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FOLLOWING FROM RADIO WARSAW DOMESTIC, 0735 HOURS,
9 DECEMBER, REPRESENTS FIRST E.E. REACTION TO EVANS-
NOVAK COLUMN IN WASH. POST:

QUOTE ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM A PAP CORRESPONDENT
(ED: NOT IDENTIFIED) IN WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH THE
DISCLOSURE LAST YEAR OF THE FAMOUS AFFAIR OF CIA SUBSIDIES
FOR NUMEROUS INSTITUTIONS, AN END HAS BEEN PUT TO STATEMENTS
THAT RADIO FREE EUROPE IS FINANCED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.
ALSO, APPEALS TO THE PEOPLE FOR SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE
CEASED TO APPEAR IN THE AMERICAN PRESS AND TELEVISION.
THIS HAS HAPPENED AS A RESULT OF A DECISION TAKEN BY THE
SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION WHICH ANNOUNCED THAT SINCE
THE FINANCING OF FREE EUROPE BY THE CIA HAS BECOME COMMON
KNOWLEDGE, THE CONTINUATION OF SUCH APPEALS WOULD ONLY
RESULT IN DEEPENDING THE FAMOUS CONFIDENCE GAP ALREADY
PAINFULLY FELT BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

IT WAS CONSIDERED THAT AN END SHOULD BE PUT TO ALL
SECRET GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES FOR RADIO FREE EUROPE, AND OTHER
SO-CALLED PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS, AND PREPARATIONS WERE
ANNOUNCED FOR OTHER METHODS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

THE CORRESPONDENT STATES THAT THE BEST WAY TO FINANCE
FREE EUROPE WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A METHOD BY WHICH THE
AMOUNTS EARMARKED FOR THE PURPOSE ARE UNKNOWN, AND BY WHICH
THE AMERICAN CONGRESS HAS NO INFLUENCE ON THEM. IN OTHER
WORDS, THE BEST SOLUTION WOULD BE SECRET OR OPEN PAYMENTS
BY THE CIA, THE SPYING ORGAN OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT,
SUBORDINATED ONLY TO A SMALL DEGREE TO THE CONGRESSIONAL
BUREAUCRACY. END QUOTE.

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