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TO: RICHARDSON COPY KINYON
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RE NYC 1, AS TO YOUR POINT 1, WE REVISED THE PAGES OF OUR SECTION 3 DIVISION XIV POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL ON THE BASIS OF YOUR REGULATION ISSUED 15 APRIL 1965. THE REDRAFT OF OUR REGULATION WAS MADE BY EREW AND FISCHER AND WAS APPROVED BY ME AS ACTING DIRECTOR. IT DIFFERS FROM YOURS, IN THE MAIN, IN BRINGING DEPENDENTS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE REGULATION AND IN MAKING THE LANGUAGE A LITTLE STRONGER. WE ALSO INCLUDED SLIGHTLY MORE DETAILED LANGUAGE CONCERNING DOCUMENTATION OF TRAVELERS INTO YUGOSLAVIA AND ADDED THE REQUIREMENT THAT TRAVEL TO AND FROM WEST BERLIN SHOULD BE BY A NON-COMMUNIST CARRIER.

INASMUCH AS THE SENSE OF THIS REGULATION IS RESTRICTIVE IT WAS OUR CONCEPTION THAT OUR MAKING IT SLIGHTLY MORE RESTRICTIVE KEPT IT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE FEC REGULATION. NOT ONLY IN THIS SECTION BUT IN MANY OTHER SECTIONS OF THE RFE POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL WE GO INTO A GREAT VOLUME OF DETAIL NOT COVERED ANYWHERE IN FEC REGULATIONS BUT NEVERTHELESS FITTING WITHIN THE FRAME-WORK OF THE COMMITTEE POLICIES. IN SHORT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE SHOULD BE CRITICIZED IF WE GO BEYOND A RESTRICTIVE FEC REGULATION IN THE DIRECTION OF GREATER LATITUDE, BUT THAT WE ARE NOT NECESSARILY WRONG IF WE MAKE A REGULATION SOMEWHAT MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE FEC REGULATION.

WE HAVE HAD A RECENT CASE, AS YOU KNOW, IN WHICH THE PARENTS OF ONE OF OUR RUMANIAN EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN DETAINED ON A VISIT TO RUMANIA AND IT WAS THIS CASE IN PARTICULAR THAT MADE US FEEL WE SHOULD INCLUDE DEPENDENTS IN OUR REGULATION. THIS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE THE SAME FOR OTHER DIVISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH MIGHT NOT FEEL THE SAME DANGER RESULTING FROM DEPENDENT TRAVEL, AND THEREFORE THOSE DIVISIONS COULD UTILIZE FULLY ALL THE LATITUDE IN THE FEC REGULATION.

WE WERE WRONG, HOWEVER, IN STATING THAT DEPENDENT TRAVEL MUST HAVE THE PRESIDENT'S CONSENT SINCE THIS IS NOT REQUIRED BY FEC REGULATIONS AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED OF YOU.

EVIDENTLY SOME REDRAFTING IS IN ORDER AND WILL BE UNDERTAKEN. IN ORDER THAT THERE MAY BE NO LACK OF COORDINATION IN THIS IMPORTANT MATTER WE WILL WORK OUT A TEXT IN CONSULTATION WITH OUR OFFICE.

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AS TO YOUR POINT 2, SINCE IN THIS CASE THE EMPLOYEE IS A GERMAN THERE SEEMS TO BE LESS POTENTIAL FOR TROUBLE THAN IF THE EMPLOYEE WERE A HUNGARIAN EXILE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES I WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO PROHIBIT THE TRIP, BUT WOULD ADVISE AGAINST IT, MAKING IT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT FEC-RFE CAN DO NOTHING TO HELP IF THERE IS ANY DIFFICULTY. THE RESPONSIBILITY MUST BE ENTIRELY ON THE EMPLOYEE. IF NO OBJECTION WILL SO ACT TOMORROW.

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