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on

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NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

to the

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References: A. Reorganization Plan No. 8 of 1953
 B. Executive Order 10477, dated August 1, 1953

The enclosed draft statement of policy on the subject, prepared by the NSC Planning Board including representatives of the U. S. Information Agency, is transmitted herewith for consideration by the National Security Council at its meeting on October 22, 1953.

It is recommended that, if the Council adopts the enclosed statement of policy, it be submitted to the President with the recommendation that he approve it with the understanding that the first two paragraphs thereof should be considered as unclassified information.

JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
 Executive Secretary

cc: The Secretary of the Treasury
 The Director, Bureau of the Budget
 The Director, U. S. Information Agency
 The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
 The Director of Central Intelligence

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

Proposed by the
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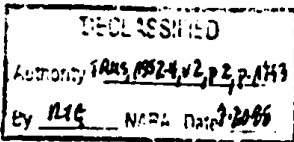
In carrying out its responsibilities in accordance with pertinent statutes and Presidential directives, the U. S. Information Agency shall be guided by the following:

1. The purpose of the U. S. Information Agency shall be to submit persuasive evidence to peoples of other nations by means of communication techniques that their own aspirations for freedom, progress and peace are supported by and advanced by the objectives and policies of the United States. The intention is that foreign peoples will be encouraged to take action consistent with U. S. national objectives.

2. The purpose in paragraph 1 above is to be carried out:

a. By explaining and interpreting to foreign peoples the objectives and policies of the United States Government.

b. By depicting imaginatively the correlation between U. S. policies and the aspirations of other peoples of the world.



c. By unmasking and countering hostile attempts to distort or to frustrate the objectives and policies of the United States.

d. By delineating those important aspects of the life and culture of the people of the United States which facilitate favorable understanding of the policies and objectives of the Government of the United States.

3. Where considered advisable, and except in the case of operations of the Voice of America, the U. S. Information Agency is authorized to communicate with its audiences without attribution to the United States Government on matters for which attribution could be assumed by the Government if necessary. To assure coordination of communications unattributed to the United States Government, the Operations Coordinating Board will agree upon the principles that will govern such communications. Until such principles are mutually agreed upon, those contained in Foreign Service Information and Educational Exchange Circular No. 4, November 1, 1951 shall govern.

4. This statement supplements and in no way modifies the relationships or responsibilities of the U. S. Information Agency as set forth in the President's Message to Congress of June 1, 1953, the President's

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.. letter to heads of agencies of June 1, 1953 and
related Executive Orders.

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