

Board for International Broadcasting

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which is maintained on file in the Board's offices.

§ 1300.4 Annual report.

The BIB publishes an annual report, submitted to the President and the Congress, on or before the 31st day of January, that summarizes the activities of the Board during the fiscal year ending the preceding September 30th and reviews and evaluates the operation of RFE/RL, Inc.

§ 1300.5 RFE/RL, Inc. and U.S. Foreign Policy objectives.

(a) The Board shall develop and apply such evaluative procedures as necessary to ensure that RFE/RL's programming and operations are not inconsistent with the broad foreign policy objectives of the United States.

(b) To assist the Board in carrying out its functions, the Secretary of State or his designee shall provide the Board with such information regarding the foreign policy of the United States as he deems appropriate. The Secretary or his designee shall report regularly to the Board on the impact of broadcasts by RFE/RL, Inc. in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. The BIB shall convey this information to the President of RFE/RL. The management of RFE/RL, Inc. is expected to take appropriate action based on this information. The BIB shall not impose any prior constraint on programming, the preparation of broadcast materials, or the manner in which those materials are broadcast by RFE/RL.

(c) RFE/RL, Inc. shall maintain regular liaison with the U.S. Consulate in Munich for the discussion of developments in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. To the extent that important policy issues arise during these discussions, they shall be brought to the attention of the BIB.

(d) Although RFE/RL, Inc. may maintain informal contacts with the U.S. missions in Europe and elsewhere, it is to remain an independent journalistic organization. RFE/RL, Inc. does not speak on behalf of the U.S. Government.

§ 1300.6 The RFE/RL professional code.

(a) The Board of RFE/RL, Inc. is required by the BIB to prepare the RFE/

RL Code: a statement defining the mission of RFE/RL and setting forth its policy guidelines. It is distributed publicly and is reprinted in the Annual Report.

(b) RFE/RL management is required by the BIB to be responsible for assuring compliance of its operations with the policy guidelines and shall promptly inform the BIB of any violations of the policy guidelines, and of the remedial actions it has taken.

(c) This code shall serve as the basic framework for all evaluations of RFE/RL programming. The BIB shall commission reviews of programs by noted scholars and journalists in the United States and Western Europe; RFE/RL shall conduct regular program reviews in-house. There shall be written reports of all evaluations which specify how programs conform to the guidelines set forth in the Code.

(d) After approval by the BIB, this code is incorporated by reference in these regulations as if fully set out herein.

§ 1300.7 Personnel.

(a) RFE/RL Inc. shall be solely responsible for the appointment, assignment, promotion, and separation of its employees, and such personnel actions, with the exceptions noted in paragraphs (b) (1) and (2) of this section, shall not require the concurrence of the BIB.

(b)(1) The President of RFE/RL shall inform the Chairman of the BIB of his intention to appoint or terminate the employment of senior executives. The positions are: Executive Vice President for Programs and Policy, the Directors of RFE and RL, the Vice Presidents for Finance, Management, and Engineering; the Directors of Information Systems, Corporate Affairs, Central News, RFE Research, RL Research, Broadcast Analysis, Soviet Area Audience and Opinion Research, East European Audience and Opinion Research, and the major language services.

(2) Appointments to the above-named positions require concurrence of the Board (except in the case of acting appointments) which shall have the opportunity to review the qualifications of the candidates and to interview them in person. Major changes in the