

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Chief, FBIS

DATE: 10 November 1964

FROM : Chief, Panama Bureau

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - October 1964

## I. GENERAL

- A. Building modifications proceeded smoothly but slowly; the project is 95 percent completed, including resurfacing of the parking area.
- B. FBIS was advised that its request for a change in the Bureau's official duty station had been disapproved.
- C. Efforts to remedy administrative oversights penalizing two Bureau staffers proved fruitless.
- D. High echelon officers in the former support group were briefed on Bureau operations
- E. Lt. Col. Michael Smolen, Caracas kidnap victim recuperating in the Canal Zone, was invited to the Bureau to meet local and staff employees who had made special efforts to report his plight.
- F. Mr. Zade Green, Air Force Intelligence representative, was invited to the Bureau for a routine rebriefing on FBIS activities. With remodeling work largely completed, all major local consumers will receive refresher rebriefings on Bureau and FBIS capabilities in the next few weeks.

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### Attachments:

- Classified Personnel Report
- Foreign Personnel Report
- Operations Attachment
- Technical Attachment
- Human Interest Attachment



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## OPERATIONS ATTACHMENT - Panama Bureau - October 1964

I. Following is the net publishable wordage filed to Headquarters during the month of October 1964 by country of origin:

Peru	39,140
Panama	28,570
Colombia	20,320
Argentina	15,080
Bolivia	14,950
Venezuela	14,600
Ecuador	11,080
Costa Rica	8,460
Honduras	7,800
Brazil	4,910
Chile	4,070
Uruguay	4,040
Paraguay	2,220
Nicaragua	2,140
Guatemala	500
El Salvador	0

Total 177,880

II. Bureau working hours were extended to provide special coverage of De Gaulle's visit to Latin America, the Bolivian coup, and the Smolen Kidnapping.

III. Coverage schedules were revised somewhat to accommodate the West Coast Bureau's return to Pacific Standard time.

TECHNICAL ATTACHMENT - Panama Bureau - October 1964

- I. Reception: Contrary to expectations, atmospherics increased considerably.
- II. Two doublets were repaired; poles and transformers were received for the Beverage antenna.
- III. Cruising: 19 cruising reports were sent to  22 news STAT alerts were reported to editors from sources not on the regular coverage schedules.
- IV. There were no significant power or communications outages.

HUMAN INTEREST ATTACHMENT - Panama Bureau - October 1964

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Panama's pleasant beaches not far from the office.

# PANAMA'S PACIFIC BEACHES BLOOMING

## *Tourists Find Pleasure, Calm, Surf, and Sun*

BEACHES RANK high when it comes to evaluating the tourist attractions of a country. For years, visitors have been flocking to Caribbean islands to enjoy surf and sun.

Places like Nassau's Paradise Beach and Jamaica's plush north coast resorts have built a healthy tourist industry on their sandy shores. But it took more than sand, surf, and balmy breezes to do the trick. Tourists love to swim and sun themselves. But they also like creature comforts—modern accommodations, good food, and entertainment.

Panama's privileged geographical position makes it a natural vacationland. It has fine hotels, excellent restaurants, casinos, shopping at bargain prices, and fabulous fishing.

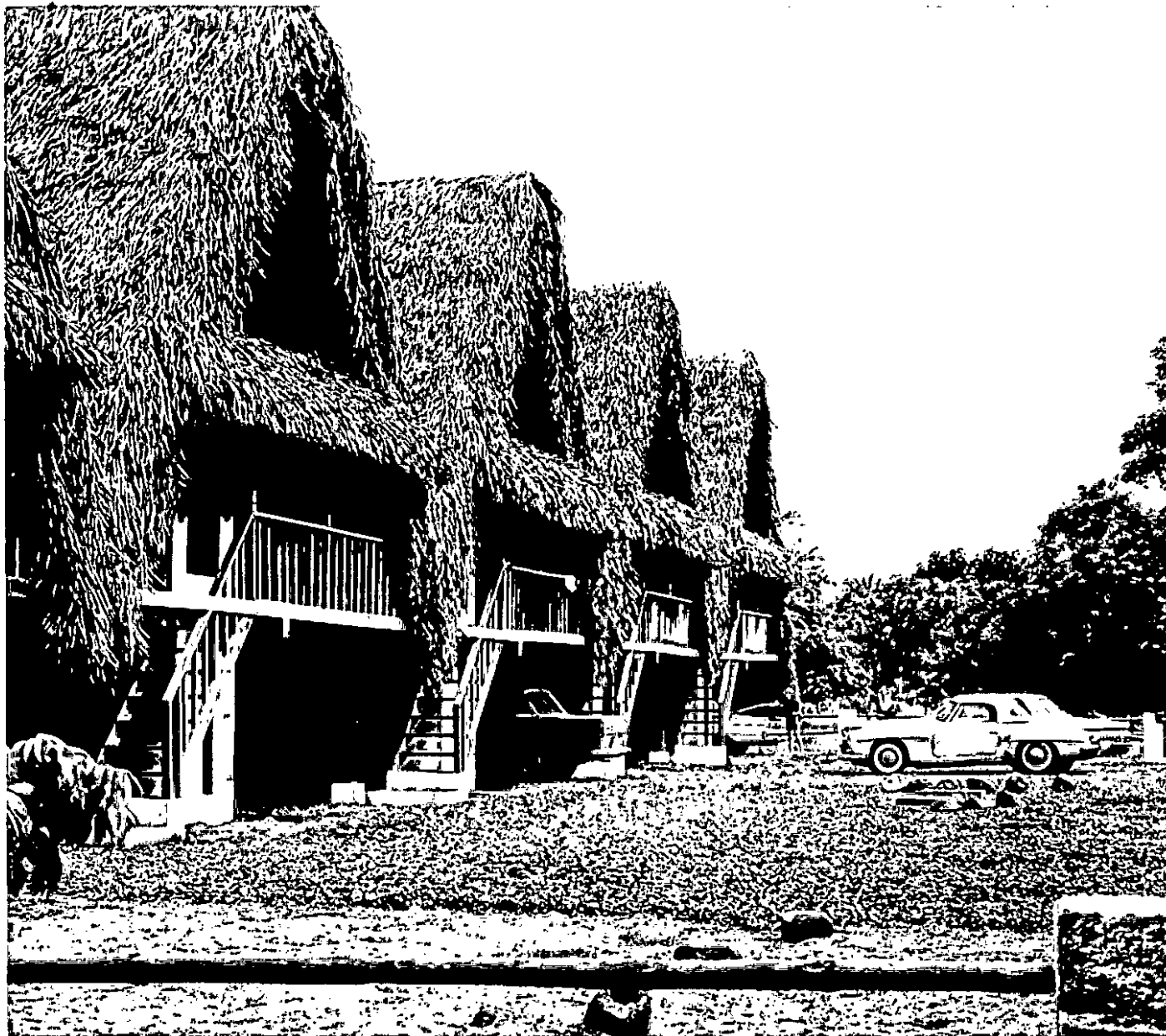
It also has beaches, fine beaches. Residents of the Isthmus have been enjoying them for years, but up until recently, no serious efforts had been made to promote them into full-blown, international resorts.

In recent years, businessmen have been investing in the future of Panama's tourist industry and the prospects of its beaches becoming a major attraction have brightened.

A big stride in this direction was the opening of the Government-owned Hotel Taboga, which is attracting large numbers of visitors to the beautiful island. Operated by the Hotel International, it offers fine



It's just a short stroll to the beach from new cottages at Santa Clara.



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food, good service, and many air-conditioned rooms.

All along the Pacific coast of the Isthmus, there are excellent beaches and many of them now offer good accommodations at reasonable rates.

Latest addition on the beachfront is at Santa Clara, where weekend visitors and vacationers now find a neat row of two-story, thatched-roof cottages just a stone's throw from the water. Each sleeps four persons and

is equipped with complete kitchen facilities. Built on stilts, the cottages provide garage space underneath.

The new facility is an addition to Phillips Cottages, purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Erasmo de la Guardia and now called Mummu Cottages.

In addition to comfortable house-keeping accommodations on the beach, there are other facilities, including horseback riding and boats for hire.

Just a 2-hour drive from Panama, Santa Clara is an ideal honeymoon hideout or vacation spot for the family.

Other Pacific coast spots en route to Santa Clara are Coronado and San Carlos Beaches, where accommodations may also be arranged. For fishing enthusiasts, there is the plush, well-equipped Piñas Bay Club, also on the Pacific shore, close to the Colombian border.

TRANSMITTAL SLIP		DATE
		12 Nov. 1954
TO:		
ROOM NO.	BUILDING	
REMARKS:		
Note: Personnel attachments not received with this report.		
FROM: Alice Registry		
ROOM NO.	BUILDING	EXTENSION
FORM NO. 241 1 FEB 53	REPLACES FORM 36-6 WHICH MAY BE USED.	GPO: 1957-O-439445 (47)