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013a. letter	Translated letter from Havel to POTUS re: Radio Free Europe (1 page)	08/20/93	P1/b(1)
013b. letter	Untranslated letter from Havel to POTUS re: Radio Free Europe (1 page)	08/20/93	P1/b(1)
014. memo	Ernest Wilson to Nancy Soderberg et al. re: Radios (1 page)	10/21/93	P1/b(1)
015. memo	Paster to Joe Duffy et al. re: USIA and Radio Liberty and Free Europe (1 page)	09/27/93	P5 6052

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TO: Howard Paster
Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs

FROM: Gordon Adams - OMB
Jeremy Rosner - NSC
Doug Wilson - USIA

DATE: September 1, 1993

SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING: SUMMARY AND OPTIONS

Radio

Summary

The President's plan for consolidation of international broadcasting services is included in S. 1281 (the FY 94-95 Foreign Relations Authorization Act), which is awaiting floor action.

As you know, there's a problem: Senator Joe Biden. Biden is passionate on the issue of independence for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty (RFE/RL). While he'd originally wanted to see RFE, RL and the Voice Of America (VOA) under a totally independent organization, he supported the Administration's overall plan to put all the radios under a Board of Governors within (but at arms length from) USIA.

However, Biden is adamant that RFE and RL remain an independent corporation (that is, retain "grantee status") under this new system. The Administration determined that grantee status would impede broadcasting flexibility and promote employee inequity (and cost more in the long run), and said no. Biden lost on this issue, 15-4, last month in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. As a result, Biden held up pre-recess consideration of S. 1281, and has vowed to restore grantee status to RFE/RL, even if it means filibustering the entire bill.

Many in the Administration and on the Hill (including several of Biden's Senate Foreign Relations Committee colleagues and even some of his own staff) are puzzled by his intransigence on this issue. Most people believe that Biden's longtime concerns about the independence and integrity of surrogate broadcasting (and the journalists who staff it) have been more than addressed with the creation of a very strong Broadcasting Board of Governors, with policy and financial powers to provide a significant "firewall" against government "interference" in international broadcasting. Even the majority of neoconservatives (the Ben Wattenbergs and Lane Kirklands), who argued successfully to retain RFE/RL, are generally satisfied with the Administration's plan and unwilling to fall on

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their swords on the grantee issue. However, for Biden, the grantee issue has become the one and only litmus test of independence.

Before recess, Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell **COPY** wanted the Administration and Biden to "work out the differences" before the bill comes to the floor. However, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chair Claiborne Pell and Senate International Ops Subcommittee Chair John Kerry are pushing the Administration hard to weigh in with Mitchell and get the bill to the floor.

Pell and Kerry had been looking for face-saving ways to accommodate Biden on the grantee issue, but were extremely irritated when Biden called for additional hearings on the issue (under the auspices of his SFRC Europe Subcommittee) after he lost, 15-4, in full Committee. At this point, both Pell and Kerry are much less interested in finding a face-saving way to accommodate Biden than in getting the authorization bill to the floor. They think that, after much sound and fury, Biden will lose: he doesn't have the votes to sustain a filibuster or to restore grantee status on the floor. Pell and Kerry are correct.

The Administration is on record opposing the restoration of grantee status (see attached letter from Tony Lake to John Kerry). So are Sen. Russ Feingold (as adamant against grantee status as Biden is adamant for it) and the public employee unions. The latter are already disturbed about perceived employee inequities between RFE/RL and VOA personnel, and promise to be even more vocal if the Administration is seen to "cave" to Biden on this issue.

At this point, we think there are only two options:

- Option 1: Stay the course. Tell Joe Biden the Administration can't backtrack on the grantee issue, and tell George Mitchell we've tried to accommodate Biden; we can't; and we want the authorization bill to go to the floor. Administration stands pat behind it's bill, and Biden fails either to sustain a filibuster or to restore grantee status. Downside: An unhappy Biden with a long memory -- which could be harmful to USIA, in particular, if he becomes Chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. (FYI, USIA Director Joe Duffey and Deputy Director Penn Kemble are both willing to take this risk and "go to the mat" with Biden.)

- Option 2: Hold the grantee issue for "further study". To address Biden's concerns about the cost and independence problems which he thinks will result from terminating grantee status, let the issue ride until a consolidation transition team gathers more facts and figures -- and have the new Board of Governors make the final decision. Downsides: (a) Administration looks like it's caving -- particularly to Feingold and the public employee unions; (b) Carefully-balanced consolidation plan could start to unravel as Feingold

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starts to make new demands of his own -- and unions call on Hill allies to pick at other perceived personnel problems with the bill.

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Biden may be looking for a face-saving way out of all this, and Option 2 might be that way. However, we are not prepared to recommend that option to you at this point. Instead, we recommend the following:

1. You call Biden sometime this week, as you had planned to do, to see for yourself where he's at on this issue -- but promising him nothing.
2. You meet with the three of us at the end of this week, to discuss these two options and arrive at a final decision.

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September 27, 1993

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MEMORANDUM FOR JOE DUFFY
JEREMY ROSNER
AL MALDON
DOUG WILSON
WENDY SHERMAN

FROM: HOWARD PASTER *HP*

SUBJECT: USIA AND RADIO LIBERTY AND FREE EUROPE

1. Senator Biden called Friday, September 24 to report a number of his colleagues, including Senator Helms, had recently approached him to offer to help on a filibuster against the current consolidation plan. Strengthened by this support, Senator Biden has reaffirmed to Senator Mitchell his intention to try to filibuster the bill. We might still be able to win; but it is a fight we will not like.
2. I have asked the Senator to prepare possible compromises and await word from him or his staff. I do prefer leaving the burden with them for now, although we need to be thinking of suggestions we can make for ending the impasse.
3. It is time for someone with substantive expertise, probably Joe Duffy, to call upon Senator Biden as a follow up to my visit of several weeks ago.
4. I want to stress to all concerned that it is in the President's interest to avoid the confrontation toward which we are moving. I am prepared to arrange a meeting on this subject between the President and Senator Biden if we have a constructive suggestion that may lead to a compromise.

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003. email	Wilson to Berger et al. re: Meeting with BIB's Chair Rep. Dan Mica (2 pages)	06/10/93	P1/b(1), P5
004. email	Wilson to Jeremy Rosner re: Writing Broadcast Legislation (1 page)	06/18/93	P1/b(1)
005. email	Wilson to Neal Wolin re: Exec-Leg Branch Relations-B'Cast (1 page)	06/18/93	P1/b(1), P5
006. email	Wilson to Paul Clarke re: Language Service Cuts in RFE (1 page)	06/22/93	P1/b(1), P5
007. email	Wolin to Wilson re: RFE/RL: OLC Comment (1 page)	06/23/93	P5 6053
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009. email	Daniel Fried to Wilson et al. re: RFE/RL Update (1 page)	09/08/93	P1/b(1)
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Ernest J. Wilson III

(WILSON)

FROM:

Neal S. Wolin
(WOLIN)

SUBJECT:

RFE\RL: OLC comment

Ernie,

Dan Koffsky, Acting Asst Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel, just called to give me a head's up on an issue relating to the BIB/USIA legislation that has now come through for formal OMB inter-agency coordination (OLC provides a legal opinion in all cases as part of that coordination). Koffsky mentioned that OLC is going to comment on a provision of the bill that none of us have previously discussed: namely, the provision that provides party (as in partisan affiliation) restrictions on board members. Koffsky says that OLC has had a longstanding practice of recommending that such language be taken out of legislation not involving independent agencies on the grounds that the President should be free to pick whomever he wants for such positions free of such a restriction.

As a matter of process, OLC's comment will go to DOJ/Legislative Affairs, who in turn will, transmit it to OMB.

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002b. memo	Berger et al. to Leon Panetta et al. re: Personnel Appointments Related to International Broadcasting (4 pages)	ca. 12/96	P2, P5 6054
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005. email	William Danvers to National Security Advisor et al. re: Cuba Broadcasting (1 page)	06/20/97	P2, P5 6055
006. memo	Nash et al. to POTUS re: Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting [draft] (5 pages)	06/27/97	P2, P5
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009a. memo	Armstrong to Berger re: Berger-Nash Memo to POTUS on Cuba Broadcasting Board (2 pages)	06/05/97	P2, P5

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COPYACTIONMEMORANDUM FOR LEON E. PANETTA
ERSKINE BOWLES
HAROLD ICKESFROM: SAMUEL R. BERGER
BOB NASH
JOHN HILLEYSUBJECT: Personnel Appointments Related to International
BroadcastingPurpose

To determine a strategy for updating membership of the Presidential Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting, the Directorship of Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB) and the Directorship of International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB).

Background

President Clinton on April 30, 1994, signed the International Broadcasting Act of 1994, which reorganized the USG's international broadcasting operations, including Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty RFE/RL. With savings projected to surpass \$240 million, the President touted the reorganization as one of our more significant re-engineering accomplishments.

Under the new law, the Bureau of International Broadcasting (BIB) was abolished and replaced by a new bipartisan Broadcasting Board of Governors placed within USIA. This new Board was given the power to "direct and supervise all broadcasting activities including those under the Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act, and the Television Broadcasting to Cuba Act," as well as "to review, evaluate and supervise grants for broadcasting and related activities ... and to allocate funds appropriated for international broadcasting..." (The Act also declared the sense of Congress that funding of RFE/RL should be assumed by the private sector not later than December 31, 1999.)

USIA, State Department and we believe that the advent of the second administration provides an opportunity to review the various Board memberships, fill vacancies on the Cuban Broadcasting Advisory Board, and lay the groundwork for more effective processes for membership renewal. The apparent conflict in authorities created by the Broadcasting Act and

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cc: Vice President

interpersonal tensions between the BBG, USIA and the Office of Cuba Broadcasting have brought Cuba broadcasting problems to the fore over the past year.

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It is also an appropriate time to fill the Directorship of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, vacant for the past year and a half after Director Lobo left amid staff allegations that he permitted Presidential Advisory Board Chairman Jorge Mas Canosa to exert "undue influence" on personnel and programming decisions at OCB. (A Federal arbitration judge has exonerated OCB of the charges concerning personnel irregularities, but the State Inspector General is still investigating alleged improprieties regarding programming.)

We understand that Senator Helms and other Members of Congress are preparing legislation that they believe will diminish the tensions between broadcast entities. They have concluded that BBG was given too much authority under the International Broadcasting Act of 1994 and seek to rescind the BBG's administrative authorities and reduce its status to that of an advisory board. We believe it is premature, in light of President Clinton's strong support for the Act, to endorse such an initiative. Action on pending personnel issues should help contribute to greater effectiveness and harmony among broadcasting entities. Once these personnel are in place, we should work with the Congress on such legislative adjustment as may prove desirable.

Issue #1: Renewal of the Cuba Advisory Board

The Presidential Advisory Board for Radio Broadcasting to Cuba was formed in 1984 to review the effectiveness of activities carried out under the Cuba Broadcasting Act and make recommendations to the President and the Director of USIA. The current nine-member board (including Chairman Jorge Mas Canosa) was appointed for three-year terms by President Reagan in 1984. President Bush did not renew any members' terms after 1989, but the Board and its Chairman continue to serve, until such time as new appointments are made, as authorized by the law. Two members have died, and the terms of the seven others technically expired several years ago.

We recommend that you authorize Presidential Personnel to begin the process of identifying candidates to fill vacancies on the Board and replace sitting members in a phased fashion. A sudden clean sweep of the Chairman and the entire Board is not as important as establishing a reliable mechanism for rotating new members in and out. Although a controversial figure in many circles, for example, Mr. Mas is indisputably the most influential Cuban-American leader and has tremendous experience in Cuba broadcasting -- suggesting that an unceremonious and precipitous removal may be counterproductive. We recommend that Mr. Mas be offered a post serving as "Chairman Emeritus" and ex

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officio member of the Board, an arrangement which would in the future also be extended to subsequent retiring chairmen.

To prepare for this transition, we recommend that Presidential Personnel be authorized to undertake to appoint a Chair who will serve for a three-year term upon Mr. Mas's departure as a full-time member of the Board. In consulting on replacements, we would be flexible regarding the timing of the change in order to ensure an orderly handover and a graceful exit for Mr. Mas. Senator Graham, in whose constituency the Cuba Broadcasting headquarters is now located, should be consulted, and is likely to be willing to help facilitate a smooth transition. We would also consult with the Cuban-American community and other Members of Congress as appropriate.

Issue #2: Appointment of Director of Office of Cuba Broadcasting

The absence of a permanent Director of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting for the past 18 months has given rise to problems typical of prolonged management absences. It has also fueled the allegations that Mr. Mas has "undue influence" over the TV and Radio Marti's day-to-day operations because the Acting Director, Rolando Bonachea, is widely seen as a personal friend of Mr. Mas. The allegations remain unproved but have undermined Marti's public image and led some on-island listeners to give credence to Cuban government propaganda that Radio Marti is merely a political tool of Mr. Mas and the Cuban-American National Foundation he heads.

We recommend that you authorize Presidential Personnel to identify an individual to assume the post of OCB Director. We understand that USIA Director Duffey and BBG Chairman David Burke both have preferred candidates that Personnel may desire to take into consideration.

Issue #3: Appointment of Director of International Broadcasting Board

The Director of the International Broadcasting Board (IBB), Geoff Cowan, retired last month. Mr. Cowan, who served concurrently as Director of the Voice of America, was the primary interface and implementing agent of the BBG. The 1994 International Broadcasting Act provides that this position be chosen by the Chairman of the BBG with concurrence of the majority of the Board. However, Mr. Burke, himself a Presidential appointment, should be amenable to cooperating with the administration on personnel issues.

We recommend that you encourage Mr. Burke to move expeditiously and in close consultation with Presidential Personnel and other interested parties to hire a new IBB Director or make the Director of the Voice of America double-hatted as Chairman of the IBB as Mr. Cowan was.

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Need to Improve Cooperation

At this juncture, we do not see a need to alter the membership of the Broadcast Board of Governors, which was appointed only months ago, and its staff. Differing legal interpretations of the BBG's exact mandate have made for a difficult transition, and personality issues and personnel conflicts have exacerbated tensions. We are hopeful that the aforementioned personnel changes, coupled with improved cooperation between the BBG, IBB and USIA will obviate the need for additional personnel changes, such as replacement of Mr. Burke as Chairman of the BBG. There is some possibility that Mr. Burke might choose to resign if a decision is made to extend Mr. Mas's tenure as Chairman of the Advisory Board, in which case a replacement would need to be identified.

Keeping Burke will draw opposition from Joe Duffey and some Members on the Hill. Following Burke's controversial *60 Minutes* interview in which he criticized Mr. Mas and TV Marti, several members of Congress, including Torricelli and Menendez, wrote to the President asking for Burke's resignation. Tab A includes a memo from Penn Kemble which outlines the problems. Assuming Burke chooses to stay, he should be encouraged to consult more closely with the head of USIA and appropriate White House offices in the exercise of his policy functions. We might also try and provide some guidance on the BBG's mandate.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize consultations with the Cuban-American community, Senator Graham and other Members of Congress as appropriate, Mr. Burke and Mr. Duffey on the proposals outlined above; and, assuming that these consultations go well, that you authorize Presidential Personnel to begin identifying candidates to serve on the Presidential Advisory Board on Cuba Broadcasting, including one to assume the chairmanship; to make Mr. Mas and subsequent chairs "Chairman Emeritus" and ex officio members of the board; to identify a new Director of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting; and to work with BBG to identify a new Director of IBB (or appoint the Director of the Voice of America to serve concurrently as Director of VOA and IBB).

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab A Letter from Penn Kemble

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Note for Sandy and Jim:

We have had some quiet conversations with Menendez and Graham's office about proposed changes. Have a good read out from Menendez but would like to talk to you about this in person. On Graham, have only talked to staff who did not talk to Graham directly. Will ask staff to go to Graham directly to get his reaction, but may have to ask you or Jim Dobbins to call him if you feel the President needs to know his reaction to make up his mind about the ultimate decision.

Would like to talk to you about this further on Monday.

Thanks.

Lula 647.9930

Chc

Maria E. 62930

Margerie →

Charles D. 456 5263

Sue Waelensky 619.5633

Head of TV + office of Cuba.

David Burke - 401 3736

To the TH suspension in July.
immigration talks -

Sherry Valarosa 645-9038
Shu E.

Torcelli + Mack -
not going to let names
there

Graham - ok to remove
but with dignity.

Jorge And. Father.

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All but two of the current Board for International Broadcasting (BIB) positions are being held by individuals whose terms are long-expired and who were named by Presidents Reagan and/or Bush.

These individuals have ^{negatively} ~~actively~~ and significantly affected the debate on the President's plan to consolidate international broadcasting, and have frequently operated independently in dealings with Congress and with the press to advocate their own, rather than the Administration's views. This ad hoc, independent advocacy by BIB members with expired terms have led to significant loss of Administration credibility among key members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee -- and the ultimate crafting of a compromise to which the Administration was a sideline observer (and a compromise which resulted in potentially severe adverse financial consequences to USIA).

~ The consolidation legislation was passed by voice vote in the Senate on January 25, and now awaits final Senate passage of the State authorization act before going to conference in late February. Immediately upon final passage, a transition period begins which will involve the development of all key issues involved in implementing the broadcast consolidation. If those currently in BIB decision-making positions are not removed, a controversial and chaotic transition period (during which Administration credibility and power to control the transition will remain at a nadir) is virtually assured.

If these people are not removed, you will have republican nominees, with no interest in supporting the president - in control of money the President hasn't authorized.

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