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 OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
 Washington 25, D.C.

MEMORANDUM OF MEETING: Working Group - Committee on Broadcasting and
 Television (COBAT)

27th Meeting held 10:15 A.M. April 23, 1957
 OCB Conference Room #357

Working Group Members Present:

USIA - Robert E. Button, Chairman
 Frederick A. Long, Alternate
 CIA - Representative present
 ICA - Gerald Winfield
 Defense - Lt. Col. M. E. Williamson
 State - William A. McFadden
 Mrs. Florence Dowling, alternate
 OCB Staff - Ralph R. Busick, Staff Representative
 Marjorie M. Denny, Staff Assistant

Others Present:

USIA - Gerald Doohar

1. The minutes of the April 12 meeting were adopted with minor revisions. A corrected version is being distributed with this memorandum.

With reference to Para. 1.c. the Chairman informed the Committee that, although COBAT would concentrate on television projects, it would also continue to coordinate projects involving aid to foreign governments in the establishment or improvement of their radio broadcasting systems.

2. The Chairman informed COBAT of a despatch from Beirut (No. 38 of April 3, 1957, Confidential) on the basis of which he asked the Committee to reconsider and support the Beirut TV project. A paper proposing reactivation of the project for strategic reasons, and exploring possible sources of support, will be prepared for consideration at the next meeting.

3. With reference to extending an invitation to Indian TV technicians to visit the U.S. for training, the ICA representative stated that his agency had no project on TV-Communications in India under which it could extend such an invitation. The working group agreed that this problem might possibly be worked out through an I.E.S. grant.

4. The project of establishing an educational TV station at Rawalpindi for informing and training the Pakistan Armed Forces was discussed. The Defense Department has stated its position on the project; i.e., that it will furnish technical and program advice as requested. The State Department

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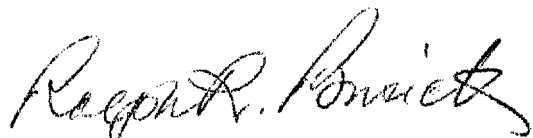
representative stated that since the project definitely came within USIA's Military Motivation Program, the only question would be whether the project as outlined were the most expeditious way to accomplish the desired mission. The ICA representative informed the Committee of a draft policy statement being prepared in his office which, if finally cleared, would change ICA's position somewhat so as to allow for possible participation in such projects.

5. Concerning the study on the development of educational TV for Indonesia, the ICA representative reported that, although this project had been considered, it had not been approved.

6. Teheran TV was next discussed. ICA informed that two technicians were being sent to Teheran. The Defense Representative reported that a request was coming into the Department of Defense for the establishment of an Armed Forces TV station in Teheran, and there was therefore the possibility that the military might cooperate with the commercial operation. The State Department representative suggested that, in view of the many other demands in Iran, it would be well to request a roundup of all available information from the Mission. The Committee agreed that a joint State-USIA-ICA message, to be drafted by State, should be sent to Teheran concerning this situation.

7. Discussion of the possibility of TV in Morocco was deferred until the next meeting, by which time more data on this situation will be available.

8. The next meeting will be at the call of the Chairman.



Ralph R. Busick
Staff Representative

Attachment: Corrected version of minutes of April 12 meeting.

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