

Attachment No. 1

One of the most potent political weapons in Central and Eastern Europe is the usage of the political satire technique. This technique is particularly well developed in Austria. It should also be kept in mind that German and the Austrian use of German in particular is the secondary language in the iron curtain countries neighboring Austria.

Austrian television suffered from a lack of funds. The Austrian shortwave broadcasting system is in need of increased power and is in a financial straight jacket. This was discussed last year in Vienna by CIA and USIA representatives.

Recommended action CIA, USIA and State discuss the possibility of assistance to the Austrian Broadcasting System with a view to encourage political satire programming in line with U.S. objectives via Austrian television and radio beamed to the Iron Curtain countries.

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Attachment No. 2

Sender Freies Berlin TV is in need of more power and program assistance. The political satire type programming discussed in Attachment 1 would be equally useful in this area.

It was understood that CIA would consider this project and its representative is requested to inform the Committee at the November 1 meeting of the progress achieved. Should no progress be reported it is recommended that State, CIA and USIA take similar action as proposed in Attachment 1.

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