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Increase in Foreign Broadcast Information Service
Daily Publications

1. For several years there have been numerous inquiries made regarding the possibility of very sizeable increases in the amount of Foreign Broadcast Information Service material printed in the six daily reports. There seems to be a strong feeling among some DDI officials that the amount of material produced in the FBIS daily reports should be substantially increased. Several plans have been investigated, including one to have the White Book or Voice printed by the Government Printing Office and sold by the Superintendent of Documents on a subscription basis. This fell through because of the excessive cost to the Agency as GPO insisted that we would have to pay prepress charges. These charges would run more than the cost of the entire production of the books by the Agency.

2. Other conversations have been held with Paul Borel and FBIS people about different plans to increase the amount of this material printed by the Printing Services Division. Each of these discussions brought the same conclusions, i.e., PSD can no longer absorb additional FBIS workloads without more personnel or overtime. These discussions were always concluded with my taking the position that the next move is up to DDI -- tell us what you want and we will tell you what we can do about it.

3. The only definite action to result from all of these discussions was when the DDS telephoned me on 7 March 1967 to tell me that Proctor had complained about insufficient FBIS material being produced and ordered me to accept up to 35 additional pages per day and resort to overtime if required to do this. Fortunately, FBIS has not been able to reach this production very often and only 97 hours of overtime have been required for this work since last May.

4. The last feeler I had on this matter was several months ago when [redacted] of FBIS called to say that Borel was pushing hard for a substantial increase in FBIS material. He said that Borel was talking about the possibility of issuing a White Book

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for each of the basic publications instead of the single White Book now issued. I told [] that we could handle this only with a substantial increase in personnel. [] said that his call was just to alert me and I have heard no more about this.

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5. The attached tabulation showing the increases in FBIS production over the past year clearly indicates that we long ago reached the saturation point. We just can't do any more with the eight personnel assigned to this work. If there is to be an increase in this material we can print it, but only with additional personnel. I cannot make any definite estimates of the number of personnel needed until I am given specific requirements. I have never received anything approaching this -- only feelers.

6. There are mechanical limitations which have to be considered in planning increases in FBIS work. The gathering machine used in this operation has a 96-page capacity. This limits FBIS books to 96 pages. Only complete books can be gathered on this machine as the books are gathered, stapled, and folded in a single operation. If, therefore, there is an increase in the number of books (such as five White Books instead of one) we would have to lengthen the work time on this machine by staggering shifts. This requires additional personnel. We have already increased the press capacity in this operation and with additional personnel (to make possible staggered shifts) we could handle any increase asked.

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ATTACHMENT

**SAMPLING OF NUMBERS OF PAGES AND COPIES
OF FBIS DAILY REPORTS TO SHOW INCREASE DURING PAST YEAR**

	<u>3 Oct 66</u>		<u>1 Jan 67</u>		<u>7 March 67</u>		<u>5 July 67</u>		<u>27 Sept 67</u>	
	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Copies</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Copies</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Copies</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Copies</u>	<u>Pages</u>	<u>Copies</u>
#1 Voice	92	880	72	892	80	900	92	892	84	894
#2 Latin America	24	622	36	627	32	635	32	645	32	647
#3 Far East II- Asia & Pacific	80	857	92	865	40	873	36	916	40	878
Far East I Comm. China	*0	0	0	0	60	873	60	888	72	881
#4 USSR & East Europe	88	860	96	862	96	868	84	879	96	914
#5 Middle East, Africa & West Europe	64	731	68	723	75	728	68	748	68	708
	<u>348</u>	<u>3,950</u>	<u>364</u>	<u>3,969</u>	<u>383</u>	<u>4,877</u>	<u>372</u>	<u>4,968</u>	<u>392</u>	<u>4,922</u>

* Publication began March 1967

NOTE: In addition to the above production, FBIS requires an average of six special reports per month. These average 50 pages and 38,500 press impressions. This work is done by the same crew that produces the Daily Reports

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