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National Security Council
Derosa (Legal Advisor)
OA/Box Number: 2952

FOLDER TITLE:

Voice of America [1]

Jimmie Purvis

2006-0165-F

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RESTRICTION CODES

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Highsmith, Newell L.

From: Highsmith, Newell L.
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 1998 4:27 PM
To: Baker, James E.
Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor
Subject: Rwanda Hate Radio [UNCLASSIFIED]

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I talked to Jamie Metzl about our meeting with Jim Steinberg on this proposal. I told him that we explained the "procedures" that have been worked out -- however informally -- with BBG regarding communicating our policy guidance, particularly in the Farsi language context. We further explained that the risk of a BBG or VOA blow-up was relatively small because the issue involved resource allocation (not editorial content) and was even less controversial than the Farsi language broadcasting. (Jamie noted that VOA had actually proposed the increased Rwanda broadcasting.)

I told Jamie that Jim's conclusion was that State should make the necessary call, that he is not convinced that there is a reason for NSC to undertake any risk, however small. I also relayed Jim's willingness to call Pickering or whoever to underscore the importance of the call.

Jamie believes that a call from State would be much less effective (not clear why that would be the case). He asked if he could represent to Jim that Legal would get BBG's prior consent to the conference call. I replied that he must first convince Jim that there is a compelling reason for NSC to call rather than State. Then the issue of risk reduction could be addressed. I also relayed that Jim wanted to deal with Eric on this and advised that Jamie get Eric involved in any followup with Jim. (Unfortunately, Eric will be in Australia for a while.) Not clear what Jamie's next move will be.

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002. briefing paper	re: Wei Broadcast on VOA/WorldNet (2 pages)	12/19/1997	P5
003. email	Newell L. Highsmith to Jeffrey A. Bader; re: VOA Guidance (1 page)	12/18/1997	P5 6067
004b. email	Jeffrey A. Bader to Newell L. Highsmith et al; re: Daily Guidance Update (1 page)	12/19/1997	P5 6068
004c. email	Newell L. Highsmith to Natalie S. Wozniak et al; re: Daily Guidance Update (1 page)	12/18/1997	P5

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Highsmith, Newell L.

From: Highsmith, Newell L.
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 1997 3:33 PM
To: Bader, Jeffrey A.
Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor; Luzzatto, Anne R.
Subject: VOA Guidance [UNCLASSIFIED]

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Jeff -- In response to your query, I called USIA/GC again about the distinction between WorldNet TV and VOA. They say they tried valiantly to find a legal distinction between the two to support the statements made by USIA Director Duffey, but could find none. They suspect that he would back off his assertions if it became an issue. The best approach, then, seems to be: (1) don't continue to repeat the assertion that a meaningful distinction exists between the USIA Director's authority over WorldNet versus VOA; and (2) don't draw attention to the issue by trying to correct past statements. We should just emphasize that it is entirely proper for the Administration to convey foreign policy concerns with respect to VOA and WorldNet broadcasts, and that's what was done here.

Baker, James E.

From: Highsmith, Newell L.
Sent: Friday, December 19, 1997 8:53 AM
To: Bader, Jeffrey A.
Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor
Subject: RE: DAILY GUIDANCE UPDATE [UNCLASSIFIED]

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I faxed the new guidance to USIA/GC and they will get Duffey's clearance.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bader, Jeffrey A.
Sent: Friday, December 19, 1997 8:25 AM
To: Highsmith, Newell L.; Wozniak, Natalie S.; Luzzatto, Anne R.
Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor; @ASIA - Asian Affairs
Subject: RE: DAILY GUIDANCE UPDATE [UNCLASSIFIED]

Newell, I have no problem with it, but I hope USIA General Counsel will show it to Duffey. The addition about Duffey asking the Broadcasting Board of governors not to go ahead with WorldNet troubles me. Duffey thought he had the authority not to proceed with WorldNet; his General Counsel seems to think the authority rests with the Board acting on advice from Duffey. I do not want to say anything, or set a precedent, that seems to undercut the authority of the Director of USIA on such matters. It's up to USIA, with its General counsel's participation, to sort out what procedures they have to follow in such matters, but I don't want to use that language unless Duffey's on board. Can you assure USIA General Counsel clears that language with Duffey? Jeff

-----Original Message-----

From: Highsmith, Newell L.
Sent: Thursday, December 18, 1997 3:07 PM
To: Wozniak, Natalie S.; Luzzatto, Anne R.; Bader, Jeffrey A.
Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor
Subject: FW: DAILY GUIDANCE UPDATE [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

I have made changes to the press guidance to reflect the corrections we received this afternoon from USIA general counsel.

The briefer should be aware that the relevant statute establishes a procedure for conveying foreign policy concerns to US broadcasting elements: SecState should convey them to the USIA director, who should in turn convey them to the Broadcasting Board of Governors (chaired by Mr. Burke, who was calling the episode disgraceful). We are not concerned that NSC conveyed the concerns rather than SecState, but critics might argue that direct communications with the VOA director and the IBB director by NSC and by USIA Director Duffey were improper. (USIA Gen. Counsel is not prepared at this time to say that they were improper, but they clearly did not follow the statutory procedure.) Bottom line: conveying foreign policy concerns was okay, but the means of conveying them may be criticized. The revised points do not address this issue head-on. Let us know if you want to do that (or to have contingency points on the issue).

In addition, be aware that McCurry's briefing yesterday afternoon highlighted the distinction between VOA and USIA TV (or WorldNet TV). USIA general counsel says this distinction cannot be maintained, so the new guidance deletes such references. It's up to you whether you want to try to correct yesterday's statements. I don't think a correction is essential, but we should be careful to avoid any repetition.

One change reflects a point that USIA Director Duffey wants us to emphasize -- that he approached VOA and IBB directors, not working-level journalists. I leave it up to you whether you want to include that for him.

-----Original Message-----

From: Wozniak, Natalie S.
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 1997 7:50 PM
To: @ALLNSC - NSC Staff
Subject: DAILY GUIDANCE UPDATE [UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

Please review and forward your updates IN BOLD TO @ PRESS by 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 18. Thanks.

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001. email	Re: Clinton Names Deputy Staff to Head of VOA. Sent at 21:03:42.99 (1 page)	12/10/1996	P2 6069
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003. email	VOA. From William Antholis. Sent at 07:56:48.00 (2 pages)	09/12/1997	P6/b(6)
004. email	VOA. From William Antholis. (2 pages)	09/20/1997	P6/b(6)

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Adam Bergfeld
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RECORD TYPE: PRESIDENTIAL (ALL-IN-1 MAIL)

CREATOR: Dennis Burke (BURKE_D) (OPD)

CREATION DATE/TIME: 10-DEC-1996 21:03:42.99

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SUBJECT: RE: CLINTON NAMES DEPUTY STAFF CHIEF TO HEAD VOA

TO: Leanne A. Shimabukuro

(SHIMABUKUR_L) (OPD)

READ: 10-DEC-1996 21:03:56.40

TEXT:

...wonder what they did w/ that Cowan guy?

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003. email	Newell L. Highsmith to Glyn T. Davies et al; re: Independence of Broadcast Board/VOA (2 pages)	01/26/1998	P5 6071 Dup.
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DATE-TIME 12/18/97 4:44:57 PM
FROM Bader, Jeffrey A.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: VOA Guidance [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Highsmith, Newell L.

CARBON_COPY

TEXT_BODY Newell, That sounds like a sensible approach to me. Jeff

-----Original

Message-----

From: Highsmith, Newell L.

Sent: Thursday, December

18, 1997 3:33 PM

To: Bader, Jeffrey A.

Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor;

Luzzatto, Anne R.

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DATE-TIME 1/26/98 2:48:29 PM
FROM Highsmith, Newell L.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Independence of Broadcast Board/VOA [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Schwartz, Eric P.

CARBON_COPY

TEXT_BODY Sorry. Is there anything we should add (or subtract)?

-----Original

Message-----

From: Schwartz, Eric P.

Sent: Monday, January 26,
1998 1:18 PM

To: Highsmith, Newell L.

Subject: FW: Independence
of Broadcast Board/VOA [UNCLASSIFIED]

I would like to have seen
this before you sent it forward.

Eric

-----Original Message-----

From: Highsmith,
Newell L.

Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 12:42 PM

To: @NSA - Natl

Security Advisor

Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor; Schwartz, Eric P.

Subject: Independence
of Broadcast Board/VOA [UNCLASSIFIED]

Please pass to SRB:

Sandy

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I understand that you asked at last Friday's Senior Staff Meeting about the degree of independence that the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) and the VOA have from the foreign policy direction/guidance of the President and the State Department. Briefly, the situation is as follows:

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1. The U.S. International Broadcasting Act of 1994 gave the Broadcasting Board of Governors (appointed by the President) authority to "direct and supervise all broadcasting activities" of VOA, WorldNet, and Cuban radio and TV, as well as Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty, and Radio Free Asia. The International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB), headed by Kevin Klose, runs VOA and Worldnet under BBG direction.

2. The Act states that all such broadcasting shall be "consistent with the broad foreign policy objectives of the U.S."

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Counsel for the BBG asserts that this requirement must be read narrowly

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that is, BBG need only consult State about editorials, new target countries, and new languages in which they will broadcast.

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We are not convinced that BBG can decide to broadcast to a new country or in a new language over the foreign policy objections of State, NSC, or certainly the President. The statute does not help much in reconciling potential conflicts between BBG "supervision and direction" and State/NSC foreign policy guidance. The President could fire the Board for ignoring our foreign policy objections, but that would be a drastic measure. We are looking at other arguments regarding the BBG's responsibility not to initiate country or language services contrary to our foreign policy interests, and we are consulting informally with Justice on whether there is a Constitutional override here.

3. The Act further provides that, "to assist the Board in carrying out its functions, SecState, acting through the Director of USIA, shall provide information and guidance on foreign policy issues to the Board."

-- BBG believes that foreign policy guidance must flow through the BBG, and that direct contact with IBB or the broadcast entities is impermissible. It further believes that BBG has final authority to make decisions, bearing in mind the State input.

-- We agree that the Act contemplates specific avenues of communication of foreign policy guidance to the broadcast elements of USIA. We have already met with USIA counsel and BBG counsel to get their views on how such communications should be made. In the next couple of weeks, we will circulate draft guidance for

such communications prior to further discussions with USIA and BBG.

We will push for pcedures that are practical and not unduly cumbersome.

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008. email	Newell T. Highsmith to Glyn T. Davies et al; re: Independence of Broadcast Board/VOA (2 pages) 3	01/30/1998	P5	6074
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DATE-TIME 1/29/98 5:34:06 PM
FROM Highsmith, Newell, L.
CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED
SUBJECT RE: Independence of Broadcast Board/VOA [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Metzl, Jamie F.

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TEXT_BODY

The only name I have is Kathleen Harrington, the Chief of Staff, who is supposed to be calling me. I'm not aware of anyone other than her who might attend. It's not a large staff. Until I hear from her, we can't even assume that BBG will attend.

-----Original

Message-----

From: Metzl, Jamie F.
Sent: Thursday, January 29,
1998 5:34 PM
To: Highsmith, Newell L.
Subject: RE: Independence
of Broadcast Board/VOA [UNCLASSIFIED]

Do we have a name from BBG.
That would be at least a start. Thanks,
Jamie

-----Original Message-----

From: Highsmith,
Newell L.
Sent: Thursday, January 29, 1998 5:17 PM
To: Metzl,
Jamie F.
Subject: RE: Independence of Broadcast Board/VOA [UNCLASSIFIED]

No
news. Around 3:30, I reminded their attorney that I needed an answer. He said the Chief of Staff was out of the office for a while. I'm not optimistic that IBB will be able to attend. As you may have heard, the Iran mtg long planned for this afternoon was postponed because IBB or BBG, at the last minute, insisted that we meet at their building out of fear that a mtg at NSC would suggest undue pressure. This kind of silliness has plagued our recent dealings with BBG/IBB/VOA. In any case, Harrington has been reminded that

she owes us an answer. But you should be prepared to conduct a meeting with USIA and possibly BBG present, but possibly without IBB

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From: Metzl, Jamie F.

Sent: Thursday, January 29,
1998 5:09 PM

To: Highsmith, Newell L.

Subject: RE: Independence
of Broadcast Board/VOA [UNCLASSIFIED]

Any news from BBG yet?

-----Original

Message-----

From: Highsmith, Newell L.

Sent: Thursday, January
29, 1998 8:50 AM

To: Metzl, Jamie F.

Subject: FW: Independence
of Broadcast Board/VOA [UNCLASSIFIED]

Eric asked me to forward
this discussion of questions raised by SRB concerning BBG and VOA.
Let me know if you need anything else.

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Sent: Monday, January 26, 1998 12:42 PM

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Cc: @LEGAL - Legal Advisor; Schwartz, Eric P.

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