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24 August 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Staff Personnel

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GENERAL

1. Nigerian Developments: The African Bureau at Kaduna continued operations without interruption despite the intensified Nigerian civil war and growing anti-American sentiment among the population. Since the Federal Military Government began its "police action" against the Eastern region on 7 July the bureau has operated seven days a week from 0700 to 2400 hours local time, and sometimes later in connection with its watch on the Lagos and Enugu radios. An air raid by "Biafran" planes on the Kaduna air base resulted in several deaths but did not affect the areas in which the bureau or its personnel are located.

Kaduna radio broadcasts and other media contained some anti-Americanism during early August because of popular suspicion that the United States was aiding the rebels, and at one point U.S. Consul Stokes protested officially over a BCNN broadcast that criticized FBIS. Officially, however, Abdu Abubakar, Secretary to the Interim Administrative Council of Northern Nigeria, in a letter to the Chief, African Bureau, praised FBIS materials supplied to the FMG as a "very useful service" and said the FBIS material provided Nigerian officials with a "more informed and intelligent appreciation of current events." (SECRET)

2. Saigon Situation: Terrorism increased in Saigon during July with the bombing of a U.S. servicemen's billet in the city by the Viet Cong. Nineteen Americans were wounded in the incident which included sniper fire lasting for several hours. (UNCLASSIFIED)

With the kickoff of the election campaign in South Vietnam, the Saigon Bureau processed statements by the candidates and comment from the Saigon press, which increased following the lifting of press censorship. The U.S. Mission indicated increasing concern over Hanoi and Liberation Radio attitudes toward the election, especially a Liberation Radio broadcast monitored by the bureau which urged city residents to "smash" the election. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

3. LASO Conference: The Latin America Solidarity Organization (LASO) Conference in Havana necessitated special FBIS coverage and issuances. The Latin America Daily Report carried 256 pages, or approximately 135,000 words, on the conference during the period 31 July-17 August. On 4 August the Latin America Daily Report reached 62 pages, and Fidel Castro's closing speech was issued as a 35-page Supplement on 15 August. The Europe, Africa, Latin America Division published under a special heading in the Foreign Press Digest, Latin America, all articles, regardless of country of origin, concerned with preparation for the LASO Conference, coordinating terminology and coverage with the Propaganda Analysis Division and the Publications Division. Syntheses of major developments and communist reaction appeared in the PAD publications.

At the request of an Organization component, field bureaus were instructed to file laterally to U.S. missions throughout Latin America select reportage on the conference and on delegates' speeches. The East Coast Bureau supplied an Organization component with a tape of the Castro speech and made extra copies of the PRENSA LATINA reportage to accommodate consumer needs for Spanish-language transcripts of the delegates' remarks. The Key West Bureau supplied extensive television coverage, with nearly 100 pounds of videotape recordings mailed to Washington. (SECRET)

4. Stokely Carmichael in Havana: The statements of Stokely Carmichael in Havana at the LASO Conference occasioned a high-level Organization requirement for a crash compilation of all FBIS-monitored material on Carmichael in Cuba. The compilation, prepared by the Production Group divisions as a Special Memorandum for limited distribution, was delivered within 36 hours and forwarded to the White House, Justice Department, and key U.S. officials. A second printing of the memorandum was later ordered after it was determined the issuance merited wider circulation, this time bearing a summary prepared by the ME/AF/WE/LA Branch of the Publications Division. The White House also requested a special summary of material especially prepared for the President. The summary for the President was issued as a Special Memorandum 11 August; PAD was the action office, with support from the Latin America Branch, EAD. (SECRET)

5. Taylor-Clifford Tour: A PAD report on initial Peking, Hanoi, Moscow, and Pyongyang propaganda on the Taylor-Clifford tour of Asian capitals was sent to the U.S. Embassy in Seoul in response to a requirement of FBIS support in briefing the Taylor-Clifford group while in South Korea. Field bureaus laterally filed to Seoul all pertinent comment from four communist sources. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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6. Press and Document Exploitation: The USSR Division has translated materials containing technical data on Russian military aircraft among other services for Organization components. The division also provided USIA with information from the Soviet press on the USSR attitude toward U.S. advertising practices and on advertising in the Soviet Union. (SECRET)

The Asia Division translated on a priority basis the article, "Resolute Support of the Broad Revolutionary Masses," from the July issue of Jen-min Hua-pao, because of special interest. Advance copies were sent to appropriate consumers. The receipt of Chicom provincial newspapers was more voluminous in July, with April and May issues from such areas as Shanghai, Canton, Dairen, and Shan-t'an providing extensive political and economic information. Asia Division published two special Foreign Press Digests, one entitled "Communist China Information on Liberation Army and People's Militia," and the other, "Review of Revolutionary Rebel Press in Yunnan Province." (SECRET)

The Latin America Branch, EAD, responded to a special request for information on Cuban athletes who will appear at the Pan American games in Canada. The State Department requested that EAD continue exploitation of Spanish Guinea publications which the Department found "timelier than that likely to be provided by the American Embassy Yaounde." Organization analysts expressed appreciation for an article published in FPD/EE in June, on a new "square fin" anti-tank guided missile which implies that Czech forces are now equipped with the weapon. (SECRET)

7. Propaganda Analysis Services: Copies of Trends and Survey reports on Soviet propaganda reaction to U.S. racial disorders since 1963 were assembled in response to a request from an Organization component for background on the Soviet position on segregation, racial disturbances, and the civil rights movement as conveyed in propaganda over the past four years. Research support was furnished the State Department and USIA in connection with the amount of Soviet radio propaganda concerning race riots in the United States as compared with the amount during the Watts and other prior incidents, the extent to which the incidents were exploited in domestic communist broadcasts, and on the stridency of recent broadcasts as compared with earlier propaganda. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PAD issued the sixth in its monthly series of Special Memorandums for the State Department on Hanoi claims of civilian casualties from U.S. air strikes. It also prepared a number of items on CPR provincial radio behavior for the FBIS Wire based on field reports. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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8. Special Services: The London Bureau and the USSR Division provided materials from Pravda for an Organization consumer in connection with a foreign government training program. The London Bureau also supplied a week's program summaries for a State Department content study of East European broadcasts to North America. The Mediterranean Bureau provided a week's program summaries from Israel's Arabic service for a USIA analysis. (SECRET)

The Monitoring Operations Section furnished schedules of the communist clandestine broadcasts "Oggi in Italia" to the State Department for use of the Rome Embassy. The Embassy later reported the material was supplied to the Italian Foreign Office with the information that Rumanian and Polish transmitters were being used for the broadcasts, which was of interest on the eve of the Italian premier's visit to Bucharest. The FCC asked MOS for telephonic confirmation of any Cuban medium-wave frequency changes in connection with the relicensing of U.S. radio stations. (SECRET)

9. Lateral Services: The U.S. Ambassador to Burma, in a cable to Washington, requested that the State Department thank FBIS for "prompt material" on the CPR-Burma crisis furnished to the Embassy in Rangoon. The Ambassador's cable added that the Burmese Foreign Office was "equally grateful" for the broadcast materials that were passed to the Burmese Government by U.S. officials. Without the FBIS material, the cable stated, the Foreign Office's file on the Peking utterances would probably have been "spotty and inaccurate." The State Department later requested that FBIS service to the Embassy in Rangoon be made a permanent lateral service requirement.

Lateral servicing to the Embassy in Amman, discontinued because of the Arab-Israeli War, was reinstated at the request of the Embassy. At the request of the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli, Libya, the London and Mediterranean bureaus were asked to file to the Embassy all Cairo and Algiers comment and reportage on U.S.-Libyan negotiations on the status of the U.S. air base. Normal lateral servicing to the American Consulate at Benghazi has been resumed.

U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington asked to receive reports on East German shipping from GDR press sources. FBIS Frankfurt is filing directly to the consumer.

Among other lateral services the Key West Bureau responded to a request of the U.S. Air Force Base, Homestead, Fla., for material of operational interest by wire for the Navy Security Group.

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The latest revision of the FBIS Lateral Services Requirement List was published 21 July. Copies of the list are being disseminated to Organization components and other key Headquarters consumers; recent contact with these consumers indicated they were frequently recabbling FBIS material to the field unaware of FBIS lateral servicing. (SECRET)

10. Use of FBIS Material: An Organization analyst noted that an item supplied by Asia Division on Shanghai scientific and technological activities published in the Far East Foreign Press Digest of 13 July, was the first acknowledgment in an official CPR publication that scientific research in China was being adversely affected by the "cultural revolution." (SECRET)

An FBIS translation of an article by Soviet Marshal Yakubovskiy, in Red Star of 21 July, as processed by the Austrian Bureau, was passed to the U.S. NATO group by the Department of State for use in briefing "selected military writers." The article stresses the idea of "flexible response" in the use of Soviet forces. (CONFIDENTIAL)

News media reported that a Cambodian radio broadcast item "flashed to the State Department" by U.S. monitors and quoting Prince Sihanouk was the first word that U.S. AID official Gustav Hertz was still alive and being held by the Viet Cong. The item was actually filed by the Bangkok Bureau. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

INR/State informed the Balkan Branch of EAD that an item entitled "Council of the Federation Adopts Statute," which appeared in the Foreign Press Digest, Eastern Europe, provided "remarkable insight into the workings of the Yugoslav Government." (CONFIDENTIAL)

A report prepared for an Office of Training course included several interviews with consumers of FBIS materials who commented on reporting during the Arab-Israeli War. An OCI Soviet external affairs analyst considered FBIS "essential" in its monitoring of Soviet reactions, and noted that even when FBIS was beaten by press agencies it was able to furnish full text of speeches and broadcasts. An OCI Middle East analyst found the FBIS Wire Service "much faster" than other official reports, noting that it enable the Middle East Task Force to keep abreast of events. Another analyst assigned to the Task Force noted that "surprisingly" FBIS monitoring was an indispensable aid in following armor battles in the Sinai desert, with Egyptian and Israeli radios giving remarkably accurate descriptions of armor movements. It was stated that the closing of embassies in the Arab states forced more reliance on FBIS reporting. A DIA analyst noted that its Task Force passed important news from FBIS to the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs. (SECRET)

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PUBLICATIONS

11. Daily Report Supplements: The USSR/EE Branch of the Publications Division issued six supplements: a two-part issuance on the second SED Central Committee Plenum dated 24 July and a second one on 27 July; one on the second Plenum of the Central Committee of the Albanian Workers Party dated 10 August; and one on materials concerning the Rumanian National Assembly Foreign Policy Debate, dated 21 August. The four supplements were prepared at the Austrian Bureau and sent to Headquarters on mats. In addition, a supplement on the July Hungarian National Assembly Convocation, dated 1 August, was typed by the domestic contractual facility. Headquarters prepared a Supplement on the Fifth Congress of the Union of Working Youth of Albania dated 19 July. (CONFIDENTIAL)

12. MOS Publications: MOS replaced the Station and Program Notes with a new publication entitled "Developments in Broadcasting and Press Communications," effective 21 August. The new issuance, to be published on the 10th, 20th, and 30th of each month, will consist of up to six sections as follows: Broadcasting Highlights, Station and Program Notes, Press Operations, Television Developments, Telecommunications Notes, and Program Schedules. Additionally, MOS will issue special reports irregularly under the title "Statistical Study," which will contain data on various aspects of world broadcasting. MOS is also preparing for fall release an Index of World Broadcast Languages, replacing the former publication, "Guide to Languages Used in International Broadcasting." (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

ENGINEERING

13. Caribbean Bureau: The overall construction contract for the Caribbean Bureau is now 78.8 percent completed. Progress during July was slow, amounting to 3.1 percent, but FBIS representatives at the site reported an increase in construction activity during August. The microwave system connecting the bureau with Fort Allen has been accepted by Navy and FBIS representatives. (CONFIDENTIAL)

14. Portable Monitoring Units: During mid-August the fabrication of six Portable Monitoring Units (PMU) was completed. Correspondence dealing with the PMU's and field storage sites will be forwarded to field bureaus in the near future. (CONFIDENTIAL)

15. Foil Reflectors: The Okinawa Bureau has noted that foil reflectors installed in R-390 receivers significantly concentrate light and improve the readability of the frequency dial. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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16. Wire Service Speed: Technical planning for upgrading the FBIS Wire Service to 100-WPM operations is being conducted by the Engineering Staff. It is anticipated that this service will be converted to the higher speed by 1 October. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

17. FBIS Style Changes: A number of style and format changes applicable to all Production Group publications have been adopted with an effective date of 28 August. All bureaus have been advised of the changes which will also affect the Wire Service to some degree. Queries regarding clarification of style points should be wirefiled to Headquarters. (UNCLASSIFIED)

18. Editorial Guidance: When a talk or commentary is identified in a subslug as "from a series" or "second in a series," and previous items in the series have not been filed, the field bureau should include a notation to this effect, and, if feasible, an indication of why the previous items were not filed--i.e., rejected on merit, not intercepted, etc. This will be useful in forestalling consumer inquiries. (UNCLASSIFIED)

FIELD OPERATIONS

19. Turkish and Arabic Coverage: The Mediterranean Bureau resumed full coverage of Turkish domestic broadcasts with the return of the first of the Turkish monitors from the London Bureau to Kyrenia. Additional Arabic programs were transferred from London to Kyrenia with the additional return of an Arabic monitor. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

20. Hong Kong Communications: The full-duplex circuit between Hong Kong and the DCS relay point in the Philippines, leased for the handling of FBIS material to and from the Consulate General in Hong Kong, was fully activated 26 July with the routing indicator RUMJHK. (CONFIDENTIAL)

MISCELLANEOUS

21. Viewgraphs for Briefing: At the request of Organization officials, FBIS prepared several viewgraphs detailing the FBIS "beat" on the opening of Arab- Israeli hostilities for use in a Congressional briefing. (SECRET)

22. Operations and Production Groups: "Operations Group" and "Productic Group" have been officially adopted as the organizational terms for the areas of responsibility of the Chief of Operations and Chief of Production. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

23. Visits and Briefings: Groups of FBIS Headquarters personnel visited the White House Situation Room, the State Department Operations Center, and the Organization's Operations Center. (SECRET)

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[redacted] visited the German and Austrian Bureaus en route to duties as Chief of the London Bureau's Press Monitoring Unit. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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The Chief, Tokyo Bureau, briefed the new U.S. Ambassador to Japan, U. Alexis Johnson, on 7 July. (UNCLASSIFIED)

24. Administrative Messages: Administrative messages to and from the field should not be addressed to or from a foreign national employee. Only Staff personnel may release administrative messages. (UNCLASSIFIED)

ADMINISTRATION

25. Training. [redacted] attended the Midcareer Executive Development Course from 9 July through 18 August. (ADMIN-INTERNAL USE ONLY)

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

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PERSONNEL (CONFIDENTIAL)

28. New Employees

Assignment

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Editor, Far East Branch, Publications Div.

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Clerk, Control Branch, Publications Div.

Clerk Typist, Processing Branch, Publications Div.

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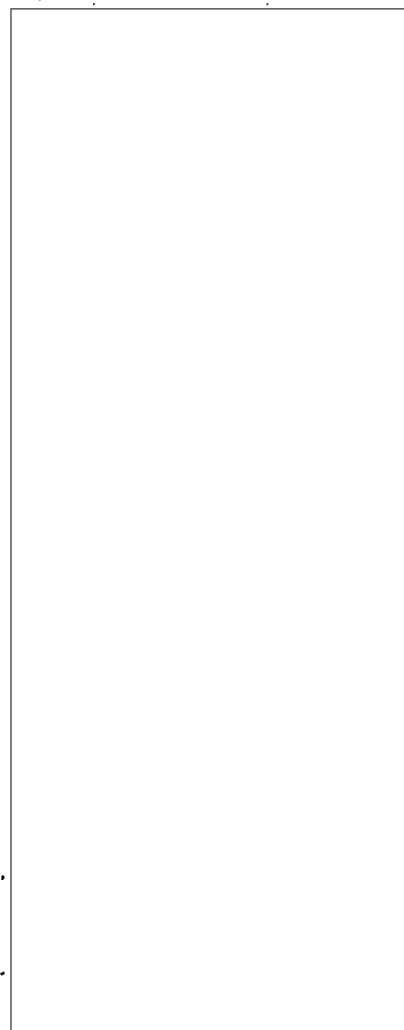
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Clerk Typist, Processing Branch, Publications Division
 Admin Assistant, West Coast Bureau
 Courier, Administrative Staff
 Admin Officer, Mediterranean Bureau
 Teletypist, East Coast Bureau
 Secretary, Executive Staff

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29. Reassignments



<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Chief, East Coast Bureau	Chief, Panama Bureau
Senior Editor Wire Services Staff	Senior Editor Panama Bureau
Editor Okinawa Bureau	Editor Wire Services Staff
Operations Officer Mediterranean Bureau	D. Ch., Press Mon Unit London Bureau
Watch Officer East Coast Bureau	Project Engineer Engineering Staff
Chief, Hokkaido Bureau	Chief, West Coast Bureau
Area Officer Asia Division	Editor, Far East Branch Publications Division
Radio Operator East Coast Bureau	Radio Operator Caribbean Bureau
Secretary Executive Staff	Secretary Chief of Operations
Area Officer USSR Division	Editor, USSR & EE Branch Publications Division
Information Officer Liaison & Requirements	Chief Editor Mediterranean Bureau

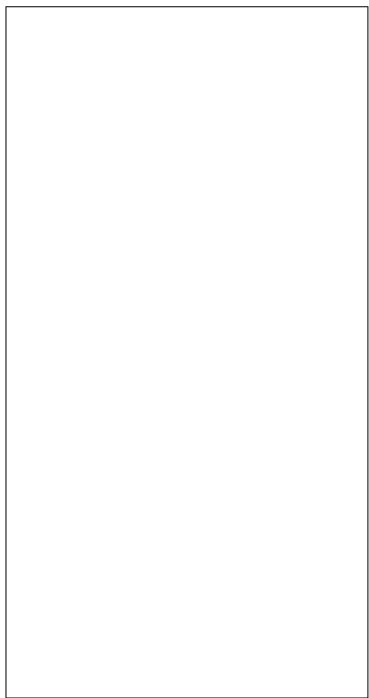
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Chief, E. Ger/Pol Br., Europe/Africa/Lat Am Div.	Deputy Chief West Coast Bureau
Executive Staff	Chief East Coast Bureau
Editor, USSR & EE Branch Publications Division	Editor Wire Services Staff
Area Officer Europe/Africa/Lat Am Div.	Editor, Far East Branch Publications Division
Monitor Panama Bureau	Monitor Caribbean Bureau
Editor Wire Services Staff	Information Officer Liaison & Requirements

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30. Resignations

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Area Officer, Europe/Africa/Latin America Division

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31. Retirements

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Acting Chief Engineer, West Coast Bureau

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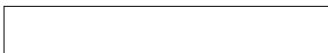
Chief, Saigon Bureau - Consultation while on home leave and return to Saigon Bureau.

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Chief, German Bureau - Consultation while on home leave enroute to German Bureau.

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Chief, Key West Bureau - Consultation while on leave and return to Key West Bureau.

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