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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

March 2, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: CARNES LORD

FROM: JIM RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: BIB, etc.

Cary, re your excellent memo on the situation with the radios - which I gather the West Wing may move on, if Dick's obiter dicta on that subject this morning are to be credited, hooray - I offer the following suggestion:

If you haven't already met him, Walter Roberts, whom I knew when he was Frank Shakespeare's Number 3 at the old USIA, would be an excellent contact for the purposes of further canvassing the personnel set-up at the board. Clearly he would not be an unprejudiced source, but I think his views would still be worth hearing. He had some controversial differences with Paul Henze (a point not altogether in his disfavor, as far as I'm concerned) but is a shrewd political analyst and knows the operating environment of the radios cold. (As I mentioned to you the other day, I have a special interest in what happens concerning the transmitters in Spain and Portugal).

I know Roberts well enough to work up a lunch, and if that would be of any interest to you I'd be glad to set something up for this week.

YES \_\_\_\_\_; PREFERRED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_