

To all members of the N.C.R.M. Committee

Friday 7th November 1969

As only Martin, Freddie, Fred and Caroline attended for the Committee meeting scheduled for this date, an informal discussion took place. The forthcoming meeting at F.R.A. Rayleigh was discussed, and some proposals were agreed upon as being essential to maintain in any forthcoming discussions on mergers or amalgamations. The basic policy to be adhered to would be as follows:

1. The NCRM is opposed to the principle of land-based pirate radio stations, and cannot therefore be officially associated or connected with any organisation or publication which is in support of land-based pirate radio. This means, unfortunately, that NCRM cannot aid or amalgamate with an organisation such as Free Radio Campaign (which produces 'Free Radio News') while FRC's policy supports these pirates.
2. Any actions taken must be in accordance with our constitution. Anything agreed or decided upon by an NCRM member of a joint F.R.A./NCRM committee should either have been previously agreed by the NCRM Committee, or agreed or decided ~~on~~ subject to subsequent approval of the NCRM Committee.
3. The new organisation must have a completely new name, and not use the name of any existing organisation. This point is absolutely essential.
4. The policy of the F.R.A. appears to be that they are in favour of completely 'free' radio, meaning that anybody should be able to start up a radio station in Britain, and that there should be no controlling body (i.e. independent television authority). This does not at all line up with the NCRM policy for future broadcasting in Britain, and we must ascertain whether this is in fact official F.R.A. policy, and if so whether they intend it should remain so.

David Prewett put his agreement to the above points by telephone that evening; he remarked that his opinion was that the meeting on 23rd November should be the first of several informal discussions to discuss the matter fully. He pointed out that the NCRM decision at all times must be influenced by the thought: Will this benefit the cause of legal independent radio for Britain?

Please try to attend the meeting at 239 Eastwood Road, Rayleigh on 23rd November 1969, at 1pm.

