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## ***“Risky, Irresponsible, and Undesirable” - Government Pressure and Propaganda over a Berlin Wall Documentary in Cold War America***

**A** year after the construction of the Berlin Wall, two American television networks arranged to film East Germans escaping to the West via tunnels under the Wall. While U.S. Government pressure caused CBS to abort its project, NBC produced the Emmy-winning documentary *The Tunnel*, but delayed the broadcast amidst threats from the U.S. State Department. Secretary of State Dean Rusk argued against what he called “adventurous journalism.”

**U**sing declassified government documents and other private correspondence, Mike Conway reveals how both journalists and government officials trumpeted two seemingly contradictory messages, press freedom and Cold War cooperation. In addition, the negotiations between government and journalists show how journalism competition became intertwined with the government response.

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