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TO : Deputy Director (Administration)

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FROM : Acting Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Request for Change in T/O of Field Operations Staff, FBID

1. Although it is not listed as a separate unit in the T/O, that part of the Field Operations Staff, FBID which excludes the Operations Officer GS-13 and Clerk-Stenographer GS-5 is by function and by custom called the "Broadcast Information Section". The principal mission of this section is to supply various agencies of the government with current and significant information on foreign radio transmitters. Agencies served by the section include: CIA, FCC, Department of State, Bureau of Standards, Department of the Interior, and Department of Defense. In addition certain unclassified portions of this service are furnished public-spirited commercial enterprises. The Broadcast Information Section is unique in that it is the only unit in the government compiling and maintaining complete information on foreign broadcasting stations.

2. Since the establishment of the T/O of this section in 1947 the volume and importance of its work has increased to a point where it can no longer adequately perform its mission. This increased work load is clearly apparent when it is realized that between 1947 and 1951:

c. Publication of "Program Schedules of Foreign Broadcasting Stations" increased 128 per cent.

d. Total FBID T/O increased 45 per cent, FBID coverage 122%.

3. The increased importance of the work of the Broadcast Information Section to National Intelligence is evident in the general increase in importance attached to radio as a weapon of propaganda and psychological warfare.

4. In order to permit this section to properly perform its assigned mission, the following additional positions are believed necessary and it is requested that the FBID T/O be amended accordingly without delay.

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