

the way they would like the second sentence of the answer to read is:

"We will cut off all assistance to such a government and will oppose all economic grants and loans by international organizations"

I can go into the reasons for which we are suggesting this language -- you can reach me through the Treasury operator 622-1260

Assistant Secretary Lipton felt strongly that if the paper which was written as a decision paper for the Deputies meeting last week is going to be revised or has been revised, first, they would like to see a copy and second they would like to make sure that two points he brought up in the meeting are reflected in the paper -- first, that this policy that is articulated essentially in the answer to the Tonly Lake VOA Qs and As remains in place so long as is appropriate and the second is the general point about the IFIs -- that we are not capable of ensuring that they don't extend loans and grants.

She would very much like to speak with you to make sure that you got this message -- she can be reached through the Treasury operator.
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I have different view on whether to state categorically (and publicly) that we would not renew UNAVEM after Feb. We want to pressure Savimbi w/o getting ourselves in a box.

Suggest you say:

-- UNAVEM III is the UN's largest and most costly mission. Its mandate is due to expire in February. At this stage, we can see no justification for extending its mandate beyond that point.

-- By investing in UNAVEM III, the international community has given Angola a two year window of opportunity to achieve peace and national reconciliation. That window is swiftly closing, which is why immediate progress in the peace process is essential.

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To: @NSA - Natl Security Advisor
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FROM Metzl, Jamie F.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT Talking Points for Call to Duffey on VOA broadcasts to Great Lakes [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Ragan, Richard F.
Prendergast, John P.
Sanders, Robin R.

CARBON_COPY

TEXT_BODY Attached please find talking points for Eric's call to Duffey on VOA programming.

Jamie

TRANSLATED_ATTACHMENT

Rwanda - ES call to Duffey 022498.doc

Talking Points for Call to Duffey on VOA broadcasts to Great Lakes

* As you know, ethnic tensions are increasing in Northwest Rwanda and Eastern DROC. This is an area of significant concern to us.

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Jamie

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SUBJECT RE: FYI: Note from Mary Ellen Glynn about VOA Lieberman Travel to Africa [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Rubin, Eric S.
Barks-Ruggles, Erica
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Prendergast, John P.
Sanders, Robin R.
Wilson, Joseph C.

CARBON_COPY Crowley, Philip J.
Rubin, Eric S.
Wozniak, Natalie S.

TEXT_BODY Eric - You should know that Joe has turned off the Nigeria leg of this trip. Please convey to State and to your USIS colleagues as appropriate. Joe and Evelyn spoke on this. If you get wind of any effort to reclama Nigeria, let us know ASAP. - Erica

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From: Rubin, Eric S.
Sent: Monday, May 04, 1998 3:07 PM
To: @AFRICA - African Affairs
Cc: @PRESS - Public Affairs
Subject: FYI:
Note from Mary Ellen Glynn about VOA Lieberman Travel to Africa [UNCLASSIFIED]

TO: rubin_e
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SUBJECT: Hello there

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TO Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

CARBON_COPY Barks-Ruggles, Erica (AF)
Battenfield, Pat A. (AF)
Frazer, Jendayi E. (AF)
Sanders, Robin R. (AF)
Smith, Gayle E. (AF)

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My question is, why is VOA doing this? ABC/NBC/CBS/CNN I could understand. VOA?

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Good point, which makes me think about DROC and the Uganda cable
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This would require our meeting with Treasury, our EDs at the Bank and Fund, and probably Medavo. Second, we should possibly be demarching signatory countries to make this point, i.e. that they need to invest in peace. Would work better if we could point to a "matching" contribution on our part, i.e. we are willing to do the following (support PKO, possible limited assistance to JMC including technical) but you need to ante up, as well. We could go really wild and suggest that they create a SADC trust fund into which signatories make contributions.

Let me know if any of this makes sense to you.
One point: money used to buy weapons and support war efforts should also be available to support peace implementation/conflict resolution efforts. International community must remain engaged and should do so as collective obligation to support peace; however, ultimately Africans accountable for achieving peace on their continent and belligerents must/should reorient resources accordingly. Maybe reference post-WWII establishment of collective security mechanism (NATO) in Europe and its evolution NATO-enlarged in post-Cold War period. [Only problem with reference is US membership in NATO although not a European power--need to avoid question of why not similar engagement in Africa?].
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It occurred to me on the trip that we are not making sufficient use of VOA in the way we might. When I was in the Special Middle East Coordinator's Office, we (I) reviewed (and rewrote) VOA talking points and editorials DAILY. Every morning. Sensitive, belligerent, gratuitously provocative items were deleted, rewritten, etc. VOA performs such an important role - we met with them and agreed that it was important that their role HELPED rather than hurt our peacemaking efforts and our shared hopes for the people of the region.

Angolans listen to VOA all the time. Chicoty made mention of making a big effort to listen to VOA in NYC after Angola Day was over. Chicoty was also exorcised about VOA's support for Savimbi. He brought it up several times, each time working himself up into a sweat. VOA came up repeatedly in our meetings with civil society, NGO's and opposition members, as well as in an HIV/AIDS parliamentarian meeting. We need to make contact with VOA, get them on the team and start working on their scripts. Noone could remember having heard anything about HIV/AIDS on the radio, but everybody knew about their coverage of Savimbi. Besides, getting VOA to offer to broadcast a government statement declaring a new open arms policy to UNITA fighters - "put down your arms and pick up a new life!" would be a powerful deliverable during the next round of the BCC.
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Gayle - (since it is unlikely we will ever find an uninterrupted half hour):

A popular daily (x7) half hour VOA radio show transmitted all over Angola was scheduled to be OFF the air as of tomorrow. Every time I turned around in Luanda, someone (always Angolan, always civil society, NOT government) was bemoaning the loss. Turned out, it all came down to money. A.I.D. and VOA and the embassy had all gotten tired of trying to keep this program funded, and were bickering amongst themselves so much that they had lost perspective.

In a country where 2 of the 3 newspapers have been recently closed down by a media repressive government, where 75% of the people are illiterate, and where we have publicly stated our commitment to do what we can to help them move toward free and fair elections next November, it makes no sense to lose the only means to communicate freely with all the people. Joe Sullivan was initially nervous that my clear concern about this would mean messing with his budgeting, stealing pete to pay paul. Once I reassured Joe that I was did not intend to re-open his financial decisions, but to find additional money to keep the VOA program alive through elections, he quit flinching.

I intend to get E.D.D.I. money - 600,000 will more than cover all expenses through 2001. A cheap price to pay for the potential impact. VOA folks told me that they have heard that VOA programming made all the difference in the Nigerian elections.

A.I.D. has come up with 200,000 to keep the show on thru Sept. I need to find my 600,000 by August 15. Everybody's happy now, and all think its the right decision (an amazing turn-around from the sniping I had been hearing).
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See my other message on this (sent two minutes ago). I'll call Dick on Monday, after we get all of our ducks in a row.

From: Rice, Susan E.
To: Prendergast, John P.
CC: @AFRICA - African Affairs; /N, NonRecord
Subject: RE: VOA/Kinyarwanda [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, July 11, 1997 05:25 PM

I agree entirely with Charlie. Let's push back and cut Amhara, if necessary. I understand however that AID may be part of the problem. They funded this in the past and don't want to anymore. We should push AID as well. JP, you want to talk to McCall? This has been a very valuable program.

From: Prendergast, John P.
To: @AFRICA - African Affairs
CC: /N, NonRecord
Subject: VOA/Kinyarwanda [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, July 11, 1997 03:14 PM

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SUBJECT RE: VOA/Kinyarwanda [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Prendergast, John P.
Wilson, Damon M.
CARBON_COPY Barks-Ruggles, Erica
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McCormick, Shawn H.
Prendergast, John P.
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Wilson, Damon M.
Orr, Robert C.
Wilson, Joseph C.

TEXT_BODY

You don't have to end Amhara, just trim. The Rwanda service is small potatoes in terms of cost.

From: Prendergast, John P.
To: Wilson, Damon M.
CC: @AFRICA - African Affairs; /N, NonRecord
Subject: RE: VOA/Kinyarwanda [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Sunday, July 13, 1997 07:12 PM

Damon/Susan/ Joe/Shawn: Damon, go ahead and do some quick investigating. We can then coordinate and call Dick McCall and others on this later on Monday or early Tuesday. We should also intersect with Bogosian as well as Charlie Snyder, so that we have a unified message. Maybe we should indeed campaign to end the Amharic service in order to continue this.

From: Wilson, Damon M.
To: Prendergast, John P.
CC: @AFRICA - African Affairs; /N, NonRecord at A1
Subject: RE: VOA/Kinyarwanda [UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Friday, July 11, 1997 04:24
PM

John:
I'll help you punch. I think the Kinyarwandan service is extremely valuable and needed given the situation in Rwanda and eastern DROC (where there are many Kinyarwandan speakers). Having VOA service could help us with a possible justice initiative. Do we know VOA's rationale behind cutting this particular service? Do you want me to find out. I know Alan Heil (Deputy Director, VOA).

The Kirundi service is even more valuable though. Is it safe?

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DATE-TIME 12/18/97 6:58:14 PM
FROM Highsmith, Newell L.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT VOA & Wei [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Bader, Jeffrey A.

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TEXT_BODY I gave Natalie Wozniak a heads-up that the press guidance must be changed to take account of USIA/GC input. What's your view on the revised press guidance I sent? We will need to draft a background section so McCurry knows where the potholes are. Let's coordinate first thing Friday.
Exchange Mail

DATE-TIME  5/23/98 3:20:27 PM
FROM        Prendergast, John P.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT     VOA [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO          Barks-Ruggles, Erica
            Battenfield, Pat A.
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Pat, could you let me know the numbers for VOA -- Lieberman's deputy
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TO Naplan, Steven J. (MULTI)
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per Patrick Murphy, VOA's Sandy Unger is reportedly telling his staff that Stan Roth's comments were very helpful. No formal decision made yet.

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2. Gayle wants us to get on the line with her in Algiers so call me when you get in. We'll get her on the line.

3. Gayle, Susan, and Tony are all standing by to do phone interviews with the press tomorrow after the signing (3 pm local). She had already contacted VOA and is ready to talk to them. How about Post...Times...NPR??

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Jimmie Purvis
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
July 12, 1995

Dear Geoff:

Thank you for your letter of June 23. I share your concerns and agree that significant changes in VOA language broadcasting are a foreign policy and national security issue. I understand the value of strong VOA programming and support the need to protect VOA resources. I want to assure you that the NSC is fully engaged in seeking to protect these resources consistent with the President’s budget.

I also recognize the very real possibility that VOA cuts may require difficult choices. Under the circumstances, I believe that the NSC should be fully engaged in the difficult process of prioritizing VOA broadcasting.

I have asked Mort Halperin to follow up with you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Samuel Berger
Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

Mr. Geoffrey Cowan
Director
Voice of America
330 Independence Ave., SW
Washington D.C. 20547
Memorandum for Samuel Berger

Through: Morton H. Halperin

From: Matthew Lorin


Geoffrey Cowan has written to you requesting that the National Security Council play a role in decisions concerning program changes at VOA.

Mr. Cowan argues that severe cut-backs will force VOA to reduce the number of languages in which it broadcasts. He claims that these decisions, which should be made by the incoming Broadcast Board of Governors, are a national security concern. He also suggests that some decisions may be necessary before the Board is fully constituted.

Attached at Tab I is your letter in response to Mr. Cowan acknowledging the national security concerns and advising him that Morton Halperin will be contacting him.

Recommendation

That you sign the attached letter.

Attachment
Tab I Berger Letter to Cowan
Tab A Incoming Correspondence
June 23, 1995

The Honorable Samuel R. Berger
Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington DC, 20500

Dear Sandy:

As you know, there is a very real possibility that the budget for international broadcasting will be cut substantially in FY96 and FY97. In preparing for any such cuts, we would like to solicit the advice of the National Security Council.

To be a bit more specific, the figures contained in the H.R. 1561 would cut the International Broadcasting Bureau’s budget by about $113 million, or 30 percent, over a two year period. Those cuts would come on top of the 20 percent reduction that we have already achieved during the past two years. At the VOA, where we now broadcast in English and 46 other languages, we estimate that we will have to cut some 20 to 25 language services to meet the FY97 figures. The realities of federal budgeting will require us to begin to make those cuts by early fall.

Since there is no way to make such deep cuts without having an impact on U.S. national security, the NSC should have a significant voice in our decision making. Under the terms of the International Broadcasting Act, the final responsibility for choosing languages resides with the Broadcasting Board of Governors, but as a practical matter we may be compelled to make some of the crucial decisions before its members are confirmed by the Senate.
I would like to suggest that IBB Acting Director Joe Bruns and I get together with you sometime soon to discuss a process by which the NSC could prepare its own recommendations by late August or early September. I will give you a call in a few days to try to arrange such a meeting.

Best wishes,

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I have asked Morton Halperin to follow-up. He will be contacting you in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

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