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12 August 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM: Chief, FBID

SUBJECT: Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. On 8 July 1960, communications between the U.S. Embassy in Leopoldville, Congo, and Washington were temporarily interrupted by civil disturbances. The Embassy was able to communicate by walkie-talkie radio with the Consulate at Brazzaville, and FBIS was asked by State Department to do everything possible to cover Brazzaville broadcasts. The FBIS East Coast and Mediterranean Bureaus, plus BBC London, were immediately alerted and special coverage arrangements were set up to provide extensive monitoring of Brazzaville, as well as Elisabethville, Stanleyville, Bukavu, and Coquilhautville. [redacted]

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## 2. Special FBIS services for the Director included:

a. Two compilations of representative comment, both communist and noncommunist, on the nomination of the Democratic and Republican slates for president and vice president, prepared for the Director as an aid in briefing the candidates and the National Security Council. A memorandum on Moscow propaganda treatment of both parties' candidates and of the U.S. election system in general, prepared by RPB, was also forwarded to the Director.

b. A review of worldwide comment on the Congolese revolt, with particular attention to evidence of communist incitement. RPB supplied a memorandum analyzing communist bloc propaganda, and Editorial Branch assembled copies of available noncommunist comment.

c. A compilation of all Khrushchev references to Cuba since the summit collapse. RPB and Editorial Branch collaborated on this project. [redacted]

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## 3. Continuing Special FBIS Services:

a. The service to the U.S. delegation at the ten-nation disarmament talks in Geneva, which adjourned 27 July, was terminated with propaganda-analysis cable No. 68 on 15 July. The service to the Geneva test-ban talks is continuing.

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b. In support of USIA/IRI's special research effort regarding communist bloc penetration of Africa, IRI is supplied each week with an advance draft of the TRENDS AND HIGHLIGHTS and briefed that following day on bloc propaganda on Africa.

c. The FBIS Wire serviced five DD/P requests involving seven items (3,020 words) under the authority of "Spotlight Commentary."

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4. Recapitulations of all direct services by FBIS bureaus to field components of the Army, Navy, and Air Force were forwarded to the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army; Assistant Chief of Staff Intelligence, Department of the Air Force; and Assistant Chief of Naval Operations for Intelligence, Department of the Navy, respectively, on 5 July. Mr. Abbott Washburn, Deputy Director U.S. Information Agency acknowledged a similar recapitulation of field services to USIA posts, which was sent him in June, stating that "FBIS services in the field are of inestimable value in the development of our overseas operations where effectiveness can be measured in direct proportion to knowledge of what the target audience is doing and saying."

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5. Of 244 items included in OCI's Current Intelligence Digest during the month, 77 (31.6 percent) were based wholly or in part on FBIS monitoring. This is the highest percentage attributed to FBIS in the past 12 months, the average during this period being slightly over 27 percent.

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6. Representatives of the Air Targets Division, AFCIN, visited FBIS on 14 July to discuss certain low level political and economic materials which the Chief, Hokkaido Bureau, had suggested might be processed. They confirmed their great and continuing interest in FBIS products in general and cited specifically the areas of population figures and party-political work as ones from which they need material at virtually any level. Their interests coincided very closely with those of other major consumers polled in connection with Hokkaido Bureau's suggestion, and the Bureau was informed accordingly.

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7. In response to an urgent request from ORR for speedier delivery of economic abstract items, bureaus are pouching carbon copies of all abstracts to Headquarters for direct dissemination to ORR. This should enable ORR to have this material in the analysts' hands from one to three months sooner than the finished cards.

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8. A cable from the Consul General in Lagos indicated that the Government of Nigeria would accept an FBIS station at Kaduna entirely separate from the Consulate and without diplomatic privileges for its

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personnel, but recognizing their official status, and a recommendation was forwarded to the DD/I that we accept a calculated risk and continue to negotiate with the Nigerians through the Department of State with the intent of opening a bureau on these terms. [redacted]

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9. A Kurdish monitor recently recruited in England for the Mediterranean Bureau after more than two years of intensive effort had to be discharged, thus leaving Mediterranean Bureau again without Kurdish coverage. This is expected to be temporary in view of the impending arrival of Kurdish monitor [redacted] from the U.S. on a two year contract.

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10. [redacted] West Coast Bureau Monitor, completed her Area Familiarization trip through Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Peru, Colombia, and Panama. She returned to duty on 18 July 1960. [redacted]

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11. A memorandum was drafted for the Director's signature to the Secretary of State requesting that steps be taken to have the American personnel of London Bureau placed on the "Sheriff's List" in order to secure benefits and privileges equal to those accorded other official U.S. personnel in England, and generally enjoyed at other FBIS bureaus.

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PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT

1. The following are among Radio Propaganda Reports projected or under consideration for publication within the next few months (responsible analyst indicated in parentheses):

a. Soviet Outer-Space Projects and Programming: ~~May-July 1960~~-- in a regular series for OSI's Guided Missiles Division [redacted]

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b. Retrospective study of Moscow propaganda on the Congo [redacted]

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c. Emergence of a new public image of the top Soviet leadership--giving background on a propaganda trend noted in the 28 July SURVEY, Inside the USSR Section, page 24 [redacted]

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d. Evolution of Khrushchev's position on the transition to communism [redacted]

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e. Content study of the CPR magazine "Friendship," published in the CPR for dissemination in the USSR [redacted]

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f. Right-opportunist opposition to the commune program in the Chinese Communist Party--in response to a standing OCI requirement [redacted]

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g. Review of Soviet propaganda on agriculture [redacted]

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2. A study prepared by [redacted] of the West Coast Bureau, "Use of the Arts in Peking Radio's Anti-U.S. Campaign of June 1960," is being issued by RPB as a special memorandum to selected consumers in USIA, Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, DD/P, and OCI. The report, prepared on Mrs. Leigh-Hunt's own time and initiative with the support of the WCB monitoring staff, is a sequel to one she produced in April. The April report, "Use of Songs by the Peking Radio," was distributed in the same manner and proved of interest to offices concerned with propaganda and psychological warfare.

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3. All bureaus monitoring bloc material are advised of RPB's continuing interest in Moscow and other bloc propaganda on a possible Bundestag meeting this fall. Soviet commentators so far have been reluctant to repeat Khrushchev's threat, made at his 8 July press conference in Vienna, that a Bundestag meeting in Berlin might prompt the USSR to sign a separate peace treaty with the East Germans. GDR spokesmen have discussed Khrushchev's remark approvingly, but Moscow itself has simply attacked the idea of a possible Bundestag meeting without suggesting that there would be serious consequences. Analysts are therefore interested both in (a) any bloc repetitions of Khrushchev's threat, and (b) criticisms of plans for a Bundestag meeting that stop short of spelling out consequences. [redacted]

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4. Propaganda Analysis Items on the FBIS Wire (Responsible analyst indicated in parentheses)

a. "Peking Support for Negotiations Between France and the Algerian Provisional Government" [redacted]

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b. "Khrushchev Warns Use of Rocket Bases in Italy Against Socialist States Would Violate Austrian Neutrality" [redacted]

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c. "Soviet Comment on Cuba" [redacted]

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d. "Soviet Air Defense Chief Claims Operational Air-to-Air Rockets" [redacted]

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5. Other RPB Special Services during July:

a. A collation of Moscow and Peking quotations illustrating Sino-Soviet divergencies on international and domestic issues was prepared for ONE.

b. Divergences between Radio Moscow's domestic and foreign propaganda were exemplified in a memorandum prepared for the Senior Research Staff for forwarding to the Director.

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c. A review of communist bloc radio propaganda to and about Greece was prepared at State Department request for the Greek Government, which is establishing a radio monitoring system to keep tabs on communist propaganda treatment of Greece.

d. A Special Memorandum on Sino-Soviet propaganda on the Congo was prepared for the Africa Division, DD/P, in support of a requirement from the Director. Copies were sent to interested officers in OCI, the State Department, USIA, and AFCIN.

e. An analysis of Khrushchev's 12 July press conference remarks on the U.S. Guantanamo base in Cuba was prepared for the DD/I, in connection with a question raised in the National Security Council as to the degree to which Khrushchev had committed the USSR to action in support of Castro.

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EDITORIAL BRANCH COMMENT

General

1. A 98-page Daily Report Supplement of July 8 collated 28 speeches and reports to the Third Congress of the Rumanian Workers Party and provided a chronological index of all published materials on the congress.
2. During the month 82 percent of Daily Report pages were devoted to radio material and 18 percent to press scrutiny.
3. All bureaus concerned have displayed great initiative in providing valuable, timely reports on the critical and fast-moving Congo situation.

Mediterranean Bureau

The Bureau's commendable handling of the UAR National Union Congress was appreciated by Headquarters editors. Addis Ababa home service material has been welcomed, particularly the fine coverage of the conference of independent African states and the Emperor's press conference.

East Coast Bureau

Bureau editors  are commended for their initiative in personally transcribing a Moscow English item for which Headquarters had received an urgent request from State Department.

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ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. Construction:
  - a. Okinawa: Addition of bedrooms to eight housing units, and replacement of windows in the BOQ, progressed to eighteen percent completion during July. Construction of the addition to the operations building and replacement of the security fence was postponed due to delays in shipments of steel and typhoon weather conditions.
  - b. West Coast Bureau: Extensive modifications to the Bureau's air conditioning system were completed during the month. GSA will conduct acceptance inspection during August, 1960.
2. Field Operations Staff made a thorough study of the effectiveness of FBIS Cuban monitoring at Key West, Florida, and recommended that this activity be continued indefinitely. Administrative arrangements for the establishment of a permanent Key West Post are now in progress.

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3. Galley proofs of the publication Broadcasting Stations of the World were sent to FBIS for corrections and approval. The proofs were checked and returned to Printing Services Division which promised that the printing of the books would be completed by early September.

4. Bureaus should indicate on messages reporting the dropping of coverage necessitated by a monitor home leave when Headquarters can expect such coverage to be resumed.

5. When Peking or Moscow programs are received with an intelligibility rating of less than four, and a repeat broadcast is known to be transmitted, bureaus should indicate coverage of repeat transmissions on their coverage schedules.

6. As soon as possible, upon hearing of a political crisis within their monitoring capability, bureaus should report planned additional emergency coverage to the Chief, Field Operations Staff. This will make possible optimum coverage coordination and will reassure Headquarters that all coverage possibilities have been explored.

#### ADMINISTRATION

1. To report a change in family status for insurance purposes, the following is necessary. In reporting the birth of a baby, send a memorandum to Insurance Branch, giving the baby's name, and birth date, and requesting that the newest family member be enrolled in the policyholder's plan. A new Form 2809, Health Benefits Registration Form, must be submitted if a policyholder's dependent marries, reaches age 19, or dies.

2. If an employee's household effects are shipped to the U.S. via the Vanpac system, it is not necessary to address a "Certification on Contents" to the U.S. Despatch Agent as Vanpac does not clear effects through the Despatch Agent. Vanpac will have a complete inventory of the household effects and will obtain any statement required for U.S. Customs prior to shipment.

3. It has been determined by the Suggestion Awards Committee that in order for a suggestion to be awardable, it must be submitted in writing to the Committee within two years after its adoption. Exceptions to this time limitation require prior approval of the Chairman, Suggestion Awards Committee.

4. It is now possible for foreign national employees who are members of the Retirement plan to obtain Travel Advances. Amounts, however, may not exceed retirement contributions. Two signed copies of Standard Form 1038, Revised, should be submitted in the usual manner.

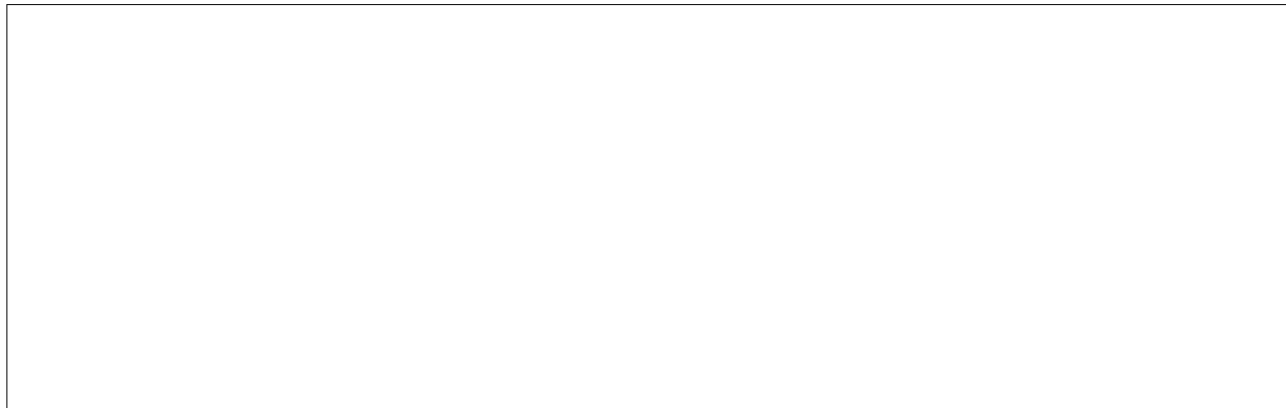
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5. Wherever possible requests for approval of travel plans and requests for orders should be synonymous. This eliminates confusion and extra coordination in Headquarters. If the travel plan is not approved, the Bureau will be notified immediately. Otherwise the issuance of orders in tantamount to approval of the requested travel plan.

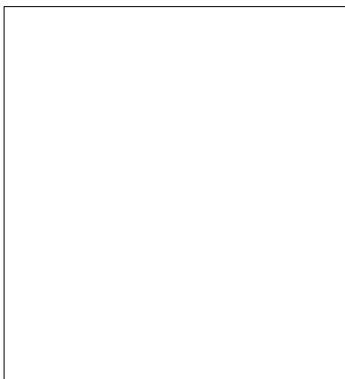
6. The following FBIS Regulatory Issuances were released during the month of July:



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PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. New Employees



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Clerk  
Admin. Staff  
  
Teletypist  
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Secretary  
Engineering St.  
  
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2. Reassignments



From

Teletype Sup.  
Tokyo Bur.  
  
Info Spec  
Field Opr St.  
  
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To

Teletype Sup.  
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3. Separations



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 has retired as Chief of the Teletype Unit after almost 19 years of outstanding service.  after completing his tour at the Tokyo Bureau, has returned to Washington to take charge of the unit.

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