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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. David M. Abshire
 Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations
 Department of State

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Radio Liquidation Study

Pursuant to Congressional action, support of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty by CIA was terminated with the end of Fiscal Year 1971. Since that time there has been considerable discussion in the Congress as to whether these entities should be continued or terminated. As an assistance to the Department in its assumption of the follow-on responsibility for U. S. Government support of these entities, we are forwarding herewith a study made within CIA in June 1971, pointed to the possibility that the Radios might have to terminate their operations at that time. This study was made on a contingency basis only, as indicated in the enclosed letter from General Cushman to the heads of the Radios, in order to predict the problems and cost that termination at that time might have involved. We understand that the Radios independently have updated some of these figures since that time, against the contingency that the termination might occur under newer circumstances. We hope this study will be of value to the Department in its continuing responsibilities.

/s/ W. E. Colby

W. E. Colby
 Executive Director-Comptroller

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