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HEADQUARTERS RELOCATION

FBIS' new home will be the Reston [redacted] Initial planning for the move is well under way, with a projected relocation date of early December 1986. At least one other DS&T component will be collocated with us from the beginning. Plans call for another building (or buildings) to be constructed by early 1988, at which time other Directorate offices will move into the new complex. [redacted]

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MODERNIZATION DEVELOPMENTSAutomated FBIS System

The work on the Automated FBIS system is proceeding on schedule. March will bring the first major review of the classified system which will be the system used by everyone in FBIS headquarters except for the Wire, DR, and JPRS. Because of budgetary constraints, ADD and its contractors are looking at a lower cost option for the bureaus based on personal computers and a local area network. Such a system would provide word processing for monitors and editors and handle the communications functions--all at a fairly simple and spartan level. A first test of such a system will take place in Vienna late this spring. [redacted]

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INTERNET UPDATE

Contractors are actively pursuing the microwave link to connect the Washington INTERNET terminals at Quantico with the new FBIS Reston Facility. This requires identification of suitable frequencies, appropriate relay facilities, if required, and also filing for the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) licence. [redacted]

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Clearing and construction of the Quantico site has also begun. Activities include plans for the operations building, power hookups, and sewage/water facilities. [redacted]

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COMSAT and their Sub-Contractor visited Panama to conduct a site survey. Coordination has also been carried out with the British on their earth terminal. [redacted]

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ROSET UPDATE

The Bangkok ROSET went operational just prior to Christmas and is currently producing significant amounts of valuable information. [redacted]

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Three additional antennas (9.2 meter) are nearing completion at Panama, which will become the major ROSET installation in the FBIS inventory. [redacted]

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The Associate ROSET for Paraguay is currently undergoing acceptance testing by the manufacturer prior to packing and shipment. This installation is projected to be on line, monitoring BRAZILSAT, toward the end of April.

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NEW HEADQUARTERS ENGINEERING DIVISION

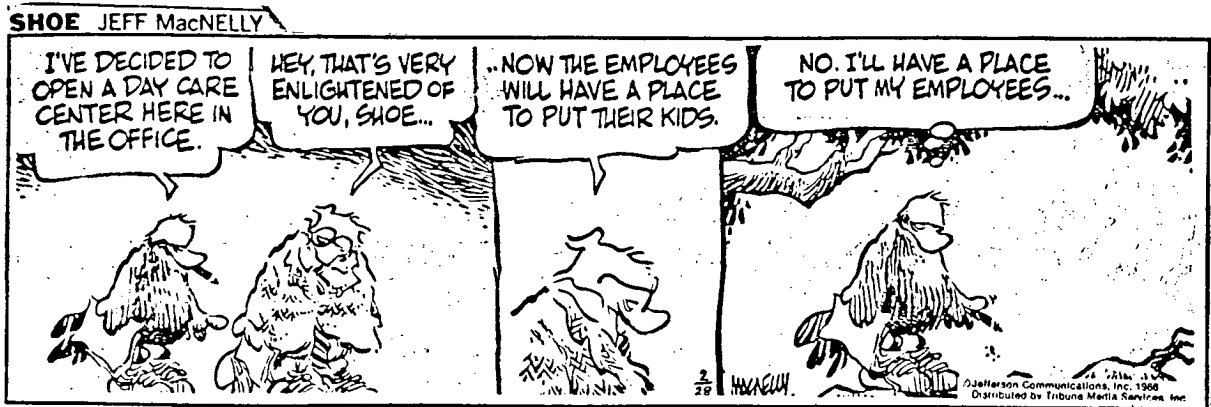
The new Headquarters Engineering Division (HED) was formed in December 1985 as part of the Engineering Support Group. HED is comprised of three Branches: Systems Engineering, Software Engineering, and Training. Division responsibilities include the management of all technical equipment within FBIS Headquarters -- both software and hardware -- and the training associated with the Automated FBIS System. HED is charged with the overall maintenance of the AFS program as the system becomes available. Specific responsibilities relative to training and software support to the Field Bureaus is to be determined.

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CHILD CARE CENTER

The Agency's child day-care center on the Headquarters compound is scheduled to open in the fall of 1987. The center will be a non-profit child development facility and will provide care for youngsters from ages 3 months to five years. It will accommodate 100 children at first and will probably expand to care for 150. The center will operate Monday through Friday during normal working hours.

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ANALYSIS GROUP ACTIVITIES

AG prepared for the DDI's Arms Control Intelligence Staff on 30 December an assessment of recent Soviet statements on on-site inspections of nuclear tests. The analysis took note of Soviet formulations regarding inspections and verification.

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AG later received a request from the ACIS for 30 copies of its analysis report, "Gorbachev's Arms Control Plan: Breaking with the Past," for distribution at a meeting of the NSC-sponsored Arms Control Support Group, which is working on proposals for the Geneva arms talks. [redacted]

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At the request of ACIS, AG followed up this analytic report on Gorbachev's arms control proposal with a report containing selected Soviet statements on verification of disarmament, focusing on Gorbachev pronouncements regarding on-site inspection. [redacted]

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### PRODUCTION GROUP DEVELOPMENTS

In view of numerous expressions of interest in the unrestricted dissemination of Japanese S&T translations, including interest shown by the U.S. Congress and Department of Commerce, the first non-FOUO JAPAN REPORT: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY was published on 10 January. The new series, to be published about once a week, will carry material that does not qualify for copyright protection, all of which had been published previously in the FOUO JAPAN REPORT: S&T. This will enable the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), which sells JPRS reports to the public, to provide customers with Japanese S&T translations for the first time. Copyrighted material will continue to appear in the FOUO report, which NTIS does not receive. (U/AIUO)

At the 23 January Narcotics Warning Meeting, the A/NIO for Narcotics praised FBIS reporting on narcotics issues and urged meeting attendees to read and use the JPRS Worldwide Report: Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. [redacted]

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[redacted] along with DRD's [redacted] attended the first running of the DDS&T/OTE Survey of Subsaharan Africa Course, 9-13 December. [redacted] and other members of the Africa Program had actively assisted OTE in the development of this course by providing suggestions for lectures and discussions, as well as a wide range of primary and secondary source materials on Africa. [redacted]

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A new publication titled NO UNCERTAIN TERMS was published in January. The publication, which will appear approximately six times a year, presents short articles on translation problems and lists of new terminology in all languages translated by Prod. The publication will be mailed to FBIS bureaus, JPRS contractors, HQ analysts (on a selective basis), and selected translation units in the Intelligence Community. [redacted]

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With a sufficient cadre on hand, JPRS has stopped hiring ICs in a number of languages unless their application forms reflect unusually outstanding abilities or specialized areas of knowledge. The languages: ELAA Section -- Bulgarian, Danish, Norwegian, Romanian, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish, and Swedish; NEA Section -- Hindi, Malay, Persian, and Vietnamese; and USSR Section -- Russian (political, economic, agriculture, biomed, chemistry, and geology). [redacted]

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## TV SERVICE

At the request of USIA, the FBIS TV Center prepared a daily tape of the Vremya feature from Moscow TV during the 12-22 January visit to Moscow by USIA Director Wick. The TV Center was also able to fill a request from the Smithsonian Institution, providing them with video footage of the eruption of the Klyuchevskaya Sopka volcano in the USSR.

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## NEWS FROM THE BUREAUS

For the second straight month (January), Abidjan Bureau wordage reached a new high, 315,660, leading the bureau chief to question whether Parkinson's Law may have had some influence on output.

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Austria Bureau has been asked to install a dish antenna for coverage of European KU-Band satellites. In mid-January, a letter was sent to the Austrian Foreign Ministry requesting written confirmation of the extra-territoriality of the bureau's building and grounds. Such confirmation should facilitate permission from the Austrian PTT for the installation of a satellite antenna on the terrace.

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As part of the Vienna Embassy's increased emphasis on security over the past year or so, a State Department-sponsored team was invited to conduct a 3-day simulated crisis exercise. The bureau chief, as a member of the Embassy's Emergency Action Team, spent the 3 days in January in a "Command Center" trying to help the EAT cope with a variety of imaginary problems, disasters, and attacks. Meanwhile, in the real world, the Embassy stepped up security in the wake of the 27 December terrorist incident at Vienna Airport and the resulting tension with Libya.

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The new Bangkok ROSET, though still in the experimental stage, provided FBIS with numerous reports on the Philippines election. Thus far, 18 satellites have been identified on the system, and Bangkok Bureau has started regular coverage of selected Delhi TV newscasts.

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Following a 13 January alert by OCPAS to a possible coup in the PDRY, Gulf Bureau placed Aden radio on open watch coverage. Subsequently, the bureau filed the first report on the coup from Aden radio, more than 90 minutes before the story was picked up by local news agencies.

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Hong Kong Bureau celebrated its 10th anniversary in January, coming a long way from those early days when its only mission was coverage of a handful of PRC regional radios to its recent preoccupation with the Philippines. With FBIS committed to improving its coverage of the Philippines, a joint Hong Kong and Okinawa team completed a content/reception survey of Philippines radios from Clark AFB and Cebu City, finding that a small recording relay site in Cebu would provide the best access to previously unheard opposition radios. Meanwhile, Hong Kong Bureau faced the herculean chore of providing fullest possible coverage of everything Marcos said leading up to the elections -- 29 speeches amounting to 129 takes in January alone. Later, during the revolt of the military and the eventual change of government, the bureau began 24-hour operations to provide round-the-clock coverage of the crisis. When the political scene had settled down somewhat and broadcasting patterns stabilized at the end of February, everyone concerned had agreed to a staffing change that would transfer Okinawa Tagalog monitor [redacted] permanently to Hong Kong. [redacted]

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Keeping their sense of humor, the Hong Kong editors have promised to compile a recording of the "best" of the melodies that Imelda Marcos sang during the campaign. The tape, entitled "It Ain't Over Till the Fat Lady Sings," will be pouched to C/DRD in appreciation of his tasking the bureau with all this fun. [redacted]

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Key West's housing project [redacted] is beginning to look more and more like a place where people will eventually live and less like a construction site now that the second floor walls of the townhouses have gone up and the roof on the chief's house is in place. By the end of February, the Navy's local project officer had estimated the housing at more than 30 percent finished. [redacted]

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With the kickoff on 25 February of the 27th CPSU Congress, London Bureau reached the beginning of the end of its coverage of this year's republic and national party congresses that had begun in January. The DRD has been publishing all this congress-related material in special MIDAS-generated supplements to the USSR DAILY REPORT. As a further service to consumers, the FBIS satellite dish at Langley operated on a 24-hour basis throughout the CPSU Congress to provide live Moscow TV coverage to Headquarters analysts. [redacted]

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Coming off a record 34,162,150 words published in 1985 and the busiest December in history (about 10,000 words a day above the previous December high in 1981), London Bureau had its second busiest January ever. Quite a bit of this wordage was traced back to Libya's al-Qadhafi, who responded to U.S. pressure in connection with recent terrorist attacks in Europe with a seemingly endless stream of press interviews and speeches at the annual Libyan people's congresses. [redacted]

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Modernization momentum picked up in January as PMJ was wired for its Wangs and the bureau began to plan its Internet future. British Telecom International representatives visited the bureau twice to inspect Caversham and Crowsley sites and discuss Internet connections with BBC and FBIS personnel. A bureau Internet committee also began discussing equipment, space, staffing needs, and other operational and technical aspects.

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WHO'S DRIVING, ANYWAY

*After a century or so of British-French indecision over the merits of a fixed link between the two countries, Prime Minister Thatcher and President Mitterrand agreed this month to proceed with one of three options, a twin-bore rail tunnel across the channel. Another option, which included a tunnel for automobile traffic, prompted an Aberdeen professor to offer the SUNDAY TIMES a poem which concluded:*

*... Not one of you who enters there  
Can hope to re-emerge alive!  
You'll close your eyes in holy dread  
As halfway through you see ahead  
The point where right- meets left-hand drive.*

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PAPER, PAPER EVERYWHERE

*Admin staffers in Caversham, having twice last year requested 25 sheets of brown blotting paper which were finally received in November, were non-plused to receive another 625 sheets 24 January -- an estimated 25-year supply at current rate of usage. Meanwhile, the admin staff at the embassy was locked out of its office when the Marine guard went off one night with the only key. Once the door was battered open and entry gained at mid-morning, the Embassy security office caved in and authorized the FBIS Admin Chief her own key.*

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Kadena Air Base continues to expand as other military facilities and housing areas on the island are phased out. More than 300 additional housing units, a large sports complex, and numerous military facilities are scheduled for completion within the next six months along with a 12-classroom, 2-laboratory addition to the base high school. Former Okinawa Bureau staffers will be pleased to learn that the Skoshi KOOM, the former FBIS club where Ito-san still tends bar, is scheduled for complete interior refurbishment beginning in January.

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Live ammunition and poisonous snakes (also live) generated no little excitement among the bureau's Japanese employees during the month. In the first instance, a maintenance man looking for edible roots in the jungle directly behind the bureau chief's house came up with a live 5-inch shell instead. A military disposal squad was called in to remove the shell, which had been there since World War II. In the second incident, workers clearing access roads into the bureau's antenna field uncovered four of the island's deadly habu snakes. The Japanese workers gleefully captured the snakes live and sold them for \$25 each to a snake farm that stages habu-mongoose fights for tourists. [redacted]

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Fifteen of Seoul Bureau's local employees and three staffers participated on 7 December in a VIP tour and briefings at the Joint Security Area at Panmunjom and one of the tunnels dug by the DPRK under the DMZ. The tour was arranged by one of the Bureau's contacts at the UN Command Military Armistice Commission, in appreciation for the service the Bureau provides UNCMAC. Korean citizens normally are not allowed to visit the DMZ, so the occasion provided a rare opportunity for local employees to see the area. [redacted]

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The DODDS high school, Seoul American, which is attended by most children of military and Embassy parents in the Seoul area, has received the Department of Education "Excellence in Education" award for 1985. Seoul American is the first DODDS school in the Pacific to receive this prestigious award. [redacted]

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Johannesburg television continues to prove its value as a source, particularly since the new "Network" discussion program was begun. In January, the program carried alternately in Afrikaans and English six in-depth discussions of constitutional options for South Africa, all of which were processed by Swaziland Bureau. During the month, the bureau began participating in the "Cities" TV project, sending back via DHL the main English news on each weekday night. This is in addition to the fairly large number of tapes being supplied MOD regularly by pouch. [redacted]

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SEE YOU LATER ALLIGATOR

*The bureau's admin assistant and the bureau chief crewed on the only women's raft to be entered in the annual Greater Usutu raft race held in Big Bend, Swaziland in December. The women's team finished ninth overall in the 12-kilometer race involving some 20 rafts, and would have finished even sooner had the experienced men's teams been gentlemanly enough to warn them which side of the rapids to avoid so as not to get hung up on the rocks. Local rumor had it that four dogs had been lost to crocodiles in the river the previous week, but no crocs were sighted, though they were much in mind, as part of the race involved pushing the rafts over shallow sand banks.*

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UNIT CITATION

[redacted] the Executive Director, presented the Wire Services Staff with a Meritorious Unit Citation on 28 January for its "outstanding performance" during a number of world crises within the 1 October 1984-30 September 1985 time frame. [redacted]

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AWARDS

AG's [redacted] has been selected for the DCI's Exceptional Analyst Program. One of four Agency employees chosen, [redacted] will start her 2-year sabbatical in July when she begins work on her analytical methodology project. [redacted]

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Retired UID senior linguist [redacted] was awarded the Intelligence Commendation Medal on 17 January by Mr. Hineman. [redacted]

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[redacted] who retired from JPRS last May, has been awarded the Intelligence Commendation Medal. [redacted]

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