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25 May 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Staff Personnel

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GENERAL

1. Reorganization of FBIS: The reorganization of FBIS, with operating components divided into two areas under the Chief of Production and the Chief of Operations, took effect as projected on 1 May. A revised "Designation of Officers" notice was issued 24 April to indicate key appointments under the new structure. Initially the relocation of offices was minimal, with the office of the Chief of Production in Room 412 and that of the Chief of Operations in Room 1104, Key Building. The existing allocation of space will later be modified to provide a more efficient layout of offices conforming to the new organization. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. Arab-Israeli Crisis: At the request of the State Department Operations Center, the FBIS Wire Service on 23 May filed the monitored texts of Nasir's 22 May speech on the blockade of the Gulf of Aqaba and the 23 May Soviet Government statement on the Middle East crisis to the U.N. delegation in New York. Ambassador Goldberg had asked the Department for the immediate dispatch of these texts for his use. The Nasir speech had been filed by the Mediterranean Bureau, and the Soviet statement from the London Bureau. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. African Bureau Situation: The African Bureau successfully covered the 17 April abortive coup in Ghana despite an outage of normal communications. High precedence messages on the coup were handcarried to the American Consulate and transmitted from there, being received in Headquarters within a few hours of punching time. Communications nonetheless remained a serious problem, with the local landline and the microwave channel to Lagos out solidly between 11 and 30 April. Priority and higher traffic was transmitted from the consulate, with tapes of routine traffic airmailed to Lagos. Plans moved ahead to supply the African Bureau with a VHF communications link between the bureau and the Nigerian P&T terminal in Kaduna provided the Nigerian Government grants permission. The bureau has also been authorized to install two miles of overhead lines to replace the underground leg between the two points in Kaduna. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Cyprus Situation: Employees of American installations in Cyprus were put under tight travel restrictions in April when fighting erupted

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between Cypriot National Guardsmen and Turkish fighters near the village of Mari, on the Nicosia-Limassol road. The dust had scarcely settled over the Mari outbreak when the 21 April coup in Greece brought another period of uncertainty, with American installations in Cyprus on emergency standby until after the critical Orthodox Easter weekend, 28 April-1 May, which passed without incident. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Bangkok Bureau: The arrival of an Indonesian-Malay monitor at the Bangkok Bureau on 18 May from Saigon completed the transfer of non-Vietnamese coverage from Saigon to Bangkok. The Okinawa Bureau's Burmese monitor will also be transferred to the new Bangkok operation. Among the bureau's initial efforts were the processing of a speech by Thai dissident leader Phayome Chulanon over Peking's international service, and the supplying of recordings in the Meo language from the Hanoi and Pathet Lao radios for USIS Thailand. To backstop the bureau's allocated circuit to Saigon, action is being taken to provide the bureau with access to the common-user system. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Vietnam Services: In connection with the tense military situation developing in the northern portions of South Vietnam, the Saigon Bureau responded to a request from the Joint U.S. Public Affairs Office in Saigon for monitored summaries of the main local news programs of Radio Hue for the next three months.

Among a number of special services on Vietnam provided by the Propaganda Analysis Division, a compilation of Hanoi propaganda pickups of statements by U.S. officials and other prominent Americans, culled from material published in the Daily Reports since January, was prepared for the Director of INR, Department of State. PAD also issued a second followup to the March report listing Hanoi propaganda claims of civilian casualties from U.S. air strikes against North Vietnam, in response to a standing request from the State Department. Background on some aspects of the Soviet public position on a protracted armed struggle by the Viet Cong was supplied to the White House. General background on Hanoi's public position on a political settlement was provided for the National Indications Center in response to an inquiry about an article in the April issue of Hoc Tap by DRV Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. Special Services: Two White House requests for translated material were filled during the past month. One was an editorial in the Finnish Communist Party paper Kansan Uutiset 20 April calling for more "diplomatic flexibility" on the part of the Viet Cong. The Western Europe/Africa Branch

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of the Europe/Africa/Latin America Division translated for the White House a spoof entitled, "At Adenauer's Funeral--De Gaulle-Johnson Conference for Eternal Peace," which had appeared in the French satirical weekly Canard Enchaîné on 26 April. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

At the request of Assistant Secretary of State William Bundy, an interview on Vietnam with Australian correspondent Burchett, broadcast by Radio Prague and filed by the London Bureau 6 May, was sent to the U.S. Embassy in Saigon. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

The Okinawa Bureau is supplying, for an Organization component interested in Sino-Soviet broadcasts to Afghanistan, program summaries of Moscow in Afghan-Persian and Pushtu. (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. Lateral Services: Beginning 3 May, the Voice of America newsroom in Washington began receiving directly by wire from FBIS field bureaus material on Latin America and Africa. The Chief of the News Division of VOA later confirmed the value to VOA of the faster service. The material which was not filed on the FBIS Wire Service had previously been supplied to VOA by courier. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

The Tokyo Bureau supplied an Organization component with the videotape of a Tokyo television film, "Along Route One," dealing with Vietnam. The bureau is now videotaping daily six regular Tokyo television newscasts in addition to selected documentaries and features as a service to a local consumer and an Organization component. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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At Mediterranean Bureau request, the London Bureau during the Greek crisis filed material from the "Voice of Truth," the Greek-language clandestine radio, to the American Embassy in Nicosia. The Mediterranean Bureau, in response to a State Department requirement, filed to the American Embassy in Cairo all Radio Cairo reports and comment on U.S.-Yemen differences. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

The Tokyo Bureau is sending its daily roundup of Japanese press items on China to the American Consulate General in Hong Kong and the Political Section of the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo as well as to Headquarters where it is carried on the Wire Service. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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9. Press Exploitation: The Western Europe/Africa Branch of the Europe/Africa/Latin America Division contributed to OCR's projected Biographic Handbook on Upper Volta with photographs and biographic data on members of the new Upper Volta Government. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Processing of the first of the Voyennaya Mysl (Military Thought) publications recently received was completed 2 May; 86 pages of this issue will be published as a Foreign Documents Translation Report. The first of a new unclassified series, "Translations on USSR Fishing and Oceanography," composed mainly of translations prepared on a reimbursable basis for the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Department of Interior, by the contractual facility, was published 3 May. Selections by the USSR Division on fishing and oceanography will be included in the series as appropriate. An item on oil prospecting in the Arctic, extracted from Sovetskaya Latviya by the USSR Division, served as the basis for an article in the OSI Surveyor of 24 April; the same issue included data from an article treating the need for centralized control in computer development. (SECRET)

At the request of the Collection Guidance Staff, the serial publication, Press Information Report on Iran, will be continued another year. CGS described the publication, issued by the contractual facility, as a "very useful addition to the reporting on Iran" in that it "contains information rarely reported elsewhere." (CONFIDENTIAL)

At the request of the Agriculture Branch of ORR, Asia Division analysts completed a 93-page statistical report from 1957 issues of three provincial Chinese newspapers that will provide a new base for computing agricultural production. A collated report on "Administrative Divisions of Mongolia" was published in FPIR-Far East on 5 May. Twenty-eight pages of information on overseas Chinese organizations in Cuba were included in FPIR-Latin America. (CONFIDENTIAL)

The Mediterranean Bureau at Headquarters request processed from an Athens newspaper the names of 279 Greek organizations banned by the new regime--the fastest means Headquarters had of obtaining this information. It was disseminated in raw form and will be published by the contractual facility. (CONFIDENTIAL)

10. Use of FBIS Material: The Department of State sent an airgram to U.S. diplomatic posts in Latin America urging that greater use be made of FBIS material in countering communist bloc activities in Latin America.

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The airgram describes FBIS services, gives details on communist broadcasting to Latin America, and states that each post will be added to the distribution of the USSR/East Europe Daily Report and the Survey of Communist Propaganda to keep them better informed. Bureaus covering communist broadcasts to Latin America will be sent a copy of the airgram. Further, on the basis of information in the FPIR-Latin America of 4 April, the State Department sent an airgram to Latin America posts asking for biographic information on Henri Edme, who had attacked the revolutionary theories of Regis Debray. Edme's writings had been reported by Latin America Branch/EAD from a Havana publication. (CONFIDENTIAL)

An unusually large number of State Department cables referred to FBIS. The American Embassy in Bangkok made its first reference to Bangkok Bureau material in commenting on Cambodian material monitored by the "local FBIS bureau" on 3 May. References in messages to and from embassies in the Middle East included a Department request that Jordan be asked to refrain from public statements on U.S.-Yemeni differences, the Jordanian broadcasts having been reported by the Mediterranean Bureau. The American Embassy in Jidda compiled a resume of anti-Saudi Arabian material broadcast by Radio Cairo and monitored by FBIS between 22 January and 31 March to document a report on a UAR propaganda campaign to undermine King Faisal's regime. (SECRET)

The Navy Bureau of Personnel reported that a Hanoi press transmission supplied by FBIS on the capture of Douglas Hegdahl, who fell overboard from the cruiser Canberra off North Vietnam, was the first word that Hegdahl was a prisoner. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

11. Consumer Surveys: In view of the extensive interest in Asia Division coverage of Red Guard newspapers and handbills, a survey of consumers was conducted to determine the need for continuing the "Review of the Vietnam Situation in Jen-min Jih-pao," periodically included in FPIR-Far East. Major consumers agreed there was no longer need for the review although they had found it useful. (CONFIDENTIAL)

The Mediterranean Bureau completed a survey of its lateral consumers to confirm the responsiveness of its services to their requirements. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

A survey of consumer use of the Soviet/East Europe Roundup indicated that publication in the Daily Report was no longer necessary. Henceforth this roundup will be disseminated in Headquarters solely by the Wire Service. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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12. Reports and Supplements: The USSR and East Europe Daily Report issued five supplements totaling 353 pages containing the texts of two Ulbricht speeches and information on the SED Congress. Two of these supplements had been prepared in finished form--translation, editing, typing on mats--and airmailed by the German Bureau. The procedure may provide a model for similar treatment by other bureaus.

PAD Special Report CD.276 discussed the debate over the role of the military in the new Soviet command structure. (CONFIDENTIAL)

13. Daily Report Procedures: To enable the Publications Division to process more copy and to devote more time to training new editors, Daily Report editors' responsibilities were redefined. Experienced Headquarters editors no longer repolish field copy but concentrate on its substance. As a preliminary to merger of the two typing sections, Daily Report and Foreign Press Information Report section supervisors exchanged roles, and twelve Press typists were trained in Daily Report typing. A pilot project aimed at training selected typists to add stylistic elements on minimally-edited copy was initiated. The Processing Branch became responsible for pagination and editors were allowed to discontinue line counting. Plans were made to locate all Publications Division typists and editors on the same floor. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

14. Publications Distribution: Arrangements were completed to centralize in the Liaison and Requirements office the distribution records and related coordination activity for Daily Reports, Foreign Press Information Reports, the Consolidated Translation Survey, and two biographic card projects. L&R coordinates quantity and address changes directly with the Printing Services Division rather than through OCR/Dissemination. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

15. Renaming of EAD Branches: Following the reorganization of FBIS on 1 May, the Europe/Africa/Latin America Division (EAD) renamed its components as follows: the North East European Satellites Section (NES) became the East Germany/Poland Branch (EPB); the Mid East European Satellites Section (MES) became the Czechoslovakia/Hungary Branch (CHB); the South East European Satellites Section (SES) became the Balkan Branch (BB); the Western Europe/Africa Section (WEAS) became the Western Europe/Africa Branch (WEAB); the Latin America Section became the Latin America Branch (LAB); and the Special Service Section (SSS) became the Language Services Branch (LSB). (CONFIDENTIAL)

16. Commendations: The Chief, Assignments Branch, Division of International Affairs, Atomic Energy Commission, in a letter 3 May

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commended the USSR Division for a "splendid job" in translating portions of a book for AEC Chairman Seaborg. The official added that "the Chairman's office appreciates the fine service given by your office in accommodating these requests." (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

17. Briefings and Visits: On 10 April Maj. Gen. Charles J. Denholm, Commanding General, U.S. Army Security Agency, and several other officers visited the Hokkaido Bureau. [redacted] O/PPB, visited Caversham 26 April for a briefing on London Bureau and BBC operations. [redacted] Messrs. Carl Fischer and William Mitchell of the Bureau of the Budget, and Howard Stoddardman of the Department of Defense, visited Mediterranean Bureau 1 May. (CONFIDENTIAL) Mr. Charles J. Curran, BBC Director, External Broadcasting, and Mr. P.G.F. Sewell, new head of the BBC monitoring unit in Hong Kong, were briefed at the London Bureau. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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Gerard A. Donohue, VOA program director for Thailand and Vietnam, visited the Bangkok Bureau 21 April. Mr. Ed Burgini, director of VOA Munich, visited the German Bureau 14 April to discuss mutual communications problems. The Chief, Key West Bureau, briefed Rear Adm. Frederick J. Brush, USN, new commandant of the Key West base, on 21 April. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

18. Progress Reports: Progress reports submitted by field bureaus should be addressed to the Chief of Operations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

#### FIELD OPERATIONS

19. Field Bureau Production: Several field bureaus recorded unusually productive months during April. Extensive coverage of the Punta del Este Conference pushed East Coast Bureau's publishable wordage to more than half a million, highest monthly total output since March 1963, and Panama Bureau's productivity to 15,000 words per day during the 12-15 April period. Radio and press coverage of the 17-21 April Seventh SED Congress yielded a combined total of 262,400 words produced by the German Bureau, of which 188,400 were wirefiled and 74,000 sent to Headquarters on multilith mats. London Bureau's daily average wordage during April was 71,600, highest since October 1961. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

20. Chinese Coverage: Seasonal deterioration of reception of Chinese regional radios in Okinawa has continued. A survey of reception at the Bangkok Bureau indicates only one program that could be covered better than at other bureaus. To permit augmentation of Chinese coverage at the Hokkaido Bureau, one monitor has been transferred from Okinawa on TDY and a second will be transferred on PCS. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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21. MOS Support: The Monitoring Operations Section supplied the State Department and the Federal Communications Commission with information for projects on interference and propaganda from high-powered Cuban transmitters that are causing problems in the United States, Caribbean, and Latin American countries. The material is for Congressional presentations and international negotiations. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

22. Broadcasting Developments: Radio Moscow made its change to higher, summertime frequencies on 20 April, adding two new languages to its broadcast schedule, Telugu and Afghan-Persian. FBIS has no capability in Telugu, which is a Dravidian language of South Central India, but is covering the Afghan-Persian. With the introduction of the summer schedules, Moscow more than doubled its Mandarin output. As of 15 May, Peking was broadcasting 315 hours weekly in Russian and Moscow 185 hours weekly in Mandarin. Red China's broadcasts in international and offshore services totaled 1,323 hours weekly as of 1 May, second among world broadcasters in volume of output (with the USSR remaining first). (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

#### ENGINEERING

23. Field Bureau Construction: The construction contract for the Caribbean Bureau is now estimated to be 65 percent completed. The projected completion date is now 13 September 1967; although the official GSA-approved contract completion date is 7 August 1967. Installation of the microwave system began 18 April. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

The contract for the erection of the FBIS "USAHOMES" at the new Hokkaido Bureau site was signed in mid-April. By 24 April ten of the housing units had been delivered to the site. (UNCLASSIFIED)

24. Line Counters: Operational tests on the solid state teletype line counters designed to replace the mechanical counters have been completed and Cooke Engineering Co. has been authorized to produce 25 solid state counters. Delivery is expected within 60 days and will meet the outstanding requirements of field bureaus. (UNCLASSIFIED)

#### ADMINISTRATION

25. Training: The following personnel attended training courses during the reporting period: (CONFIDENTIAL)

23-28 April:

Chief of Operations; Senior Management Seminar,

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[redacted] Chief of the Czechoslovakia/Hungary Branch,  
Europe/Africa/Latin America Division; Mid-Career Executive Development,  
10-19 May.

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[redacted] Chief Economic Branch, USSR Division, Management  
7-12 May.

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[redacted] Chief, Wire Services Staff, Defense Intelligence  
Agency Orientation-Project HELPFUL, 9-10 May.

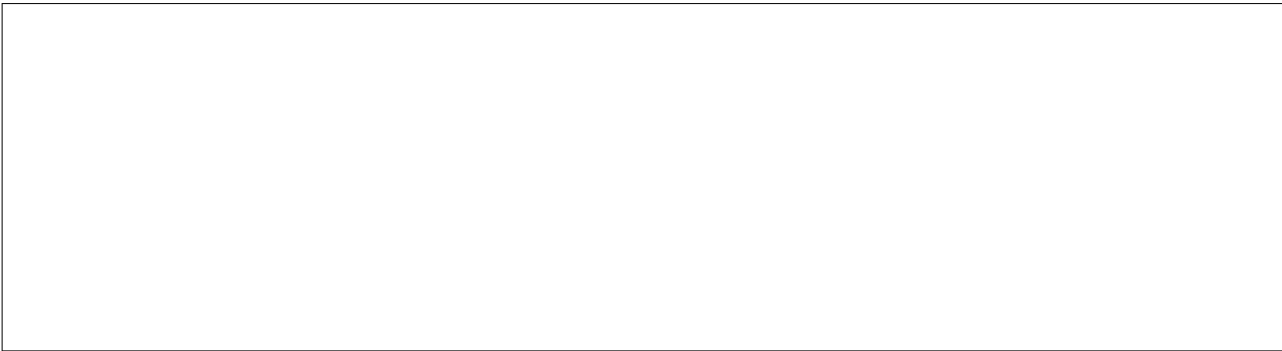
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26. Area Familiarization:

[redacted] Europe/Africa/Latin America Division, departed  
30 April on an area familiarization tour of Scandinavia. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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



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28. New Employees

Assignment



Editor, ME/AF/WE/LA Branch, Publications  
Division

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Teletype Operator, Wire Services Staff

Document Analyst, USSR Division

29. Reassignments

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Reassignments (Cont'd)



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Editor Publications Division	Editor Caribbean Bureau
Editor Mediterranean Bureau	Editor Wire Services Staff
Editor Publications Division	Editor Bangkok Bureau
Editor Publications Division	Editor London Bureau
Editor Publications Division	Editor German Bureau
Editor London Bureau	Editor, USSR/EE Br., Publications Division
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30. Resignations



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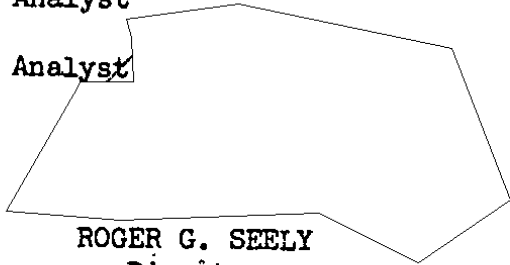
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