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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: ^{W/R} WALTER RAYMOND, JR.

SUBJECT: Democracy Initiative and Information Programs.

Bill Casey asked me to pass on the following thought concerning your meeting with Dick Scaife, Dave Abshire, and Co. Casey had lunch with them today and discussed the need to get moving in the general area of supporting our friends around the world. By this definition he is including both "building democracy"--the key theme in the President's Westminster speech--and helping invigorate international media programs. The DCI is also concerned about strengthening public information organizations in the United States such as Freedom House.

To do this we have identified three overt tracks:

- enhanced federal funding;
- the Democracy Project study (although publicly funded this will be independently managed);
- private funds.

A critical piece of the puzzle is a serious effort to raise private funds to generate momentum. Casey's talk with Scaife and Co. suggests they would be very willing to cooperate.

RECOMMENDATION

Suggest that you note White House interest in private support for the Democracy initiative.

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