

25 January 1961

Dear Dean:

With reference to your letter of January 17, 1961 regarding Radio Free Europe, Cord Meyer and I have revised the draft along the lines of your suggestion following your talk with the President. Undoubtedly the President or you may wish to change this draft. It occurred to me also that the President might want to include in the letter the stirring words of his inaugural, ". . . that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of liberty." If so, this would fit in well before the concluding paragraph.

I sincerely appreciated your help in this matter and your encouraging reference to the President's desire to make the letter "stronger and more cordial."

I also enclose the original signed copy of Mr. Beverly Murphy's letter to the President dated January 21, 1961, as well as the White House letter of last year.

Faithfully yours,

  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director

The Honorable Dean Rusk  
The Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

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Mr. W. B. Murphy  
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Dear Mr. Murphy:

Thank you for your letter of January 21 with regard to the Radio Free Europe Fund.

For many years I have been convinced that Radio Free Europe is a most valuable undertaking and that it is important that the American people should continue to contribute to its financial support.

The very fact that so many people here in the United States have been willing to give voluntarily to support RFE is proof to those on the other side of the Iron Curtain that they have not been forgotten and that they have here a reservoir both of good will and of deep concern for their plight.

It is only through measures of this kind that the truth can reach the satellite nations of Eastern Europe so long denied them by their own Communist regimes. The belief of the peoples of these nations in the future possibility of freedom and their will to resist ceaseless indoctrination depend on their having a continuing access to the type of news and information which RFE provides.

I congratulate you and your associates on the devotion and energy that you as private citizens have given to this endeavor and wish you success in your current fund-raising effort. I hope that Americans in all walks of life will contribute to this important cause.

Sincerely,

John F. Kennedy

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"Just in case" Jerry