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January 3, 1969

Mr. Gene P. Mater
Executive Vice President
Radio Free Europe Fund, Inc.
Two Park Avenue
New York, New York 10016

Dear Gene:

Parade Magazine for January 12, next, will "reveal" that Radio Free Europe is sponsored by and financed by the CIA.

Now I, personally, have no objection to the situation should it happen to be true, because I think the CIA does a fantastic job under the difficult situation in which it must operate. My only concern is what sort of an answer I am going to give the people I approach for funds for RFE when they come back at me with questions like "What do you need with me, the CIA supports RFE." or "I don't think I should contribute to something which is obviously a propaganda arm of the government." or some similar questions or remarks which I can foresee at this point.

Please give me the low-down so I will know how to proceed when I do get together with Carl Rupe.

Best regards to you and your family and my best wishes for a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely, your friend,

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