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NEWS RELEASE

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The Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service of the Federal Communications Commission, which has been acting as the ears of Uncle Sam since 1940, will cease monitoring foreign broadcast stations Wednesday, December 5.

The suspension of service was ordered by the Commission after the House reduced the Commission's national defense funds to \$465,000.00 Monday.

The FBIS has been serving 15 agencies in Washington by teletypewriter and has been sending a daily mimeographed report to 25 agencies.

Monitoring stations are located in Guam, Kauai, Portland, Ore. and Silver Hill, Maryland. A staff of 25 has maintained liaison with the British Broadcasting Company in London. There are 170 employees in Washington and 105 in the field. They are being notified today that their employment is being terminated effective December 10 when the liquidation of the FBIS is to be completed.