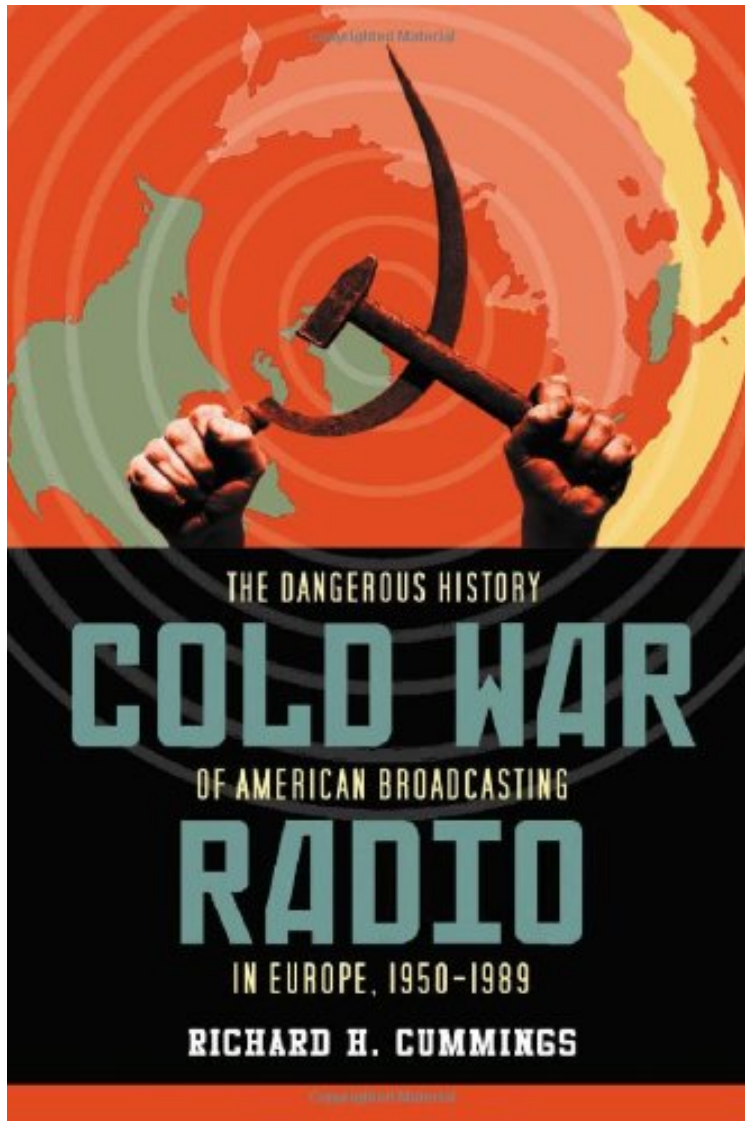


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"The Director of Security Radio Liberty for 15 years from 1980 onwards. Cummings' experience as a Russian linguist serving in the US Air Force in Berlin in the 1960s places him in the perfect position to supply this examination. For anyone with even the slightest interest in the machinery of the Cold War, it's safe to say that 'Cold War Radio' deserves your attention." --Historytimes.com "heartily recommend" --Popular Communications "valuable...excellent" --Journal of Cold War Studies "A shortwave radio thriller...takes readers deep inside a world that their casual listening to these shortwave stations would never have revealed." --Radio Heritage Foundation "Very well-documented." --Free Media Online About the Author Richard H. Cummings was the director of security for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty for 15 years beginning in 1980. He currently lives in Dusseldorf, Germany.