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TO : Chief, FBIS

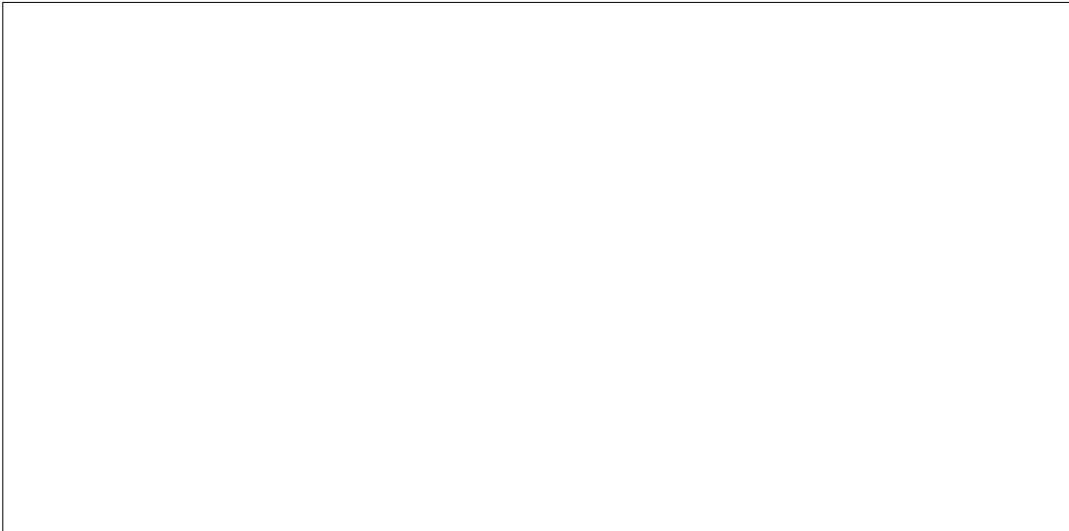
DATE: 8 October 1964

FROM : Chief, German Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report -- September 1964

I. GENERAL

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2. Efforts to achieve further economies in bureau operations resulted in a rearrangement in the production process of the bureau's WEEKLY REPORT ON THE EAST GERMAN PRESS. The assembling and stapling of this report by employees of the Consulate General under the shared administrative support agreement with the State Department cost the bureau \$720.00 in FY 1964 and would have cost \$817.00 in FY 1965. As an initial economy measure in July of this year, arrangements were made to have this work done by two university students at reduced cost. During early September it was decided to have the work done exclusively by bureau employees, thus reducing bureau expenses by \$817.00 per annum.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial

1. With BBC and headquarters concurrence, the bureau assumed year-round rather than seasonal coverage responsibility for the East Berlin domestic service Berliner Rundfunk.

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The proposal that German Bureau take Berliner Rundfunk on a year-round basis was made to BBC through London Bureau on the basis of a German Bureau study of FBIS utilization of Berliner Rundfunk material. It was found that in the four months immediately preceding transfer of Berliner Rundfunk coverage to Frankfurt, December 1963 through March 1964, only one Berliner Rundfunk item of 360 words was published in the Daily Report. In the four-month period April through July 1964, when responsibility for Berliner Rundfunk lay with German Bureau, the Daily Report published 135 Berliner Rundfunk items totaling 26,110 words.

2. Coverage responsibility of GDR I for the period 1800-2100 GMT was returned to BBC at its request, German Bureau in return assuming responsibility for the Moscow German 1800-1900 GMT program, in the first autumn coverage transfer between BBC and the bureau.
3. Bureau production reached its highest one-day total since July 1963 with a wirefile of 34,150 words on 24 September, attributable largely to the People's Chamber meeting which named Willi Stoph the new chairman of the GDR Council of Ministers, and the press conference held in connection with the signing of the Berlin pass agreement.

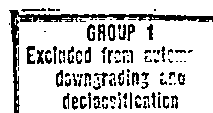
B. Communications

Observation of the performance of the new full-duplex circuit between German Bureau and London Bureau showed that its behavior is still erratic and inconsistent. At month's end, the new circuit did not as yet appear stable enough to warrant cancellation of the old half-duplex circuit.

C. Technical

The bureau chief and senior editor visited communications representatives [redacted] to discuss the possibility of having them assume any future emergency servicing of the bureau's newly acquired, complicated R-390/URR receivers. They said they were unable to render us any assistance, as they have no capability for fixing their own R-390's, one of which has been in disrepair since it broke down a year ago after only one week's use.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

Two members of the Audit Staff conducted an annual audit of the bureau on September 1 and 2. The Audit Report, a copy of which will be forwarded to FBIS Headquarters by the Audit Staff, stated in summary that procedures and controls in effect were adequate to protect Organization assets and that "no discrepancies were noted which warrant comment."

IV. VISITORS

A. [redacted] dependents of Mediterranean Bureau engineer [redacted] en route from Beirut to Little Rock, Arkansas, were provided overnight accommodations after they contacted the bureau on 15 September upon missing their plane connections in Frankfurt. 50X1
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B. The bureau chief and the senior editor on 21 September visited [redacted] 50X1
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C. [redacted] headquarters editor on leave in Europe, paid an unofficial visit to the bureau and was given an opportunity to observe bureau operations, including attendance at the bureau chief's daily situation briefing. 50X1

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Attachments:

1. Monthly Classified Personnel Report
2. Monthly Foreign Personnel Report
3. Operations Attachment
4. Equipment Attachment

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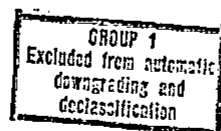
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OPERATIONS ATTACHMENT

- A. Total weekly hours of broadcasts monitored were 77.
- B. Additional, unscheduled monitoring during the month totaled 13.5 hours.
- C. The bureau filed a total of 299,370 words to headquarters, of which 19,340 words were nonpublishable.
- D. Austrian Bureau outbound traffic totaling 409,760 words was relayed by the German Bureau.
- E. The bureau filed or relayed 354,810 words of FBIS material to 50X1
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- F. Unauthorized outages on the Frankfurt-London and direct line totaled 38 hours 51 min.
- G. The WEEKLY REPORT ON THE EAST GERMAN PRESS total wordage was 82,000.
- H. As part of RPB's coding project for selected communist publications, 6 code cards were mailed to headquarters.

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EQUIPMENT ATTACHMENT

Teletype:

1. 1 ea Jack assembly, telephone, c/o 96 jacks 48 Western Electric #218-A and 48 #438C, 19" $5\frac{1}{4}$ "H, 8" deep graybar 2-2-24A.
2. 1 ea Jack assembly, c/o jacks, WE #218 A 19"L, 8"D, GB-1-0-24A.
3. 2 ea Gear Set, teletype #163448, gear 163447 and pinion 163446, for 50 bauds, 7.0 unit code, f/u/w M28 reperforator in ASR.

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