

*Letter of Info file*

S-E-C-R-E-T

22 September 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Staff Personnel

SUBJECT: Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. Kaduna Situation: The African Bureau at Kaduna faced increased local security measures as it continued operations despite the Nigerian civil war. The Commissioner of Police agreed to give bureau personnel security passes permitting official travel between North and South Kaduna. The police and army checkpoints at each end of the Kaduna River bridge have been active, with all types of vehicles searched frequently and thoroughly.

The African Bureau ordered a metal flagpole for its operations building. It was deemed wise to fly the Stars and Stripes by way of identification, current U.S. unpopularity notwithstanding.

Seven-day monitorial and editorial coverage of Nigerian stations is continuing. (SECRET)

2. Saigon Bureau Situation: The Viet Cong mounted the most serious terrorist campaign in months in Saigon in connection with the South Vietnam elections. Heightened security measures at the Embassy complex in which the FBIS bureau is located included the tripling of military guards, with heavier weapons. A curfew was imposed on all American personnel during the weekend of the voting. Special curfew passes were issued to Bureau staff members. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Caribbean Bureau: The construction contract for the Caribbean Bureau is estimated to be 83 percent completed. The unofficial completion date, formerly 31 December 1967, has been revised to 15 October 1967. FBIS took beneficial occupancy of the Main Radio area on 12 September. The Lenkurt Microwave Communications System was accepted by the Navy and FBIS on 17 August and the teletype channel to Fort Allen was activated on 24 August. The microwave circuit to Mayaguez was placed in service 28 August. As of 1 September a total of 19 Staff employees had arrived for full duty tours. (SECRET)

4. London Press Monitoring Unit: The London Press Monitoring Unit is processing its first foreign national linguist, a Russian translator. More than 100 applications by linguists have been received in response to personal contacts, letters to university appointment boards, and advertisements. A salary scale for nonprofessional and professional employees has

S-E-C-R-E-T

GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

S-E-C-R-E-T

SUBJECT: Letter of Information, 22 September 1967

been submitted for approval. The London Bureau has been assured of office space for the press monitoring unit at Wembley Park, Middlesex, about six miles northwest of the U.S. Embassy in London. (SECRET)

SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

5. Special Services: Copies of the Daily Report, Foreign Press Digests, and FBIS Wire material were made available to the Secret Service in connection with Treasury Secretary Fowler's trip to the International Monetary meeting in Rio. FBIS services to the Secret Service are normally provided in connection with trips abroad by the President and Vice President. (SECRET)

Tapes of selected Arab broadcasts were supplied to USIA in support of a project to refute charges of U.S. involvement in the recent Middle East War. Another USIA project, related to AFP transmissions to Africa, is being supported by the East Coast Bureau, which is sending the USIA Africa Division carbons of AFP material beamed to Africa. (SECRET)

The Directorate of Plans and Programs of the 7th Air Force in Vietnam has levied a requirement for Hanoi reporting on U.S. air activity over North Vietnam. In this connection a copy of PAD's Trends is being supplied by the Saigon Bureau. Information resulting from this requirement is used for briefing Lt. Gen. W. W. Momeyer, commander of the 7th Air Force. (CONFIDENTIAL)



50X1

7. FBIS Bibliography: An "Annotated Bibliography of FBIS Serial Publications" has been compiled. The bibliography lists all current publications issued by FBIS, including those of the contractual facility. It is intended primarily as a management tool to facilitate FBIS efforts to achieve a more efficient and economical operation. The bibliography should also prove useful for research work and briefings. (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. Reporting Lists: One of the basic issuances for making collection requirements known throughout the intelligence community is the Current Intelligence Reporting List (CIRL). This list should be

- 2 -

S-E-C-R-E-T

S-E-C-R-E-T

SUBJECT: Letter of Information, 22 September 1967

utilized by FBIS area officers, editors, and Staff monitors. When possible field bureaus should provide foreign national monitors with sanitized lists composed of the unclassified portions. (SECRET)

9. Press and Document Exploitation: The USSR Division provided an Organization component with a 151-page translation of manuals, drawings, and other documents on a new Soviet electron microscope, as well as data on electronic, nuclear, and photographic equipment, and on weapons and aircraft, from 31 brochures published in Russian, French, and German. The division also translated correspondence and document bibliographies concerned with Russian nuclear science for the Atomic Energy Commission. Services also included the translation of a document requested by the President of Nicaragua through an Organization component. Soviet wall posters which included data on the CPSU organization were translated by the Political/Military Branch. (SECRET)

To date Asia Division has received nearly 100 requests for copies of its 1200-page translation of the Peking Telephone Directory which will soon be issued. Material on public health and veterinary medicine in Outer Mongolia is now being prepared by the Mongolian linguist for interested consumers in OSI and the Air Force. (SECRET)

The Europe, Africa, and Latin America Division has supported CRS (formerly OCR) in producing directories of Czechoslovak and Hungarian officials as well as updating material for the Biographic Register's Bulgarian Directory. Biographic information on Colonel Monga, head of the "Government of Public Safety" in Bukavu, was obtained from Belgian publications and supplied on an urgent basis to meet Organization needs. Support was also provided for a new handbook on Dahomey. (SECRET)

10. Propaganda Analysis Services: PAD released several papers on the Vietnam situation. They included the seventh in a series of monthly Special Memorandums for State on Hanoi propaganda claims of civilian casualties from U.S. air strikes against the north: Special Memorandums for MACV, J-2, on Hanoi claims of allied battle losses in the Third and Fourth Corps areas of South Vietnam; a Special Report on DRV labor problems; and FYI's on Soviet and East European reaction to U.S. statements on the possibility of bringing the Vietnam question before the UN Security Council. The Army Chief of Staff/Intelligence received two Special Reports and material from recent Surveys and Trends in support of an ACSI study on North Korean intentions. (CONFIDENTIAL)

11. Moscow Commentary Lists: The new London-based system for preparing the daily consolidated list of Radio Moscow commentaries went into effect 21 September. The London Bureau, which itself supplies some 60 percent of the approximately 600 entries in the daily list, now receives

SUBJECT: Letter of Information, 22 September 1967

copies of the lists of commentaries monitored at other bureaus and integrates them into a single list, which is wirefiled to Headquarters and reproduced for distribution directly from the teletyped copy. Headquarters continues to receive drop copies of the lists from the contributing bureaus, so that requests for processing of listed items can be made directly to the bureaus concerned. The new system will streamline what had become an increasingly cumbersome operation in Headquarters and will net a considerable saving in the effective use of PAD Research Branch time. (CONFIDENTIAL)

12. Use of FBIS Material: At the request of Gen. Robert Porter, CINC South, the U.S. Southern Command's J-2 is reproducing for its own use the translation of Regis Debray's "Revolution Within a Revolution" originally translated by the FBIS contractual facility. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Bangkok Bureau reporting on Cambodia is being used for a continuing series of joint U.S. Mission reports being prepared in Saigon and dealing with VC/NVA use of Cambodia. The Strategic Resources Branch of MACV J-2 is using PAD materials in a weekly briefing of General Westmoreland on communist propaganda relating to the war effort. (SECRET)

A staff study on the first conference of the Latin American Solidarity Organization, prepared by the "Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws," Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. Senate, drew heavily on FBIS material. The appendix of the 122-page study included texts of items filed by the East Coast and Key West Bureaus. The text of the staff study also included much material taken by FBIS from foreign publications, although the material was not attributed to FBIS. The study was printed by the U.S. Government Printing Office and released in late July. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Three translations prepared by the USSR Division were among sources cited by an Organization component in an analytical article on renewed Soviet military pressure for economic priorities. Two recent OSI reports contained a number of foreign document source citations, most of which were supplied by the USSR Division. (SECRET)

An article on East European highways which appeared in a U.S. Army European Headquarters report quoted liberally, though without attribution, from an item on Bulgarian highways published in December 1966 by EAD. (CONFIDENTIAL)

S-E-C-R-E-T

SUBJECT: Letter of Information, 22 September 1967

PUBLICATIONS

13. Daily Report: The Latin America Daily Report carried more than 400 pages (approximately 220,000 words) between 31 July and 15 September on the Latin American Solidarity Organization Conference. Havana media have continued to publicize material related to this conference, weeks after its end. The Daily Report discontinued publication of the Middle East Review as of 1 September. The review is still being filed to lateral consumers in the field and is being carried by the Wire Service. (CONFIDENTIAL)

14. USSR Publication: At the request of the USSR Division a poll was made of principal users of the weekly "Foreign Press Digest: Statements on Soviet Strategic Weapons and Space Programs." The publication was discontinued as a result. Material formerly included in this weekly is now published in the "Foreign Press Digest: Soviet Union." (CONFIDENTIAL)

FIELD OPERATIONS

15. Special Services: An Air Force base in Massachusetts asked for MOS' help in solving a monitoring problem which was seriously affecting a radio propagation-in-space study at Harvard University. East Coast, West Coast, and Okinawa Bureaus contributed cruising information. DIA was supplied AM, FM, and TV frequencies and power information for French, Dutch, and Yugoslav stations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

16. Okinawa Communications: For the past several months failure of the Multiple Address Processing Unit at the Okinawa Stratcom relay center has restricted the flexibility of the bureau's normal communications. This should soon be corrected when a second MAPU is installed at the relay center. (CONFIDENTIAL)

ENGINEERING

17. Bangkok Link: An order for a UHF communications link for use at the Bangkok Bureau has been placed with the General Electric Company. The link will provide two full-duplex 100-wpm circuits and a voice order-wire channel. (SECRET)

18. Tokyo Bureau Space: The Tokyo Bureau has been allocated an additional 280 square feet of floor space. Plans for expanding the bureau's operations area have been forwarded to Headquarters for study. (CONFIDENTIAL)

- 5 -

S-E-C-R-E-T

S-E-C-R-E-T

SUBJECT: Letter of Information, 22 September 1967

19. Saigon Bureau Move: The Saigon Bureau is expected to move in mid-October to new offices on the fifth floor of the old Chancery. Present offices in the Embassy Annex have been occupied since 1955. (CONFIDENTIAL)

MISCELLANEOUS

20. Changes in Terminology: The "monitoring program" assigned to FBIS now encompasses both "radio monitoring" and "press monitoring," the latter referring to the press scrutiny or press exploitation operations. To avoid confusion between "press monitoring" and the monitoring of press service transmissions, the latter should normally be referred to as "press service monitoring." (CONFIDENTIAL)

The portable monitoring units and man-transportable monitoring units are now referred to as "portable monitoring equipment" or "PME." The initials "PMU" are not being used in this regard due to possible confusion with press monitoring units. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

21. Briefings and Visits: On 8 September the Liaison and Requirements Officer briefed a group of some 50 foreign service officers undergoing orientation. The FBIS portion of the briefing concentrated on FBIS support of the State Department and U.S. missions abroad. Groups of FBIS personnel recently made orientation visits to the Organization's Operations Center and the VOA newsroom. (CONFIDENTIAL)

50X1

[redacted] Deputy Director, FBIS, and [redacted] Deputy Chief of Operations, departed 5 September for visits to the London, German, Austrian, Mediterranean, and African Bureaus. [redacted] Chief, Engineering Staff, visited the Caribbean Bureau 19-24 September. [redacted] Chief, Science Branch, Asia Division, departed 17 September for Japan, Taiwan, Okinawa, Hong Kong, Vietnam, and Thailand in connection with a study of press exploitation activities in the Far East. Okinawa Assistant Chief Engineer [redacted] visited Taipei in early August for recruiting purposes, and African Bureau Engineer [redacted] visited Accra 7-13 August on official TDY. (CONFIDENTIAL)

50X1

50X1

50X1

50X1

50X1

50X1

50X1

50X1

[redacted] of the BBC Monitoring Service visited the German Bureau 14-15 August. Major General John M. Finn, new deputy commanding general of USARV, was briefed at the Okinawa Bureau on 17 August. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

50X1

S-E-C-R-E-T

S-E-C-R-E-T

SUBJECT: Letter of Information, 22 September 1967

ADMINISTRATION

22. Temporary Lodging Allowance for Hawaii and Puerto Rico:  
Temporary lodging allowances for personnel assigned to and from Hawaii and Puerto Rico can now be authorized in the amounts and for the periods specified in Bureau of the Budget Circular A-56. (SECRET)

23. Requests for Travel Orders: All requests for travel orders should be addressed to the Chief, Administrative Staff. If there is a need to deviate from [redacted] such requests should be addressed to the Chief of Operations. [redacted] 50X1  
50X1

24. Training: [redacted] Area Officer, USSR Division, attended the DOD Weapons Orientation Course at Dugway Proving Grounds from 12 through 15 September 1967. (SECRET) 50X1

[redacted] 50X1

26. Regulatory Issuances: The following regulatory issuances were disseminated: (SECRET)

[redacted] 50X1

PERSONNEL (CONFIDENTIAL)

27. New Employees

Assignment

[redacted]

Secretary, Administrative Staff 50X1  
Editor, USSR & Eastern Europe Branch,  
Publications Div.

S-E-C-R-E-T

S-E-C-R-E-T

SUBJECT: Letter of Information, 22 September 1967

New Employees (Cont'd)



Assignment

Teletype Operator, East Coast Bureau 50X1  
 Supervisor, Office Machines, D. C. Field Office

28. Reassignments



From

To

Area Officer Editor 50X1  
 Europe/AF/LA Div. Publications Div.  
 Senior Editor Senior Editor  
 Publications Div. Mediterranean Bureau  
 Deputy Chief Deputy Chief 50X1  
 Senior Editor Senior Editor  
 London Bureau Publications Div.  
 Watch Officer Watch Officer  
 Okinawa Bureau Caribbean Bureau  
 Watch Officer Watch Officer  
 East Coast Bureau Caribbean Bureau  
 Admin. Assistant (Detailed to Admin Staff  
 West Coast Bureau pending reassignment)  
 Area Officer Area Officer 50X1  
 Asia Division  
 Editor Area Officer  
 Publications Div. Europe/AF/LA Div.  
 Watch Officer Watch Officer  
 Tokyo Bureau East Coast Bureau  
 Teletype Operator Clerk Typist  
 Wire Services Staff Publications Div.  
 Deputy Chief Deputy Chief 50X1

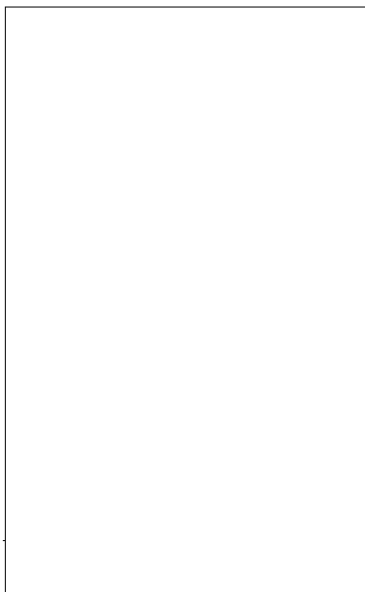
S-E-C-R-E-T



S-E-C-R-E-T

SUBJECT: Letter of Information, 22 September 1967:

Reassignments (Con't)

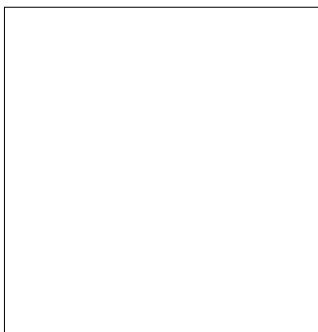


From

To

Chief, Austrian Bu	Deputy Chief Caribbean Bureau	50X1
Analyst Propaganda Anal Div.	Deputy Chief Wire Services Staff	
Editor West Coast Bureau	Editor African Bureau	
Project Engineer Engineering Staff	Assistant Chief Engineer Mediterranean Bu	
Editor Wire Services Staff	Editor German Bureau	
Editor East Coast Bureau	Editor London Bureau	

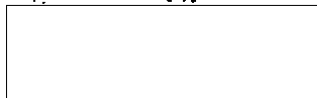
29. Resignations



From

Teletype Operator, Wire Services Staff	50X1
Secretary, Administrative Staff	
Clerk Typist, Publications Division	
Area Officer, Europe/Africa/LA Division	
Editor, Publications Division	

30. Retirements



From

Area Officer, Europe/Africa/LA Division	50X1
	50X1



ROGER G. SEELY  
Director

Foreign Broadcast Information Service

S-E-C-R-E-T