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Assistant Director for Operations

9 October 1956

Chief, FBID

Progress Report for September 1956

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1	CH ENGR	ML 6-782
2	OPR OFF	GC
4	CH ED	GC
5	CH RES	GC
3	ADM OFF	GC
6	LIA OFF	GC
8	EX FILE	—

OPERATIONS

1. The FBIS African survey team conducted reception tests in Spain, the Balearic Islands, Sardinia, Sicily, and Tunis during the month. A preliminary report indicates that reception of broadcasts from the overall North African target area was best in Majorca. Two members of the team visited Accra, Gold Coast, late in the month.

2. Services performed by FBIS during the month included:

a. A roundup for the U.S. delegation in London to the second London Conference on the Suez Canal question. This roundup was prepared in London with support from other Bureaus, and was also disseminated in Washington on the FBIS B-wire.

b. Part I of an approximately 300,000 word recording of the proceedings of the Eighth Chinese Party Congress, published as a supplement to the FBIS Daily Report, in 1,600 copies for special distribution. Two more parts of this supplement are to be issued.

c. Several brief typescript summaries on various subjects, provided in response to requests from OCB, including world reaction to Soviet announcements of fallout and atomic explosions, the latest Bulganin letter to President Eisenhower, and the Khrushchev - Tito exchange of visits.

d. A summary of comment on the Atomic Energy Commission's announcements concerning Soviet detonations, prepared for the Office of Scientific Intelligence.

e. Recordings and transcripts of speeches by Egyptian President Nasir and other Egyptian leaders of sufficient stature to speak for him, supplied to the American Embassy in Beirut in response to a PP request. This service continues. R

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3. Two anti-Basir Arabic clandestine stations are now being monitored by FBIS, the first of which is located in France as previously reported. The second, first heard on 16 September, appears to be transmitting from Cyprus under British sponsorship.

4. FBIS B-wire service was extended to the Atomic Energy Commission on 14 September.

5. The long-standing requirement for FBIS wire service to Ambassador Johnson at the Geneva talks with the Chinese Communists was reviewed during the month. Department of State reported that the service is still needed, and it accordingly is continuing.

6. In accordance with instructions from DD/I, the FBIS daily "pink sheet" was revised to improve its readability. Shorter paragraphs are used and source locations are underlined. The DD/I was reported to have approved of the new format.

7. Measures to further the Mediterranean Bureau's capability to monitor critical developments in the Middle East to meet intelligence requirements included the arrival at the Bureau of one Arabic/Beahili monitor recruited in East Africa; and a request for a T/O increase of two Arabic monitors presented to Management Staff. Mediterranean Bureau was authorized in the meantime to recruit against these positions within its overall foreign national T/O.

8. The FBIS field survey in Central and South America was completed. Results indicate that Panama is the best location for a one-man Latin American cruising post, with San Jose, Costa Rica as first alternate. The question is still under study.

9. In connection with the Department of Justice indictment of William Powell, former publisher of the China Monthly Review in Shanghai, a consultant of the Justice Department visited FBIS and discussed possible approaches and assistance with representatives of the Radio Propaganda Branch.

#### FACILITIES

10. Guinea Bureau reported that the Marine Corps was surveying the Bolo airfield for possible use as a Marine helicopter base. On 24 September the Chief and Chief Engineer FBIS conferred with officials at Marine Corps headquarters, and found that the Air Force, without referral to FBIS, has allocated Bolo airfield to the Marine Corps for

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development of air support facilities in connection with the establishment of a new base in Okinawa for the Third Marine Division, now located in Japan. FBIS concurred in joint tests with the Marine Corps to determine whether enough physical separation could be maintained at Dole Point to eliminate reception interference, and a memorandum addressed to the Secretary of Defense setting forth FBIS requirements in Okinawa was prepared for the signature of the Acting DCI.

11. Loss to Okinawa Bureau from Typhoon Emma on 7-9 September approximated \$5,000. Windows and shutters were extensively damaged, buildings suffered water penetration, and there was considerable loosening of antennas. Repairs are being made under local contracts. FBIS personnel escaped injury, except for one Okinawan employee who received dislocations and bruises when blown from the BOQ roof. The Bureau continued to function and communication via landlines was maintained throughout the typhoon.

12. The current Okinawan housing construction project is 35% complete. Mediterranean Bureau booth modernization is also 35% finished.

13. A serious interruption of East Coast Bureau's communication, the first of major proportions since activation of the station, occurred on 18 September when electrolytic action caused the cable carrying all circuits from the Bureau to fail. Attempts to set up emergency routing via [redacted] were ineffective and the need for better emergency arrangements is under study by FBIS and Office of Communications.

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14. Heavier capacity cable was installed in the Historic Building to serve the FBIS Wire Room area. The original power cable provided only sufficient capacity for ordinary office requirements, but not for the added load of FBIS teletype equipment.

#### ADMINISTRATION

15. The FBIS Table of Organization was officially revised, in general accordance with the revised recommendations submitted to Management Staff. Position reclassifications included elevation of the Chiefs, Okinawa, Mediterranean, London, and West Coast Bureaus to GS-15, elevation of several field bureau editorial positions to GS-12, and reduction of the overall Division F/O to the current ceiling of [redacted]. Positions in Radio Propaganda Branch were still under review as of 30 September.

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16. Allocation of 1957 operating funds was received as requested in the Operating Budget. FBIS Office Estimates for Fiscal Year 1958

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were submitted.

**17. Trainings:**

a. FBID's basic training program for new employees was approved by Office of Training under [redacted] Five other FBID training programs, for editors and propaganda analysts, were drawn up for similar accreditation by OTR.

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b. Arrangements were made with OTR for an Effective Writing Course, for personnel of FBID and other OO Divisions to be conducted in the OO Conference Room at 1717 H Street. This will minimize time lost by participants in travelling to and from OTR buildings.

18. A conference was held with the Chief Overt Branch, Personnel Evaluation Division, OP, on FBIS field personnel problems as a prelude to his proposed visit to overseas FBIS Bureaus. Such first-hand observation of field personnel problems should be beneficial to FBIS.

**19. Personnel:**

During September five persons were separated from FBID. Classified on-duty-strength on 30 September was [redacted] 11 under T/O, and 26 applications were in process. For the first time in many months, applications are in process for all actual and anticipated editorial vacancies in FBIS.

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**Enclosures:**

- I. Field Production Report
- II. Personnel Supplement
- III. Requirements

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## 1. Weekly Average of Field Bureau Production, September 1956.

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	ITEMS FILED	ITEMS PUBLISHED
Austria	29 3/4	59,550*	130*	75*
East Coast	757 3/4	98,000	560	250
German	196	70,000*	260*	85*
Hokkaido	91	33,500	360	350
London	1,617	326,925	655	610
Mediterranean	479 1/2	175,500	1,015	770
Okinawa	864 1/2	200,500	315	245
Saigon	147	33,000*	150*	110*
Tokyo	197 3/4	46,000*	125*	65*
West Coast	<u>651</u>	<u>275,000</u>	<u>875</u>	<u>585</u>
Total	5,031 1/4	1,317,975	4,415	3,145

\*Includes Press Scrutiny

NOTE: A weekly average of 477,813 words were filed to BBC.

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PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

September 1956

1. Summary

<u>Number of Personnel</u>	<u>American</u>							<u>Native</u>		
	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Ceiling</u>	<u>On Duty</u>	<u>In Process</u>	<u>Entered On Duty</u>	<u>Promotions</u>	<u>Transferred</u>	<u>Separated</u>	<u>T/O</u>	<u>On Duty</u>
Departmental										
U. S. Field										
Foreign Field										
Departmental & Field (Total)										

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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

None

3. PromotionsNameOld Title, Grade  
AssignmentNew Title, Grade  
AssignmentDateClerk Typist, GS-3  
Administrative StaffClerk Typist, GS-4  
Administrative Staff

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Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-6  
Editorial BranchInfo Sp(For Bdcst), GS-7  
Editorial Branch

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Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11  
East Coast BureauInfo Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12  
East Coast Bureau4. ReassignmentsNameOld Title, Grade  
AssignmentNew Title, Grade  
AssignmentDate

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Intelligence Asst, GS-6  
Liaison StaffAdm Assistant, GS-6  
West Coast Bureau

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Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-7  
Editorial BranchInfo Sp(For Bdcst), GS-7  
East Coast Bureau

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Electron Eng(Radio), GS-13  
East Coast BureauElectron Eng(Radio), GS-13  
Mediterranean Bureau

15 July 1956

Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-13  
Mediterranean BureauInfo Sp(For Bdcst), GS-13  
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Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9  
East Coast BureauInfo Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9  
Editorial Branch

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Reassignments (Cont.)



Electron Eng(Radio), GS-13 Mediterranean Bureau	Electron Eng(Radio), GS-13 East Coast Bureau	26 August 1956	50X1
Chief Monitor, GS-12 Mediterranean Bureau	Info Sp(For Bcast), GS-12 London Bureau	9 September 1956	
Info Sp(For Bcast), GS-11 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bcast), GS-11 London Bureau	9 September 1956	

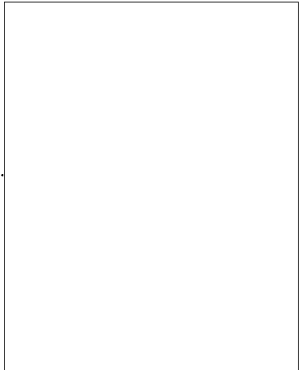
5. Separations

Name

Title, Grade, Assignment

Date

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Propaganda Anal Off, GS-11 Radio Propaganda Branch		14 September 1956
Teleg Typwr Opr Sup, GS-6 West Coast Bureau		7 September 1956
Radio Operator, GS-8 East Coast Bureau		13 July 1956
Radio Operator, GS-8 West Coast Bureau		14 September 1956
Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-5 West Coast Bureau		22 September 1956

6. Miscellaneous

Name Change

From

To

Date

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[Redacted]  
Erdest Mon (Mono), GS-9  
West Coast Bureau

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West Coast Bureau

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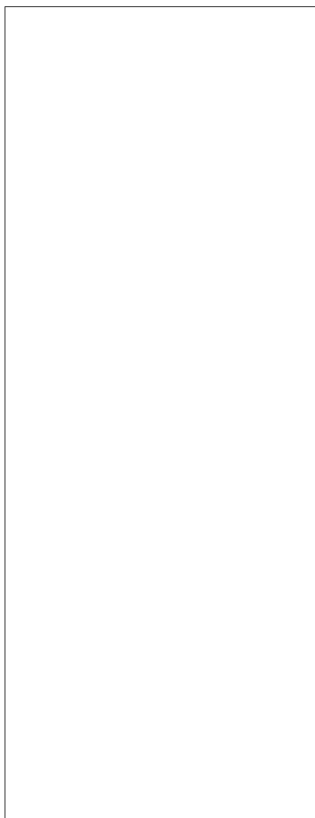
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7. OO Career Service Program

a.  employees have been accepted for Career Staff membership.

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b. Training Activities



Tri-Stats College, Angola, Indiana 24 September 1956 - August 1958	External
RCA Television Seminar - Camden, N.J. 17 - 21 September 1956	External
Regional Survey - Soviet Bloc 10 September - 16 November 1956	Internal
Regional Survey - Soviet Bloc 10 September - 16 November 1956	Internal
Advanced Spanish Translation - Georgetown University 24 September 1956 - June 1957	External
Basic Supervision 24 September - 5 October 1956	Internal
Intelligence Orientation 4 - 28 September 1956	Internal
Shorthand Theory Review 10 September - 5 October 1956	Internal
Writing Workshop 10 September - 5 October 1956	Internal
George Washington University 24 September 1956 - 29 January 1957	External
George Washington University 24 September 1956 - 29 January 1957	External

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OO Career Service Program - Training Activities (Cont.)

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USDA Graduate School  
24 September 1956 - 25 January 1957

External

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8. Foreign Travel

Name of Traveler

Destination

Date of Departure and Return

[Redacted]

Europe and Africa  
Europe and Africa  
Europe and Africa  
Europe and Africa  
South America

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26 July 1956 - 31 January 1957  
26 July 1956 - 31 January 1957  
26 July 1956 - 31 January 1957  
8 August 1956 - 14 September 1956

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