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Chief, London Bureau  
Foreign Broadcast Information Service

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Dear [Redacted]

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While [Redacted] was in London the question of selection of material for the Eastern European Roundup was brought to his attention and in an attempt to clarify specifically what Washington desires with respect to the content of the Eastern European Roundup, the following points are listed for your consideration and for guidance of the roundup writer charged with this responsibility.

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First of all, it is desired that the roundup present a concise picture of the quantitative impact of current broadcasts from Eastern European radios. In general this could be summed up by a brief statement of the topics discussed and the number of times they are repeated during the period covered by the roundup.

Secondly, the selection of topics to be included in the Eastern European Roundup should be limited in general to commentary, including press and editorial comment, and expanded to include only those major breaks in the news which editorial judgment would dictate as worthy of inclusion.

The present roundup has been expanded to such an extent that it has lost its effectiveness as well as some of its usefulness and it is believed that it can be screened down by elimination of economic and political developments which have not merited the notice of Eastern European radio commentators.

In conclusion, it is suggested that in screening out economic information from the roundup, the wire editor must

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be cautioned not to omit similar items from the daily wire file. The roundup writer should be instructed to make use of his area knowledge to double check the Wire Editor on items which do not necessarily fit into the roundup but which should be filed by the Wire Editor.

Sincerely yours,

L. K. WHITE

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cc: Adm. Off.

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