

ROBERT BAUER

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Background: Austrian Birth. Anti-Nazi Radio Broadcasting in Czechoslovakia, France, and ultimately over Crosley Radio in US in 1939

January, 1942: Joins Voice of America at its beginning

Sorting out the “Cast of Characters” in early VOA Broadcasting days

1944: Advance Organization for ABSIE (American Broadcasting Station in Europe)

Communists in the Voice in 1944

Prelude to D Day Landing

D Day! And subsequent days of VOA Broadcasting

1945: Back in Washington. Near death of VOA; saved by General Marshall’s plea before Congress

1955: Bauer asked to establish VOA Broadcasts to Baltic States and Finland

Bauer denies there was ever a “Viennese Mafia” at VOA, and if there was, he had no part in it

Bauer Heads VOA European Division: Experiences with Alexander Barmine, one of VOA’s most noted characters

1956: VOA during the Hungarian Revolution

The “Apple Pie” Committee

Episode of “The Loyal American Underground” at VOA

Further notes on the McCarthy Era

Bauer’s period in the Television Service

1957: Cultural Officer (Head of Bi-National Center Teheran)

Media Officer, Paris: 1959. A “Non Job”

1961: Series of Assignments in Washington, Including First Director of USIA’s Foreign Press Center in Washington

1963: Cultural Affairs Officer, Cairo

1965: Country Public Affairs Officer for Egypt

Experiences during 1967 Arab-Israeli War

1967: Cultural Affairs Office, India