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Chief, Mediterranean Bureau
Foreign Broadcast Information Service
Post Office Box 1
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Dear [Redacted]

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We have been advised by Mr. Harmon, International Broadcasting Division Engineer, State Department, that a letter has been received by the Department from Bill Porter, your Consul, which should be of interest and possibly concern to our organization. I have not seen this letter but understand that it pertains to a religious organization requesting permission to set up a missionary broadcasting station on Cyprus.

I am sure that you are well aware that we desire no transmitters on Cyprus that might conceivably interfere even to the slightest extent with our operation. Possibly you have not been aware that we objected very strenuously to the State Department putting a transmitter on Cyprus. Whether this influenced the British in their denial of State Department's request for establishment of this transmitter I do not know. A secret report No. 40 from the American Consulate, subject: "The Near East" Radio Station; Some Observations on British Broadcasts in the Arabic Language from Limassol, Cyprus, indicates conclusively that Bill Porter certainly isn't aware of the fact that we objected to this station being located on Cyprus.

I suggest that you contact Porter discreetly about this missionary broadcasting station and make him aware of the fact that we certainly do not desire any installation on Cyprus which would interfere to any extent whatever with our monitoring. Conceivably Mr. Porter might not appreciate the fact that we interfered with the State Department idea, hence I can see no useful purpose to be served by having him become aware of this.

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Sincerely,

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