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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 305

ANNEX "A"

Amend Section 305 by adding a new section "d" to read as follows:

"(d) The provisions of Sections 301 and 303 of this Act notwithstanding, the President may authorize a foreign Government, under such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, to construct and operate at the Seat of Government of the United States a low-power radio station in the fixed service at the site of the Embassy or Legation of such foreign Government for transmission of its messages to points outside the United States, where he determines that the authorization would be consistent with the national interest of the United States and where such foreign Government has provided substantial reciprocal privileges to the United States to construct and operate radio stations within territories subject to its jurisdiction. Foreign Government stations authorized pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall conform to such rules and regulations designed to prevent interference with other radio stations and the rights of others as the Commission may prescribe. The authorization of such stations, and the renewal, modification, suspension, revocation or other termination of such authority shall be in accordance with such procedures as may be established by the President and shall not be subject to the other provisions of this Act or of the Administrative Procedure Act."

Amend Section 3 by adding a new subsection "hh" to read as follows:

"(hh) Fixed service means a service of radiocommunication between specified points."

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington

Jan 29 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL ROBERT CUTLER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: International Diplomatic Communications

Reference is made to your memorandum of January 17 under cover of which you transmitted a copy of Mr. Hoover's letter dated December 11, 1957.

It is noted that FBI and CIA representatives have now reached agreement that if reciprocal radio agreements are not sought with Soviet bloc countries at present, the rest of the program would be feasible. In the light of this resolution of differences between the two agencies, and the agreed position between State and Defense as set forth in my memorandum of November 21, 1957, it would appear that the proposed legislation could be supported by all the agencies concerned. The Soviet bloc countries do not present an immediate problem from our point of view; on the contrary our most critical needs are in other countries.

The Department of State, therefore, accepts the conditions stated in Mr. Hoover's letter under reference and recommends submission of the proposed legislation to the Congress in the belief that under these circumstances it would have the support of all concerned and thus have good prospects for approval. Should the legislation be enacted, we would of course agree that the concurrence of the FBI and other interested agencies would be necessary before we entered into any agreement with a specific country for reciprocal communications rights.

OSD REVIEW COMPLETED

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FBI review(s)
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/s/ Robert Murphy
Deputy Under Secretary

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Washington 25, D.C.

Office of the Director

17 December 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Robert Cutler
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: International Diplomatic Communications
(Proposed Legislation to Permit Reciprocal
Radio Agreements)

1. Reference is made to your memorandum of 4 December 1957, and previous correspondence respecting the proposed joint report on the above subject to be submitted by the Chairman of the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference and the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. Representatives of this Agency and of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have had several meetings on this subject during which we have considered the importance of improving facilities for the transmittal from foreign posts of vital intelligence which might be facilitated by the proposed legislation and also certain internal security problems of concern to the FBI raised by this legislation.

3. It is our understanding from these conversations, which I believe has already been confirmed to you by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, that the FBI would not object to seeking the proposed legislation, provided privileges thereunder would not be extended to the Soviet or Soviet bloc countries without prior discussion and understanding with the FBI. As you know, the CIA favors the legislation and I understand you have received the concurrence of the Departments of State and Defense.

4. I would point out, however, that in my opinion it would be wise to proceed with this matter only if, after informal consultation with the respective committees of the Senate and the House which would be concerned therewith, it was ascertained that the legislation could probably be secured without arousing controversy or acrimonious debate as this might reveal certain sensitive operations and capabilities in the field of communications.

/s/ Allen W. Dulles
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington 25, D.C.

December 11, 1957

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable Robert Cutler
Special Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Cutler:

Reference is made to your memoranda of May 29, October 1, and December 4, 1957 concerning the proposal for legislation to permit reciprocal radio agreements. As you will recall, this proposal was the subject of discussion at the White House on May 29, 1957, at which time I stated the position of the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference (IIC) concerning it. I pointed out that I was not objecting to the legislation, nor was I endorsing it, but that I considered it my responsibility to invite attention to its possible effect upon internal security.

My representatives and those of the Director of Central Intelligence have subsequently met on several occasions and discussed this matter in considerable detail. The Central Intelligence Agency has stressed the vital need of expanding its communications system abroad in order to adequately handle intelligence problems which may arise in emergency situations. The IIC has pointed out the internal security factors which exist and which undoubtedly will continue.

As a result of these discussions, we have agreed that, as a general principle, reciprocal radio agreements should not be sought with Soviet bloc countries. We agreed that in the event future developments indicate a need for agreements in such areas, the internal security factors should be thoroughly reviewed prior to initiating any agreement. It is believed that the foregoing, if implemented in practice, would reduce the security factors which were the subject of our concern, and, consequently, the remainder of the proposed program for the establishment of reciprocal radio agreements would be feasible.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ J. Edgar Hoover
Chairman

Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference

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