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Assistant Director for Operations

11 February 1964

Chief, FBID

FBID Progress Report for January 1964

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GENERAL

1. Both the Mediterranean and Panama Bureaus faced serious crises during the month which not only hampered operations but also resulted in the displacement of personnel.

2. The increasing tension between the Greek and Turkish communities on Cyprus, coupled with a growing anti-American feeling among Greek Cypriots which culminated in the bombing of the American Embassy in Nicosia on 4 February, finally led to the evacuation of all FBIS American dependents and the majority of foreign national dependents from Cyprus to Beirut, Lebanon and to Israel. FBIS Headquarters personnel have been participating in the Agency's Cyprus Task Force; [redacted] was dispatched to Beirut as a part of an Agency team to assist in the reception of the evacuees from Cyprus and to oversee their general welfare while in Beirut. A senior editor and an electronics engineer from FBIS Headquarters arrived in Cyprus 4 February to help relieve the strain on bureau personnel who have been operating under continuous crisis conditions since 21 December. On 8 February Ambassador Wilkins declared Phase II of the Embassy's emergency plan and asked the Mediterranean Bureau to evacuate all remaining dependents and reduce its operations wherever possible. It is therefore planned to reduce the mission of the Mediterranean Bureau to coverage of Greek, Turkey, Cyprus, Israel and Iran by 22 February. The transfer of the majority of the bureau's monitors to the Austrian and London Bureaus, along with as much coverage as possible, is about to be implemented.

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3. Anti-American mob violence which erupted in Panama on 9 January following an incident over the display of only the American flag at a high school in the Canal Zone led to the destruction of property belonging to U.S. nationals, including the automobile of a Panama Bureau staff employee. Those Bureau employees who were at home when the rioting began were unable at first to get into the Canal Zone where the Bureau is located, and one group of three driving to work later narrowly escaped a Molotov cocktail attack before reaching the safety of the Zone. By 12 January all Staff employees and their dependents were given emergency billets in the Zone, where they still remain. Those on duty when the rioting began remained at the Bureau to provide full and valuable coverage, which has been continued throughout the crisis. In addition to radio coverage, the Bureau filed valuable eyewitness accounts of the disorder and violence. Both the White House and OCI noted their great dependence on the Panama Bureau and the FBIS

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Wire for prompt reports on the rapidly developing situation. Texts provided by FBIS were used at various emergency meetings, some of which were attended by the President. Army Secretary Cyrus Vance, who was sent to Panama to negotiate with the Panamanian Government, was provided the complete Bureau file and pertinent tape recordings of Panamanian broadcasts. Even though DCA invoked a "Minimize" order during the height of the crisis, communications were not seriously affected. In fact the Bureau originated over 70 "OO" messages during this period.

4. Special services for important consumers during the report period included the forwarding of certain broadcast items to the Attorney General's staff in Tokyo during Mr. Kennedy's talks with Indonesia's President Sukarno and a collection of tape recordings of Cuban broadcasts about Venezuela for the Department of State delegation to the OAS conference called in connection with a large arms cache found in Venezuela. The Department's Coordinator of Cuban Affairs, Mr. John H. Crimmins, sent a letter of appreciation for this special service. At the request of the Assistant to the DCI for Public Relations, a short initial report of world reaction to the highly publicized CIA analysis of the lagging Soviet economy was prepared. RPB later prepared a special memorandum on Soviet and other communist reaction to the CIA appraisal for the DCI, copies of which were sent to the DD/I for forwarding also to Assistant Directors, to the National Security Council, and to the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research. At the request of the DD/I's office, FBIS relayed to Taipei by Flash (ZZ) precedence President de Gaulle's references to French-Chinese relations during his 31 January press conference.

5. FBIS support of the Agency representative with the U.S. delegation at the Geneva disarmament talks was resumed when the conference reconvened on 21 January. RPB is providing analyses by classified cable, and the London Bureau is filing significant broadcast items.

6. In an effort to insure prompt delivery of FBIS materials to offices in the White House, arrangements were made with the Information Liaison Staff of the National Security Council to receive and distribute these publications. In the past, FBIS publications, including special White House requests for reaction reports, have been delayed by the elaborate security procedures reserved for materials passing through the White House mail center.

7. The second military coup in South Vietnam within three months, on 30 January, failed to produce any pertinent radio announcements from Saigon transmitters until several hours after it had been reported by press agencies. Saigon Bureau closely observed the behavior of South Vietnamese transmitters while waiting for the first radio announcement

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of the coup, which cleared the FBIS Wire Service within 26 minutes after being broadcast. FBIS was also compelled to rely on press transmission monitoring for the reports of disturbances in Zanzibar, Tanganyika, Kenya, and Uganda during January. Coverage by the BBC Nairobi bureau of subsequent developments provided the texts of several speeches by the Zanzibar revolution leaders indicating their leftist orientation and inclination toward the Communist bloc.

8. Radio Propaganda Reports:

a. Three RPB analyses of Soviet, Chinese Communist, and Cuban propaganda behavior at the height of the Panama crisis were disseminated on the FBIS Wire. Two spot reports on the subject were sent to the office of the DD/I, which forwarded copies to the White House. The distinguishing features of the three communist propaganda efforts through 23 January were reviewed in Radio Propaganda Report CD.242, "Moscow, Peking, and Havana Reaction to the Events in Panama."

b. Radio Propaganda Report CD.241, "Soviet Military Demonstrates Resistance to Threatened Force Cuts," examined evidence of coolness in the Soviet military press toward Khrushchev's December reference to prospective reductions in Soviet troop strength.

c. Extracts of the Trends and Highlights, together with observations on Soviet reaction to the death of President Kennedy, were provided to CA/DDP as a contribution to Agency support of the Warren Commission.

9. The first Daily Report supplement of 1964 was a 14-page issue in the World Reaction Series collating foreign radio and press reaction to President Johnson's first State of the Union Message.

10. Field bureaus were instructed to expedite the filing of textual materials on the launching of Soviet satellites and missiles which disclose parameters of orbit and radio frequencies in order to provide more expeditious service to NORAD, at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado, and to other consumers.

11. The Headquarters of the Tactical Air Command at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, has submitted a request for the FBIS Wire Service. In a reply approving the request, it was suggested that TAC tie on to the line already serving CINCLANT's Operations Intelligence at Norfolk, Virginia.

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12. Lateral Services:

a. With the addition of the MATS Headquarters at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, for "the protection of worldwide crews and passengers," the World Health Organization Epidemiological Bulletin monitored at the East Coast Bureau is now disseminated by direct wire to 24 consumers around the world and by mail to four others in the Washington area. Three additional wire addressees are expected to be added by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in the very near future.

b. Okinawa Bureau has begun filing to the Warning and Threat Assessment Division of the Fifth Air Force (SPINA), Fuchu Air Station, Japan, items concerning civil air developments in Far East communist countries and significant military items on the Indonesian-Malaysian confrontation.

13. Key West Bureau's videotape recording of the 2 January Cuban revolution anniversary day parade in Havana, which included a display of military equipment, was viewed with interest by a large number of analysts from several Agency and U.S. Government offices. Defense Intelligence Agency representatives requested extra prints of the entire tape, as well as still pictures of various scenes.

14. Initial results of a pilot program for Daily Report production, using a smaller typeface which can result in approximately 25 percent more material per page than the standard elite typeface now in use, are encouraging. The pilot program so far has been applied to various sections of the Latin America Daily Report.

15. During January, 20 percent of the items appearing in the OCI Digest were based wholly or in part on material supplied by FBIS.

16. Press scrutiny material accounted for 8 percent of the Daily Report during the report period.

17. At the request of the Curator, Historical Intelligence Collection, a memorandum was prepared outlining what FBIS documents would be appropriate for the John F. Kennedy Memorial Library.

18. Significant Broadcasting Developments:

a. Clandestine broadcasting activity during the past month included transmissions of a Turkish Cypriot-oriented program for

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Cyprus, which Mediterranean Bureau is covering; additional broadcasts begun by the communist-controlled anti-Salazar "Radio Portugal Livre," which is covered by the BBC; new language efforts in French by the Hanoi-based "Pathet Lao" radio and by the "Radio of the Laotian Kingdom," for which Saigon and Okinawa Bureaus have coverage responsibility; and the addition of Cambodian and Cantonese programs by the communist-controlled, anti-South Vietnamese "Liberation Broadcasting Station," also the responsibility of the latter two Bureaus.

✓ b. Moscow inaugurated another African-language program on 19 January, replacing a thrice-weekly broadcast in Portuguese for Africa with a program in Lingala, a Congo vernacular widely spoken in the Republic. Neither FBIS nor BBC can cover this language.

✓ c. During Castro's visit to Moscow, the USSR added a program in Spanish to Cuba on its International Service, daily broadcasts running from 16-26 January. BBC covered this program and London Bureau handled lateral dissemination.

d. Broadcast Information Section handled a number of requests from OCI, the State Department, and USIA during the Panama crisis, most of which were seeking information about the political affiliations of Panama's radio and television stations. Several consumers indicated that BIS is the sole source of such information.

FACILITIES

19. Transpacific allocated circuits continued to suffer from high outages with about 42 percent of the total messages for the month being rerouted to Washington over common user facilities. However, high-precedence traffic including the first broadcast items on the latest South Vietnam coup, are reaching Headquarters quickly. The relocation of the Saigon STARCOM relay resulted in temporary severe communications delays between Saigon Bureau and other FBIS stations, especially Okinawa Bureau.

20. In an effort to bolster Mediterranean Bureau communications which were affected by cable cuts during the Cyprus crisis, special VHF communications equipment has been ordered, to be used to improve communications between Karavas and Yerolakkos and Nicosia. The equipment due on Cyprus 8 February 1964.

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21. Improvement of the Panama Bureau internal layout is now approximately 75 percent complete.

22. Okinawa Bureau Developments:

a. The Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) and International Broadcasting Service (IBS) conducted additional tests to attempt to eliminate a spurious radio signal on 996 KCS. Efforts were not successful and further efforts will be made.

b. The four-man BOQ extension project was 70.6 percent complete at the end of January.

23. At the Key West Bureau, the second video recorder, Ampex model 1100, fully transistorized, was received and placed in operation on 24 December. The unit was checked out by an Ampex field engineer and was accepted on 31 December 1963.

24. African Bureau Developments:

a. The installation of a Vee-type antenna oriented toward Accra began in December.

b. The Bureau's request for approximately 32 acres of additional land to protect the antennas from encroachment has been approved by the Nigerian Ministry of Land and Survey, with the land rental fee set at 5 shillings per acre for the first year.

c. The construction of houses for indigenous employees continues at a slow pace. In light of the current economy drive, the principle of continuing the construction of African staff housing was reviewed by FBIS Headquarters and the Bureau Chief. It was decided to continue the project.

ADMINISTRATION

25. During the month of January, no one entered on duty, 5 employees transferred, and 2 were separated from FBIS. The on-duty strength as of 31 January was including one employee on leave without pay and one employee on maternity leave. There were eight professionals and four clericals in process during the month.

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26. At the request of the DD/I's office, the Administrative Staff prepared a report of compensated overtime for the first half of Fiscal 1964.

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27. A positive program for housing of the FBIS Panama Staff was sparked by the Panama crisis. Staff employees will be included in the Agency's housing program.

28. [redacted] FBIS' worldwide support costs was reviewed and approved.

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29. A telephone survey completed in FBIS Headquarters resulted in the removal of six telephones and five associated buzzers.

30. The budget call for Fiscal Years 1965 and 1966 was sent to all field bureaus, with the reporting date established as 1 April 1964.

31. The considerable administrative detail connected with the loss of London Bureau Editor [redacted] during the S.S. Lagonia disaster has resulted in continuous cooperation with the Benefits and Services Branch.

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Attachments:

- Personnel Supplement
- Production Report
- Daily Report Wordage
- New Consumers
- Special Requirements

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PERSONNEL SUPPLEMENT TO MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

January 1964

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>

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* Figure includes one employee on LNOP and one employee on Maternity Leave.

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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

None

3. Promotions

Name

Old Title, Grade
Assignment

New Title, Grade
Assignment

Date

[Redacted Name]

Electronic Spec, GS-9
Mediterranean Bureau

Electronic Spec, GS-10
Mediterranean Bureau

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4. Reassignments

Name

Old Title, Grade
Assignment

New Title, Grade
Assignment

Date

[Redacted Name]

Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11
East Coast Bureau

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Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11
African Bureau

Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11
East Coast Bureau

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5. Transfers

Name

Title, Grade, Assignment

Receiving Component

Date

[Redacted Name]

Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9
Editorial Branch

JOTP

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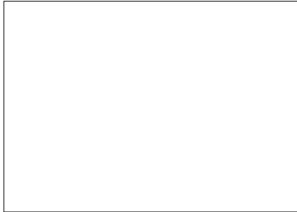
I.O. (Liaison) (Chief), GS-13
Liaison & Requirements Staff

O/DCI

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Transfers (Continued)



Propaganda Anal Of, GS-11 Radio Propaganda Branch	O/DD/I	19 January 1964
Info Sp(For Bdest), GS-8 Editorial Branch	JOTP	5 January 1964
Info Sp(For Bdest), GS-12 Editorial Branch	OO/C	5 January 1964

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6. Separations

Name

Title, Grade, Assignment

Date



Brdcst Mon (Multi), GS-10 West Coast Bureau	(Contract Employee)	31 January 1964
Clerk Typist, GS-5 Editorial Branch		25 January 1964

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7. OO Career Service Program



employees have been accepted for Career Staff Membership.

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8. Average T/O Grade: 9.91

Average On Duty Grade: 9.6

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DATE

7 February 1964

TRANSMITTAL SLIP

TO:

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REMARKS:

There was a general increase in wordage filed and wordage disseminated compared with the previous month primarily resulting from a sizeable increase in the Mediterranean Bureau file. Panama file also significantly increased because of the riots there. West Coast Bureau file was up also because of the Sino-Soviet Polemic. Other Bureaus' filing was normal.

FROM:

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Deputy Chief, FC ^{50X1}

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EXTENSION

1. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, January 1964
(Average computed on basis of 5-day week)

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED		WORDAGE FILED	WORDAGE DISSEMINATED**	ECONOMIC ABSTRACTS (No. Items)
	<u>Voice</u>	<u>Press</u>			
Africa	17.0	-	8,200	7,096	0
Austria	5.8	-	18,580*	17,034*	0
East Coast	20.0	218.3	19,709	10,941	0
German	10.0	-	14,802****	12,360****	0
Hokkaido	17.4	1.5	7,370	5,614	45
Key West	10.3	-	10,000	5,130	0
Mediterranean	67.0	57.0	37,900	32,724	73
Okinawa	49.4	48.4	35,100	27,186	19
Panama	23.0	19.5	12,700	5,946	0
Saigon	22.0	-	6,600*	6,062*	0
Tokyo	33.1	-	5,100	4,834	0
West Coast	<u>47.1</u>	<u>72.9</u>	<u>32,530</u>	<u>26,174</u>	<u>9</u>
Total FBIS	322.7	417.4	208,591	161,101	146
BBC:					
Caversham	157.0	128.0	59,290	50,158	51
Nairobi	11.0	-	2,988	2,524	0
Stockholm/Teheran	11.0	-	***	***	0
Total BBC	<u>179.0</u>	<u>128.0</u>	<u>62,278</u>	<u>52,682</u>	<u>51</u>
Grand TOTAL (FBIS-BBC)	<u>501.7</u>	<u>545.4</u>	<u>270,869</u>	<u>213,783</u>	<u>197</u>

A daily average of 125,137 words were filed to BBC.

* Includes Press Scrutiny.

** Includes DAILY REPORT, Wire Service, and miscellaneous publications

*** Included in Caversham file.

**** Includes 6,000 words for "Weekly Report on East German Press".

DAILY REPORT WORDAGE FOR JANUARY 1964

<u>DAILY REPORT BOOK</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
USSR/EE	1,036,400	47,109 (22 publication days)
Far East	890,400	40,473 " " "
ME/AF/WE	606,800	27,582 " " "
Latin America	288,000	13,091 " " "
World Reaction Supplement	5,200	

Total Wordage for All Sections	2,826,800
Total Daily Average	128,255
Total Wire Service Wordage	866,933
Wire Service Daily Average	27,965

NEW CONSUMERS FOR FBIS PUBLICATIONS

January 1964

<u>PUBLICATION</u>	<u>CONSUMER</u>	<u>TITLE OR ORGANIZATION</u>
<u>White Book DR</u>	Newbold Noyes, Editor	Washington Star
	Dulles Library	Dulles Library, New York
	Rodolfo Perez	Watergate Realty Company
	Hon. William C. Cramer	Member of Congress
	Glenard P. Lipscomb	Member of Congress
	Arnold Stebinger	Socony Mobile Oil Company, Inc.
<u>Latin America DR</u>	American Embassy Moscow	Department of State
	American Embassy Moscow	Department of State
<u>Middle East, Africa West Europe DR</u>	American Embassy Moscow	Department of State
	American Embassy Moscow	Department of State
<u>Survey of Bloc Broadcasts</u>	Thomas R. Pickering	U.S. Delegation to ENDC
	Office of Naval Intelligence Defense	
<u>Radio Propaganda Reports</u>	Office of Naval Intelligence Defense	

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CONTROL NO.	REQUESTING OFFICE	DATE RECEIVED	ACTION DESK	DESCRIPTION	DATE COMPLETED	REMARKS
R-175-63	DIA/DOD	18 Dec	Fin Bur	Videotape of Havana revolution day celebration, including speeches and parades	2 Jan 1964	Videotape forwarded to OCR/Gr for processing and presentation
R-174-63	USIA	18 Dec	ECB	Information on Ghana News Agency transmissions	20 Jan 1964	Bureau observations forwarded USIA Liaison Office
R-175-63	ONE	24 Dec	CZ Bur	Increased reporting on Venezuela political developments through mid-February	---	Daily Report will publish as much as possible; remainder will be sent directly to ONE
CR-1-64	State	5 Jan	ECB	Roundup of Cuban incitement broadcasts to Latin America (an ECB lateral service for OCI/LA)	---	Wire makes copy available to L&R for forwarding to Department of State
R-2-64	FDD/OCR	9 Jan	Saigon	Subscription of Hanoi publication VAN HDA	---	Bureau pouches to FBIS Mail Room marked "to be passed to FDD"
R-3-64	DCI	11 Jan	Field Burs	Reaction report on CIA estimate on Soviet economy	15 Jan	Reports collated and forwarded to Assistant to the Director for Public Media affairs
R-4-64	OCI, State	13 Jan	RPB London	Significant broadcast comment and roundups of pertinent material to USDISARMEDEL, Geneva. (Conference resumed 21 January 64)	---	RPB forwards special studies by wire; London forwards significant items and portions of daily roundup by wire

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R-6-64	FDD	17 Jan	ECB	Tape recording from memobait of Jomo Kenyatta speech for use in a training program	---	Upon completion, recording will be forwarded to requestor
CR-7-64	Legislative Counsel, A/DCI/PR	20 Jan	Field Eur	All monitored mentions of CIA	---	Field flags items "Copy to Liaison" for forwarding first to Office of Press Relations and then to Legislative Counsel
R-8-64	OSI	23 Jan	London	Original Russian of a sentence in a Moscow TASS Russian transmission	23 Jan	Information was called in to requestor
R-9-64	DIA/DOD	25 Jan	Field	Comment from Japanese & Okinawan sources critical of the United States in regard to the Panama crisis	---	Wirefiled material to be included on wire and in Daily Report
R-10-64	HSC	28 Jan	L&R	Request for all Daily Report page references to comment on the CIA estimate of the Soviet economic situation	28 Jan	Page references called in to requestor by L&R
R-11-64	DD/I A/DCI/PR	28 Jan	RPS	Special memorandum on communist reaction to the CIA estimate on the Soviet economy	28 Jan	Memorandum forwarded to DD/I's Office for distribution