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TO: DURKEE COPY WALTER
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FOLLOWING IS REPORT ON CONVERSATIONS OF 21 JAN:

I TALKED WITH DOCKERY FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. HE CONSIDERS LIBRARY OF CONGRESS REPORT UNSATISFACTORY BECAUSE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IT FAILS TO REPORT ANY RESPONSIBLE OPINIONS OPPOSED TO RADIOS. I TOLD HIM WE HAD FOUND THAT ANYBODY WHO TAKES THE TROUBLE TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK COMES OUT FAVORABLE. I ASKED HIM TO REVIEW THE TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS BY PRESS AND SCHOLARS. RE THE SCHOLARS, HIS COMMENT WAS: "WELL, THEY HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN YOUR PRODUCT."

DOCKERY ALSO CONSIDERS REPORT UNSATISFACTORY BECAUSE HE SAYS SECTION ON APOR IS UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER OUR METHODS ARE SOUND OR NOT. (JIM DENIES ANY AMBIGUITY OR AMBIVALENCE ON THAT POINT.)

DOCKERY IS GOING TO DO A SHORT MEMORANDUM SUMMARIZING REPORT OR ITS CONCLUSIONS FOR HIS CONFEREES. THUS NOT EVEN HIS OWN COMMITTEE WOULD SEE REPORT BEFORE CONFERENCE.

MARVIN KALB ASKED MARCY ABOUT AVAILABILITY OF REPORT AND WAS TOLD IT CANNOT BE RELEASED BECAUSE IT IS STILL A DRAFT. MARCY INFORMED PRICE OF THAT CONVERSATION. MARCH WAS REPORTEDLY ANGRY AT HOUSE STAFF FOR PRESUMABLY HAVING TRIGGERED THIS INQUIRY. HOUSE STAFF ASSUMED IT WAS BAKER...

PRICE'S IMMEDIATE BOSS HAS APPROVED REPORT. CHIEF OF CRS HAS NOT YET ACTED TO MAKE REPORT OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF CRS.

BULLOCK, CHIEF OF HOUSE COMMITTEE STAFF, HAS ASKED CRS ORALLY FOR THE STUDY. CRS REFERRED HIM TO DOCKERY. DOCKERY SAID IT WAS STILL A DRAFT. PRICE HAS BRIEFED BULLOCK AND CZARNECKI ON CONTENTS OF REPORT.

ON MONDAY, BAKER AND CO. WILL ASK FASCELL TO STIMULATE FORMAL REQUEST BY HOUSE COMMITTEE TO CRS. PRICE BELIEVES SUCH A FORMAL REQUEST MIGHT (A) SPEED UP BUREAUCRATIC PROCESSING IN CRS, AND (B) COMPEL ITS RELEASE DIRECTLY TO HOUSE COMMITTEE.

THAT MAY BE BEST IF NOT ONLY WAY TO GET IT TO THE PRESS PROMPTLY.

AFTER THE CONFERENCE, DOCKERY PROPOSES TO REVIEW WITH PRICE CHANGES AND ADDITIONS HE FEELS NECESSARY BEFORE REPORT CAN BE DISTRIBUTED.

REST OF ONE-HOUR CONVERSATION WITH DOCKERY DEALT WITH OBJECTIVES OF CONFERENCE AND WITH FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTIONS ABOUT WHICH HE CLEARLY WAS IN SOME CONFUSION. BOB TOOK CALL FROM FULBRIGHT IN MY PRESENCE WHICH MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT FULBRIGHT REMAINS CONFUSED ABOUT FUNDAMENTALS, SUCH AS WHAT GOOD DO THEY DO, WHY SHOULD GOVERNMENT DO IT, WHY DO THEY NEED NEWS BUREAUS, WHY

REPORTING INTERNAL EAST EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENTS,
WE DON'T LIKE IT AND WHAT BUSINESS IS IT OF
WE COULD NOT AVOID MAKING A CHOICE ON THIS
ATTENDED THE REGIMES OR WE OFFENDED 30
PRECOC POINT IS ELEGANTLY MADE IN THE OPENING
STATEMENT. I GOT IMPRESSION THIS GAVE
OURSNK ABOUT.

ISSU
MILL TO HAVE NO PARTICULAR DIFFICULTIES ABOUT TWO-
SEC OR ABOUT AMOUNTS.

CHAIRMAN AND, HE SAYS, THE MAJORITY (UNIDENTIFIED)
CONTINUE TO FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT NEED TO HOOK US
LELS AND SAYS "THEY" FEEL THAT PROPOSED COMPOSITION
EFFECTIVELY STACKS CARDS IN FAVOR OF ADMINISTRATION
, AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE ENTIRELY
HE SEEMED UNIMPRESSED BY COUNTER-ARGUMENTS.

PLAINED ABOUT VASTNESS AND COMPLEXITY OF MATERIAL
TEE HAD BEEN FURNISHED ABOUT RADIO FREE EUROPE --
S." HE SAID: "I AM CONVINCED NOBODY GETS ANYWHERE
IF THEY CAN'T PUT THEIR CASE ON ONE PAGE"; AND "WHY COULDN'T
PRESENTED YOUR CASE THE WAY YOU HAVE JUST DONE IT
" TO WHICH I SAID MR. DURKEE'S SUMMARY STATEMENT TO COMM-
DID EXACTLY THIS. HE SAID MAYBE HE SHOULD RE-READ IT,
URGED HIM TO DO SO.

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DOCKERY RAISED QUESTION AS TO WHY THE EUROPEANS SHOULDN'T BE
CONTRIBUTING. I REPLIED THAT MEMBERS OF OUR WEST EUROPEAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE HAVE ALREADY SHOWN AN INTEREST IN LOOKING INTO THIS
POSSIBILITY AND WE CERTAINLY WOULD PURSUE IT. I ADDED THAT
OBVIOUSLY THIS WAS SOMETHING WE COULD NOT DO UNDER OUR PREVIOUS
ARRANGEMENTS, NOR COULD WE SO LONG AS WE REMAIN UNCLEAR ABOUT
CONGRESSIONAL INTENTIONS. HE INDICATED MEMBERS WERE CONSIDERABLY
INTERESTED IN EUROPEAN SUPPORT, AND THAT SOME WERE ALSO WONDERING
WHY FOUNDATIONS COULDN'T TAKE OVER.

HE SAID AT ONE POINT THAT RFE HAD SERIOUS CREDIBILITY
PROBLEM IN SENATE BECAUSE OF PAST CONNECTIONS. I TOLD HIM IT HAD
BEEN AN OPEN SECRET TO MOST FOR A LONG TIME. I ADDED THAT THE
FEW CRITICAL EDITORIALS WERE CRITICAL ONLY OF PAST SECRECY
AND IN MOST CASES ACKNOWLEDGED CONTINUING IMPORTANCE OF THE
OPERATION, AND THAT THIS WAS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN GERMANY WHERE IMPOR-
TANCE OF RFE'S CONTINUED INDEPENDENCE OF DIPLOMATIC APRON STRINGS
WAS VERY WELL UNDERSTOOD.

I CALLED ON OMB AND ON ELLER BRIEFLY WITH CROSSEN. ALSO DROPPED
OFF LETTER TO CASE WITH COPIES FOR FULBRIGHT AND ELLENDER. GAVE
COPY TO BAKER, WHO THOUGHT IT GOOD LETTER. CASE IS REFUSING TO
SEE ROGERS ABOUT US AND OTHER THINGS.

MARCH AND DOCKERY, AT LATTER'S INSTIGATION, CALLED IN BAKER,
LEAHY, AND SIMMS (LEAHY'S DEPUTY) AND COMPLAINED ABOUT THEIR
LOBBYING, SPECIFICALLY THAT THEY HAD BEEN LEAVING BRIEFING MEMOS
WITH STAFFS OF OTHER MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE BUT NOT WITH DOCKERY/MARCY.
ACCORDING TO BAKER, LEAHY ASSERTED THEIR RIGHT TO INFORM WHOMEVER
THEY PLEASED IN CONGRESS. BUT CLAIMED

BAKER WAS CONCERNED BY WHAT DURKEE TOLD HIM ABOUT PRICE'S REPORTED REFERENCES TO INDICATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENT INTEREST IN TAKING CONTROL OF RADIOS. I TOLD BAKER PRICE HAD SAID HE WAS RELYING ON THE FAMOUS MEMORANDUM, AS WELL AS THE TESTIMONY OF DEPARTMENT WITNESSES, AND HAD REFERRED TO THIS MAINLY IN ORDER TO POINT OUT THAT SUCH ASSERTION OF CONTROL WOULD BE NEW AND UNNECESSARY. (BAKER, WHO SEEMS REALLY TO SHARE OUR VIEW OF THIS, SEEMED RELIEVED TO THINK THAT PRICE HAD NOT GONE FURTHER ON THAT POINT, BUT I REMINDED BAKER THAT I HAD NOT SEEN PASSAGES IN QUESTION AND THERE MIGHT BE MORE).

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