

Col. Engert

DECLASSIFIED  
Authority NLE 2016-123 #2  
By MUK NLDDE Date 11/22/16

SECURITY INFORMATION  
~~SECRET~~



October 22, 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. C. D. Jackson

SUBJECT: Intensified Use of Formosa Facilities For Psychological Operations, PSB D-44

The Formosa plan will be considered by the Board Assistants tomorrow, the 23rd. If they approve, it will be placed on the OCB agenda for the 28th.

The coordination of all Far East radio facilities (Formosa, "John," "Jade" and FECOM) is not considered in the Formosa paper as additional tests are being made on "John" and "Jade" and Mr. Streibert's group (VOA) is discussing certain technical aspects of the proposal.

When and if the Formosa plan is approved and the "John" and "Jade" tests are completed, the coordination of programs for these facilities could be done informally and should be comparatively simple. I envision the Far East psychological operation for radio somewhat as follows:

There would be two programming stations, Formosa and FECOM Tokyo. Both will prepare a portion of each daily program, which would be short-waved to "John," "Jade," Formosa and the Korean network. This will allow FECOM to keep their organization intact and be available if war is renewed in Korea, and will furnish additional "fill in" programs for USIA radio facilities ("John" and "Jade").

FECOM would prepare all Korean programs for medium-wave transmission over "John" and "Jade," also prepare Chinese entertainment programs for Formosa, "John" and "Jade" and when necessary, highlights and commentary on special news events, etc. Formosa would prepare general programs of news, commentaries and local interest features for China, which would be carried by Formosa, "John" and "Jade."

FECOM program outlet would now be Formosa, "John," "Jade" and the Korean network instead of the Japan Broadcasting Corporation, therefore medium-wave broadcasts now conducted over JBC will be discontinued because the late hour the broadcasts begin (2300 or 2400) make them unprofitable. The cost of the Japan medium-wave broadcasts, approximately \$75,000 per year, can be applied to additional operating costs of "John," "Jade" and Formosa.

The Korean Ambassador has requested but has never actually had policy control over programs beamed to Korea. Under the proposed

SECURITY INFORMATION  
~~SECRET~~





SECURITY INFORMATION  
~~SECRET~~

arrangements he will have this control through his policy coordinator with FECOM programming unit--presumably a USIA representative.

USIA, through its policy coordinators in Tolyo and Formosa, will have policy control over the entire overt leaflet and radio program in the Far East under the auspices of the American Ambassadors in Formosa and Korea.

The suggested changes will provide: (1) transmission of programs of far higher clarity and signal strength and more complete coverage of the target area; (2) program origination near the target areas designed exclusively for China, Korea and Southeast Asia listeners amid oriental atmosphere and surroundings; (3) opportunity to utilize the wealth of program talent at a far lower cost, newscasts that are more detailed and up to the minute with Asian news, opportunity to answer if desirable, communist radio and newspapers within a matter of minutes, program of entertainment to increase listening audience; (4) the coordination of all U. S. and friendly overt psychological operations in the Far East under one control.

19

J. Woodall Greene

cc: Col. Enyart ✓  
Mr. Streibert

1953 OCT 22 PM 4 16

J.W. Greene: fbd

of 2 <sup>2</sup> Pages

SECURITY INFORMATION  
~~SECRET~~