

RADIO FREE EUROPE  
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TO: RICHARDSON COPY YARROW DURKEE DUNNING ROWSON KAPPEL KAUFMANN  
FM: OTT COPY GROZIER WALTER KINGSLEY LANGENDORF

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REUR NYC 89 OF 15 MARCH 1967: REFERENCES ASSEMBLED AS OF 1400 HOURS  
TODAY FOLLOW:

EASTERN MEDIA:

RADIO WARSAW SAID AT 0800 HOURS ON 21 MARCH THAT RADIO FREE EUROPE IS PLEASED WITH THE RECENT REPORTS ON VIETNAM BY U.S. WRITER JOHN STEINBECK.

THE RADIO SAID THAT NOT ONLY MEMBERS OF THE PENTAGON ARE GLORIFYING THE VIETNAM WAR, ADDING, THAT JOHN STEINBECK HAS WON A BAD REPUTATION IN THIS CONNECTION WITH HIS RECENT REPORTS.

HOLDING IN ONE HAND THE PEN AND IN THE OTHER A RIFLE, STEINBECK HAS TRIED TO EXPLAIN AND EVEN GLORIFY THE SAVAGE ATTITUDE OF THE ARMY AGAINST AN UNARMED POPULATION, THE RADIO SAID.

"THOSE REPORTS HAVE NOTABLY CAUSED AVERSION BY ALL PROGRESSIVE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION.

"RADIO FREE EUROPE, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN PLEASED," THE RADIO SAID, AND QUOTED YESTERDAY'S POLISH PARTY ORGAN TRYBUNA LUDU AS WRITING:

"RADIO FREE EUROPE IS DEFENDING STEINBECK, THUS GIVING A PROOF HOW IT UNDERSTANDS THE LIBERTY WHICH IS ITS SLOGAN."

THE RADIO THEN SAID: "TRYBUNA LUDU DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE RADIO FREE EUROPE'S ADVOCATION FOR STEINBECK WILL BRING HIM GLORY, FOR NOBODY IS PLEASED OF KEEPING CONNECTIONS WITH RADIO FREE EUROPE." (RADIO WARSAW DOMESTIC/M, MARCH 21, 1967, 0800)

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WESTERN MEDIA:

HEADLINED "PRAVDA ON C.I.A. 'SCANDAL' AND STUDENT EXCHANGES" THE CURRENT DIGEST OF THE SOVIET PRESS ISSUED ON 15 MARCH 1967 CARRIES THE COMPLETE TEXTS OF THE PRAVDA ARTICLES OF 26 FEBRUARY AND 1 MARCH. THESE ARTICLES WERE MENTIONED IN RFE NEWS BUDGET ITEMS CN 22 OF 26 FEBRUARY AND CN 49 OF 1 MARCH, MAILED TO YOU ON 3 MARCH, AND ALSO CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES TO FREE EUROPE, INC.

PRAVDA, 26 FEB. 1967:

"...THE LONG FAMILIAR CLOSE C.I.A. CONNECTION WITH 'FREE EUROPE' AND OTHER CALUMNIFYING 'VOICES' HAS ALSO BEEN CONFIRMED ANEW."

PRAVDA, 1 MARCH 1967:

(REFERRING TO PROFESSOR BYRNES, DIRECTOR OF INTER-UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE)

"...IN THE MIDDLE 1950'S HE (BYRNES) HEADED THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN CENTER OF THE SO-CALLED U.S. NATIONAL FREE EUROPE COMMITTEE, WHICH SET AS ITS GOAL NEITHER MORE NOR LESS THAN 'THE RESTORATION OF CAPITALISM IN EASTERN EUROPE' (?!). IN THOSE YEARS THE INFAMOUS RADIO FREE EUROPE WAS ALSO WITHIN THE SPHERE OF HIS ACTIVITIES."

(FULL TEXT OF LONG PRAVDA ATTACKS ON CIA IS BEING MAILED IN NEXT AIR POUCH).

NON-MEDIA:

BUD BLACK, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF RARET SENT FOLLOWING REPORT:

MARCH 17, 1967

DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN YESTERDAY (MARCH 16) BY DR. ALBERTON FRANCO NOGUEIRA, THE PORTUGUESE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, A PRESS REPRESENTATIVE INVITED HIM TO COMMENT ON THE "EXTRA-PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES" OF C.I.A. AND ALSO ASKED HIM WHETHER THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT - SINCE

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PORTUGAL HAS BEEN CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH EFTA - WAS WORRIED BY THE RECENT REFUSAL OF GREAT BRITAIN TO ADHERE TO THE COMMON MARKET.

IN REPLY, THE MINISTER SAID:

"IT IS DIFFICULT TO ANSWER THE FIRST QUESTION DUE TO THE NATURE, IN ITSELF, OF THE AMERICAN DEPARTMENT IN CAUSE, AS WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN ABOUT THE RUMORS OR ELEMENTS WHICH ARE BROADCAST BY THE INFORMATION AGENCIES, BOTH AMERICAN AND INTERNATIONAL.

WE HAVE, FOR A LONG TIME, BEEN CONVINCED THAT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PRIVATE AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS A FEW FOUNDATIONS AND POLITICO-EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, HAVE CONTRIBUTED WITH FUNDS, AND IN OTHER WAYS, HELPED THE TERRORIST MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA AND MOCAMBIQUE. THESE BEING ENTIRELY PRIVATE CONCERNS, THEIR ACTIVITIES DO NOT MAKE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES RESPONSIBLE. NOW, IF BY A FEW ELEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC BUT WHICH DO NOT HAVE OFFICIAL CHARACTER NOR CAN BE PROVED OR DOCUMENTED, SOME SPHERES CLAIM THAT THERE IS AN AMERICAN DEPARTMENT BEHIND SUCH ACTIVITIES, OR OF SOME OF THEM, THAT IS A PROBLEM WHICH ESCAPES THE OFFICIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT, PRECISELY DUE TO LACK OF ELEMENTS ON WHICH A CONCLUSION MAY BE BASED WITHOUT GIVING MARGIN TO DOUBTS."

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