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HAVE DISCUSSED FURTHER IDEA OF TRANSFERRING LIBRARY AND REFERENCE SERVICE FROM FEC TO RFE WITH KINYON. LATTER HAS ALSO TALKED WITH PAGE AND RICHARDSON. ALL ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THIS IS SOUND CONCEPT, AND WE FEEL THAT THE TRANSFER WILL RESULT IN BETTER SERVICE TO RFE PROGRAMMING BY THE L. & R. STAFF.

MY INTENTION IS TO PLACE L. & R. UNDER HORST PETZALL, THUS MAKING IT PART OF OUR NEWS & INFORMATION SETUP. HORST WAS IN CHARGE OF THESE SERVICES SOME YEARS AGO AND KNOWS THE PERSONNEL, PROBLEMS, AND POTENTIAL. THIS WILL IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON HORST, BUT I AM CERTAIN HE WILL HANDLE IT WELL. WE ARE DISCUSSING SOME IDEAS WHICH WE HOPE WILL IMPROVE L. & R.'S FUNCTION IN TERMS OF SERVING RFE. WE INTEND TO PROCEED CAREFULLY AND WITH PROPER REGARD FOR SENSITIVITIES OF L. & R. STAFF. SOME RE-ASSIGNMENTS MAY ULTIMATELY BE NECESSARY.

IF YOU CONCUR, WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TRANSFER EFFECTIVE 15 JANUARY '65. NECESSARY BUDGETARY TRANSFERS WILL, OF COURSE, BE PROVIDED BY FEC. RFE WILL HAVE TO PLAN FOR BUDGETARY SUPPORT FOR FY 66, AND AT THIS STAGE WE CAN DO LITTLE BUT THINK IN TERMS OF  
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ABOUT THE SAME BUDGET AS FOR FY 65. A BIT LATER WE MAY BE ABLE TO SUGGEST SOME CHANGES, BUT IT IS NOT NOW POSSIBLE.

KEITH KINYON HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY HELPFUL AND UNDERSTANDING. ACTUAL SUGGESTION THAT TRANSFER MIGHT BE USEFUL CAME FROM HIM DURING COURSE OF INFORMAL TALK WE HAD SOME WEEKS AGO ON THE RELATION OF L. & R. TO RFE. OTHERS IN FEC HAVE ALSO BEEN VERY HELPFUL AND I AM MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE UNDERSTANDING SHOWN TO RFE.

NECESSARY SERVICES TO FEC WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED AFTER THIS REORGANIZATION AND I AM SURE THIS WILL ALL WORK OUT SMOOTHLY.

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