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1942

- Voice of America established.
- **Office of War Information** takes over VOA operations.

1948



- **Smith Mundt Act** signed, laying the foundation for U.S. government-funded international broadcasting.

1951



- **Waging the Campaign of Truth** published by Wilson Compton, enforced by President Truman.
- **VOA Georgian Service 1st radio broadcast on Georgian Independence Day May 26th, featuring Dean Acheson's address and Erekle Orbeliani, 1st Director of the Georgian Service.**

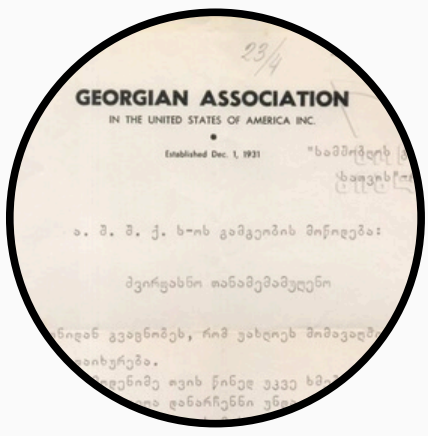
1953

- March 3rd, 1953, the Georgian Service of Radio Liberty airs for the first time from Munich, Germany.

1954

- Radio Liberty airs Grigol Robakidze's "Address to the Georgian Youth."

1958



- The Georgian Association in the USA issues an appeal to preserve VOA Georgian Service amidst threat of discontinuation.

1968



- Jamming of VOA Georgian, Armenian, and Ukrainian broadcasts begins in the U.S.S.R.
- Other affected media outlets included BBC, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Deutsche Welle, Radio Tirana, Radio Vaticana.

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1973

- Soviet jamming of VOA ceases with Détente – restarts in 1979.



1980

- VOA introduced TV broadcasts in addition to radio broadcasts.

1994

- President Bill Clinton signs the International Broadcasting Act, creating the International Broadcasting Bureau under the United States Information Agency (USIA).
- Coordinates Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, and Radio Martí.



2008



- VOA Georgian Service increases radio broadcasts to a full hour to meet the increased demand for information during **Russia's 2008 war in Georgia.**

2010

- VOA Georgian Service weekly 15-minute TV program launches in partnership with **Georgia's Public Broadcasting Corporation.**



2013



- VOA Georgian Service broadcasts 8:00am – 2:00am with **Radio Tavisupleba (Radio Liberty)** and **"Ekho Kavkaza."**

2016

- The United States Agency for Global Media releases a resolution honoring the 65th anniversary of VOA's Georgian Service.