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General Counsel

Assistant Director for Operations

Cypriot Regulations Affecting FBIS Interests

The following excerpts from progress reports of the Cyprus Party are forwarded for your information.

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"Employees and prospective employees of F.B.I.S. can enter Cyprus on ordinary visas secured from the nearest British Consul in Egypt or other foreign country. The British Consul then will telegraph the Principal Immigration Officer of Cyprus for authority to issue the visas, stating in each case that the individual concerned is an 'employee of [redacted]'. The Chief Colonial Secretary, Mr. H. G. Richards, will then personally see that the authority is promptly granted. After arrival, the visas can be extended for permanent residential status. Mr. Richards feels that we should have no difficulty in bringing in personnel of the various nationalities now represented among the key employees of our Cairo staff. We have the above arrangement in writing from Mr. Richards."

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23 February 1948

"Immunities From Customs Duties:

"The Attorney General of the Cyprus Government has advised that the provisions of Statute Law No. 28 of 1947 (Diplomatic Privileges Law) were not intended to be construed as applying to our project, nor could it be extended for our benefit. However, the Colonial Governor is issuing an order pursuant to authority contained in the Customs Laws of Cyprus, 1936, granting our project exemption from custom duties on all materials and equipment to be imported and used solely for the construction and operation of the Foreign Broadcast Monitoring Station. This order is made retroactive to Nov. 27, 1947."

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