

Assistant General Counsel

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Chief, FBIB

Request of Representative Dondero for texts of broadcasts beamed to American Slavs.

1. Reference your memorandum dated 3 March 1949, subject as above, these broadcasts, at no additional expense to FBIB, are made available to this branch by the BBC in London, and it is believed that FBIB would not be justified in altering present arrangements in order to provide special coverage at the request of a single client.

2. FBIB coverage of radio broadcasts and selectivity of information for dissemination purposes are based on specific requirements of the IAC agencies. Any adjustment of FBIB facilities to satisfy the wishes of individual clients would correspondingly diminish the value of our product to its most important consumers.

3. Furthermore, the relative significance of the material requested by Representative Dondero does not warrant FBIB coverage at the expense of more important broadcasts at our field stations employing suitable linguists, nor does it justify any increase in personnel at other field stations that otherwise could handle this assignment.

4. Moscow's weekly transmission for American Slavs is either in Ukrainian, Russian, Latvian, Estonian or Lithuanian. When it is in either of the latter two languages it is unmonitorable by the BBC because of lack of linguists. These broadcasts are usually prepared in summary form by the BBC monitors.

5. FBIB will be happy to supply all available coverage of Soviet broadcasts beamed to American Slavs to Representative Dondero, either in the form of rough copy transmitted from London or printing significant material in the Daily Report, which Representative Dondero receives.

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