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Acting Assistant Director for Operations

5 March 1956

Chief, FBID

Progress Report for February, 1956.

OPERATIONS

1. A special report on broadcasting in Moslem languages in Central Asia was prepared for SR/P as background for a broadcast expansion project. The paper, which was largely compiled by the BIS but included an RFB contribution, was warmly received by SR.

2. Following the DD(I)'s favorable decision regarding the future of the Hokkaido Bureau, a request was initiated for the addition of a foreign national cruising monitor to the Bureau staff to regularize the Bureau's cruising responsibilities and to supplement the information available to the OCR Radio Stations Register. A memorandum was also forwarded to the Bureau Chief requesting a survey of certain Chinese regional potential.

3. Owing to serious deterioration in the intercept of Kyrenia communications at [redacted] an onset of the impending maximum phase of the sun spot cycle, coordinating checks with London Bureau have been suspended indefinitely. Virtually no Kyrenia material is now being received directly at [redacted]

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4. Various unrelated ad hoc checks of jamming were carried out during the month for OBI. One was in connection with a sensitive requirement, and another was of particular interest because it repudiated erroneous information supplied the Agency by the RFB Monitoring Service.

5. Demand for BIS publications improved during the month. Many requests were received for extra copies of the Station and Program Notes reporting on the development of East German television. Among the new customers on the regular mailing list is the Air Navigation Facilities Branch of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, which does extensive basic work for the Armed Services. This unit is particularly interested in location of broadcasting station facilities and offered its services where information on exact sites may be required.

6. [redacted] West Coast Bureau engineer detailed to the experimental cruising operation at Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico, arrived at San Juan on 19 February and began work at the Navy Receiving Station the following day. He reports the station is $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles in a swamp and that the Navy

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has been very cooperative. Mail and wire communications (clear text) have been established, and a supplementary receiver is ready for shipment as soon as the shipping address is received.

7. A traffic check on Okinawa's communications during the month showed a significant improvement over typical service of the past year. An analysis of approximately 160 messages passed during a 24-hour period revealed that the average time was approximately three hours. The fastest routine message arrived in 45 minutes and the fastest priority in 19 minutes; the slowest message required nine hours and 29 minutes.

8. A Navy radiogram based on monitoring of Peking NCHA attributed to the New York Times Monitoring Service was investigated through the Liaison Officer, who determined that the New York Times does not actually operate a monitoring service. It is understood that the Times' Far East correspondent received the material from the Reuters Tokyo correspondent, who probably bought it from Radio Press. The apparent "scooping" of FBIS in this dispatch appeared to result from erroneous conversion of dates and times.

9. The German Bureau doubled its recordings for HBC of broadcasts from Radio Homeland, the Russian Quasi-Clandestine transmitter in East Germany targeted on Soviet expatriates in West Germany. This keeps pace with the expansion of the station's output from one to two hours daily.

10. An inquiry was received from USIA regarding certain Baltic Clandestine broadcasts which allegedly are being originated in Paris studios by an unidentified group and radiated through RTF transmitters. As FBIS has not heard such broadcasts, and as DD/P is not sponsoring the activity, SR Division agreed to initiate a query to the FI field for further information.

11. Despite assurances from OC last month that the bottleneck had been broken in providing service to the FI China base, it has been unable to conclude arrangements with the Navy for secure communication of the FBIS file from Okinawa. The matter is still in suspense.

12. A thorough survey of the possibility of consolidating the German and Austrian Bureaus in Munich, a proposal which held particular advantages for the analytic press scrutiny operation being initiated at the Bureaus, has concluded that administrative and technical obstacles to the consolidation far outweigh any benefits it might bring. The original plan to locate Soviet and Satellite scrutiny in Vienna, with Frankfurt handling East German material, remains in force, at least for the time being.

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13. A card index by subject of the speeches at the CPSU Party Congress, prepared by the Radio Propaganda Branch to facilitate research on the policy positions of individual Soviet leaders, was reproduced and made available to OCI, OIR, USIA and through the Air Force to Rand Corporation.

14. The most important Radio Propaganda Report issued during the month analyzed the greetings to Soviet leaders published on their decennial birthdays as reflecting their relative rankings in the Presidium. Three considerable papers were prepared at the request and for the exclusive benefit of DD/P components.

15. The special wire service to Ambassador Johnson in Geneva continued throughout February. Wordage for the month averaged just over 1,000 per day.

16. At the request of the DD(I), FBID reproduced in Daily Report Supplement form, Moscow's entire coverage of the 20th Party Congress. The compilation, which filled 700 pages and was reproduced in 1,200 copies, included all speeches, major and minor, details of the proceedings, and collateral Soviet comment.

17. During February the Daily Report carried, from NCCA and Peking Mandarin, some 98,550 words on the proceedings at the plenary sessions of the Second National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, which met in Peking during the first part of the month. This included texts of the policy statement by Premier Chou En-lai and speeches by high-ranking officials of the Government and the people's organizations included in the democratic front.

FACILITIES

18. At the end of February the penultimate phase of housing construction at the Okinawa Bureau was 99 per cent complete. All buildings have undergone final inspection. Exterior utilities are 95 per cent complete.

19. The final phase of housing construction at the Okinawa Bureau envisages seven 3-bedroom single family dwellings. This has been submitted to the PRC for approval.

20. A project of about \$70,000 for the construction of four 2-family duplex units for the Hokkaido Bureau at Chitose Air Force Base was submitted to the PRC.

21. FBID move to 1717 H Street, N.W., was completed as scheduled. Minor alterations remain to be made when workmen are available.

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22. Extensive communication outages on the land lines between Okinawa Bureau and Rycom Signal relay caused disruption via this carrier of telephone service for eighteen days and teletype service for six days. Throughout the outages the VHF radio backup circuit performed excellently and provided communication of both telephone and teletype without perceptible interruption.

23. The Office of Communications requested and received permission to tap the AP ticker circuit at East Coast Bureau in order to provide emergency press service to the Agency relocation center at no extra cost and with maximum security. The work has not yet been accomplished but will be done by OC technicians.

24. An inquiry from Mr. Hitchcock of NIC regarding B-wire services revealed that AFOIN is seeking an extension of the present B-wire circuit in the Pentagon to service it. The motivating force proved to be the good service during the recent balloon flap, which NIC provided AFOIN as a favor.

ADMINISTRATION

25. Arrangements were completed for transferring a radio operator from the West Coast Bureau to the Office of Communications. This office has now absorbed three excess FBID radio operators. Negotiations will continue in hopes that three more can be absorbed.

26. As of 29 February there were on duty, five entered on duty and five were transferred and/or separated.

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27. Fifty-six FBIS personnel were accepted into the Career Service.

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ENCLOSURES:

- I. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production.
- II. Local Services Rendered by Field Bureaus.
- III. Special Requirements Control.
- IV. Personnel Supplement.

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Daily distribution of the epidemiological bulletin of the World Health Organization is made to the World Health Organization and U.S. Department of Health, Washington, and FEAP, Tokyo.

West Coast Bureau

All Peking Morse and processed voice material, NCHA (Pyongyang), Soviet regional material and other press items dealing with Burma, Malaya, and Indochina are filed to FEC and Eighth Army, Tokyo and the Agency's Chief of Mission. All Peking Morse material is sent to the Ryukyus Command. Selected Peking NCHA material is sent to the 5th Air Force. NCHA material is sent to the American Embassy, Seoul. Peking Mandarin processed material and urgent material from Peking English and Soviet regionals are sent to the EBC. Weather reports from Soviet regionals are forwarded to FBIS Tokyo for the Japanese Cabinet Research Chamber.

Tokyo Bureau

All processed intercepts are sent to PsyWar and G-2, AFPE. Far East Air Force receives material monitored from Peking in Korean and Japanese, Pyongyang in Japanese, and Moscow in Japanese, Korean, and Mandarin. Fifth Air Force in Korea receives Pyongyang material in Japanese. Peking material in Korean and Pyongyang material in Japanese are filed to the Eighth Army and USIS, Korea. USIS in Taipei and Hong Kong receives all Peking material in Tibetan and Mongolian. Selected material including Kyodo and Jiji releases are furnished Civil Information and Education Section, U.S. Civil Administration, Ryukyus. All intercepts on the military and political situation in the Ryukyus are filed for the Attention of G-2, Ryukyus Command. The American Embassy in Tokyo receives all Peking comment on Thailand affairs. Intercepts from Moscow (in Japanese, Mandarin, Korean, and Mongolian), Peking (in Japanese, Korean, Tibetan, Mongolian, and press material in Mandarin), Taipei (in Korean and Japanese), and Pyongyang (in Japanese) are furnished the Japanese Cabinet Research Chamber. The Japanese National Police Agency are furnished with schedules and frequencies of all Japanese language broadcasts from Communist transmitters.

Hokkaido Bureau

All processed intercepts are furnished FEC/UNC, FEAP, and FBIS for Documents Research Section in Tokyo, PsyWar Division of AFPE at Camp Zama, Far East Command Liaison Detachment in Sapporo, and the British

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Hokkaido Bureau (Cont)

Broadcasting Corporation in London. All intercepts from Soviet Sakhalin are sent to Counter Intelligence Corps, Region VI, Sapporo.

Okinawa Bureau

All processed intercepts are filed to G-2 FEC/UNC, [redacted] PayWar Division and G-2, AFPE, at Camp Zama. [redacted] All processed material from Communist Chinese and North Korean stations is transmitted to Intelligence Section, FEAF, Tokyo. Selected items from North Korean radios and political-military material processed from Peking broadcasts are filed to Fifth Air Force, Nagoya, Japan. All Korean material is filed to the U.S. Embassy in Seoul. The Forward Command Post of the Eighth Army in Seoul is supplied with Pyongyang and Peking Korean language intercepts. All Viet Minh material dealing with the Laotian situation is filed to USIS and the U.S. Legation in Vientiane. A selected file of Hanoi material is transmitted daily to the American Embassy in Bangkok and USIS, Phnom Penh. Selected Pyongyang, Peking, Vietnam, Moscow, Indochina, Thailand, and Mongolia material is supplied G-2, Ryukyus Command and USCAR. Items concerning the Ryukyus and political or military developments in Korea, Communist China, Formosa, and Indochina are sent to the 20th Air Force, Okinawa. All summaries and processed copy from Communist Chinese broadcasts are supplied to Composite Service Unit, Okinawa. Far East Network newscasts emanating from Tokyo are channeled through the Bureau to the Far East Network, Okinawa, for Troop Information and Education Section, Ryukyus Command. All Communist Chinese material is filed to USIS, Taipei.

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Saigon Bureau

All processed material (except Vietnam press translations) is filed to FEC, Tokyo, and furnished to the Political and Liaison Section of the American Embassy, USIS Saigon, Security Section of TRIM, Program Support Section of USOM and the British Embassy. Selected material is sent to the Economic Section of American Embassy, and the Military Aid Advisory Group. Selected material concerning their areas is sent to the U.S. Embassy and USIS, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and the U.S. Legation, Vientiane, Laos. A copy of all Hanoi press translations is sent to the Assistant Director for Economic Policy, USOM. Selected material is sent to the various Military Attaches.

Mediterranean Bureau

Middle East Roundups, prepared five times weekly from material broadcast by area transmitters and from material beamed to the area by Soviet regional stations, are airmailed to American Embassies in Beirut, Cairo, Baghdad, Tel Aviv, and Damascus. Processed items relating to Cyprus are sent to the Colonial Secretary and the Security Liaison Officer in

Nicosia. All processed material on Cyprus and the Middle East Roundup is sent to the American Consul in Nicosia. All processed material on Cyprus is sent to the British Section, Liaison Officer in Kyrenia for the Royal Air Force. Transcripts of Athens broadcasts to Cyprus are supplied to the British Liaison Officer for Military Intelligence.

Austrian Bureau

All processed material is filed to Public Information Division, USAF Headquarters, and the 7664th Signal Technical Intelligence Team, both in Salzburg, and to USIS, Vienna. The daily Austrian press review is supplied to the Political Division, U.S. Embassy, Vienna; the monthly Economic Report of the Reports and Statistical Branch, U.S. Operations Mission, Vienna; items dealing with the WFTU to the Labor and Social Administration Branch of the Economic Division, U.S. Embassy, Vienna. All press material from the daily file of the London and Mediterranean Bureaus is sent to the Special Projects Office, USIS in Vienna.

German Bureau

All processed material is filed to the Office of Public Affairs and the Office of Political Affairs, American Embassy, Bonn-Mehlen, and to the 7997th Composite Group, Frankfurt. The weekly Economic Report is sent to the Commercial Attache Division and the Eastern Economic Affairs Division, HICOG. The 7997th Composite Group receives selected material of a technical nature, a weekly East German Newspaper Clipping Report, a weekly Editorial Emphasis Report, and Special Scrutiny Reports as requested. A copy of the East German Newspaper Clipping Report is sent to the American Embassy. All intercepts from Radio Volga are sent to the Munich studios of the Voice of America and FBIS, London, for the HBC.

London Bureau

Daily reviews of USSR, Satellite, and East German broadcasts are delivered to local users in London and sent to consumers in Western Europe by wire, including: [redacted]; H-2, EUCOM; G-2, Frankfurt; SHAPE, Paris; and VOA, Munich. A 33,000 word selection from Soviet and Satellite broadcasts monitored at London and the Mediterranean Bureau is transmitted daily by wire from London to Munich studios of the Voice of America, and to FBIS German Bureau for the 7997th Composite Group, Frankfurt Military Post. The daily Soviet Roundup is sent to the American Embassy and the Public Relations Officer, USIS, in London. The Peking Press Review is filed daily to Ambassador Johnson, U.S. representative in the Sino-American negotiations in progress at Geneva. All East German material is filed daily to VOA, Munich, and sent to FBIS German Bureau for the 7997th Composite Group.

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1. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, February 1956.
Average computed on basis of 5-day week.

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	ITEMS FILED	ITEMS PUBLISHED
Austria	4½	3,100*	13*	7*
East Coast	100½	26,700	140	46
Germany	23½	13,000*	56*	46*
Hokkaido	13	6,780	69	51
London	231	75,000	130	80
Mediterranean	72	52,200	300	144
Okinawa	120	34,200	130	95
Saigon	26	6,100*	23*	11*
Tokyo	24½	10,200*	31*	19*
West Coast	<u>100</u>	<u>23,500</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>78</u>
Total	722½	250,780	1,022	577

*Includes Press Scrutiny

NOTE: A daily average of 104,266 words were filed to EBC.

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PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

FEBRUARY 1956

1. Summary

<u>Number of Personnel</u>	<u>American</u>							<u>Native</u>		
	<u>T/O</u>	<u>Calling</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

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<u>Name, Title, Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Editorial Branch	6 February 1956
	East Coast Bureau	6 February 1956
	Editorial Branch (Transfer from O/TR)	12 February 1956
	Liaison Staff	10 February 1956
	Editorial Branch (Transfer from OCB)	20 February 1956

3. Promotions

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Clerk Typist, GS-3 Radio Propaganda Branch	Clerk Typist, GS-4 Radio Propaganda Branch	12 February 1956
	Info Sp (For Bcast), GS-7 Editorial Branch	Propaganda Anal Off, GS-9 Saigon Bureau	12 February 1956
	Propaganda Anal Off, GS-11 German Bureau	Propaganda Anal Off, GS-12 German Bureau	12 February 1956
	Librarian, GS-5 West Coast Bureau	Librarian, GS-7 West Coast Bureau	12 February 1956
	Brdcst Mon (English), GS-5 East Coast Bureau	Brdcst Mon (English), GS-7 East Coast Bureau	26 February 1956

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4. Reassignments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Info Sp(For Bcast), GS-11 East Coast Bureau	Info Sp(For Bcast), GS-11 Editorial Branch	12 February 1956
	Propaganda Anal Off, GS-12 Radio Propaganda Branch	Intell Off (Gen), GS-12 London Bureau	26 February 1956

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5. Transfers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Grade, Assignment</u>	<u>Recipient Office</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Propaganda Anal Off, GS-13 Radio Propaganda Branch	Special Project - DB/P	13 February 1956
	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-4 East Coast Bureau	FID	13 February 1956

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6. Separations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Info Sp(For Bcast), GS-7 Field Operations Staff	10 February 1956
	Info Sp(For Bcast), GS-7 Editorial Branch	3 February 1956
	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-3 Editorial Branch	14 February 1956

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7. Miscellaneous

Home Change

From

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Date

	Info Sp(For Bcast), GS-9 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bcast), GS-9 Editorial Branch
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8. OO Career Service Program

a. employees have been accepted for Career Staff membership.

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b. Training Activities

Basic Orientation Course
6 - 24 February 1956

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Basic Orientation Course
6 - 24 February 1956

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Typing
9 January - 3 February 1956

Internal

Shorthand
9 January - 3 February 1956

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Shorthand
20 February - 16 March 1956

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Elementary Russian Reading (Phase II)
6 February - 25 May 1956

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Elementary Russian Reading (Phase II)
6 February - 25 May 1956

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Translation Workshop - East European Languages
6 February - 25 May 1956

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OO Career Service Program - Training Activities (Cont.)



Basic Management Course 23 January - 3 February 1956	Internal
Lecture on Economic Development in Southeast Asia 16 February 1956	Internal
Reading Improvement 27 February - 13 April 1956	Internal
Basic Supervision Course 23 January - 3 February 1956	Internal
Intelligence Writing 6 February - 2 March 1956	Internal

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9. Foreign Travel

Name of Traveler



Destination

All FEIS Bureaus
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Date of Departure and Return

21 January - 17 March 1956
30 January - 17 March 1956

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