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With regard to the radio transmissions nothing definite has been fixed as yet. *Count PALFFY* and Count PALFFY, not together but each on his own, touched the point with French quarters at Innsbruck. They were very much interested in this problem and suggested that both politicians should talk it over with the above-mentioned two gentlemen. Minister AUBER also touched the problem on his side with Colonel FOURCAUD. When Count PALFFY was in Paris the last time before last he got certain promises, that is he was told he should think about the possible staff etc., and an "amateur" could only work in Austria or Germany as in Paris it is impossible. There was internal talk about who would be suitable and the idea was to make it, by all means, near Innsbruck. But PALFFY did not want to commit himself to these French people nor did he fix anything. Mr. AUBER's plan was to have Count FOURCAUD's collaboration in the transmissions as he had already worked in Budapest as commentator. I personally and also PALFFY -- at least that is my impression -- believe that this radio would be one of the most important questions to be solved as EVERYBODY who comes out of Hungary agrees that ALL people expect radio messages as a sort of "bread" and long to listen to foreign news just as the BBC emissions had such an enthusiastic echo during the war. But I am convinced -- according to ALL reports of people coming out -- that it would be a failure to make it under French sponsorship as in these Eastern countries the belief is that there is only ONE issue at stake and that is the diplomatic or whatever sort of fight between Russia and the USA which is so deeply anchored that oppositional people consider America as the only antagonist of Communism in these countries. So, if an oppositional radio which is expected to give them faith and hope is to speak from French quarters, they will not have confidence in it.

Of course these French Zone Bureau people told PALFFY that it is only on military territory that such a radio could work. As to financing the whole matter, nothing has been settled yet. PALFFY contacted a few people that is myself, GUSSEWFFY and Mr. BELGAR who worked at the Hungarian radio and now works at the Information Ministry as Yugoslav translator. He has a French wife and is said to be a first rate expert. Mr. BELGAR would be willing to go wherever it is needed. Of course I would do it with great pleasure too because I am convinced that it is one of the most important problems with all the nations because it would be the one tangible proof that someone is interested in the state of their spirit, but I don't know if I would leave Paris. This radio problem is one of the reasons why I should have liked someone to contact PALFFY when he will be back to Paris.

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