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21 April 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Staff Personnel

SUBJECT: Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. FBIS Reorganization: A reorganization of the Foreign Broadcast Information Service to integrate broadcast monitoring with publications exploitation under common direction has been approved by higher authority and will take effect 1 May 1967. The new structure provides two major components to be headed by the Chief of Operations and the Chief of Production. The designations "Editorial Division" and "Foreign Documents Division" will no longer be employed.

The area of responsibility of the Chief of Operations will include the Wire Services Staff (formerly the Wire Services Branch), the Field Operations Staff, and foreign and domestic field bureaus. The Chief of Production will be responsible for five divisions: the Propaganda Analysis Division (formerly Radio Propaganda Division), the Publications Division (including area branches of the former Editorial Division), the USSR Division, Asia Division, and Europe, Africa, Latin America Division (the last three composed of former FDD area branches).

Reference facilities will be located in the Publications Division which will also be responsible for contractual translations within the United States. The change in name for RPD does not imply a change of mission. The Liaison and Requirements Officer will be assigned to the Executive Staff. The Administrative Staff will be enlarged. The administrative message address form, "(Director)/(Officer)," will continue to be used by field bureaus. (SECRET)

2. London Press Exploitation: The Chief, London Bureau, was in Headquarters 17-21 April for consultations in connection with the establishment of an overseas press exploitation unit in the London area. (SECRET)

3. Coverage of Greek Coup: FBIS scored a 19-minute beat over the Associated Press and a 20-minute beat over Reuters in reporting the coup d'etat by Greek military elements on 21 April. At 0440 GMT the Athens "Army Radio" announced that it had "taken control" of the country. The item, in the form of an FYI, was filed by Mediterranean Bureau at 0446 GMT, reached Headquarters at 0450, and was run on the Wire Service at 0451 GMT. The A.P. report came at 0510 GMT. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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4. Cyprus Situation: Two of the Marines assigned to the FBIS guard contingent were wounded, one seriously and one superficially, on 26 March by rifle fire near the Turkish village of Kourou Monastir, 17 miles southeast of Kyrenia. The Marines were wounded when the car they were driving was hit by two bullets while they were attempting to turn around on a narrow road.

The rotation of the Turkish troop contingent took place without incident on 1 April after the usual spate of threats and counterthreats by the Turkish and Cypriot governments. The arrest of two Cypriots for complicity in a Soviet espionage network and the subsequent expulsion by the Cyprus Government of Soviet Embassy and Aeroflot officials resulted in a renewal of attacks in the leftist press against American "espionage" radio stations on the island. (SECRET)

5. African Bureau Situation: The political situation in Nigeria has remained tenuous. In response to an FBIS request, the State Department has approved Accra as a contingency site for the African Bureau should it no longer be able to operate in Kaduna. (SECRET)

Communications from Kaduna continued to be a concern. With the advent of the rainy season, tapes frequently had to be hand-carried to the Kaduna Post and Telegraph from the bureau, and on occasion sent by air express to the American Embassy in Lagos. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Bangkok Bureau: All building projects at the Bangkok Bureau have been completed. On 24 March, the bureau's full-duplex, allocated circuit to the American Embassy, Saigon, from which material will be relayed to Washington and lateral consumers, became operational.

Two of the five monitors being transferred to Bangkok from the Saigon Bureau arrived on PCS 17 April, with Headquarters receiving the first editorial copy filed by the new bureau on 19 April. The initial item was a message from Cambodia's Prince Sihanouk to Ho Chi Minh, broadcast by the Phnom Penh radio. Bangkok assumed responsibility for regular Cambodian coverage 24 April.

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The Bangkok Bureau's first locally-hired monitor, a Thai-Lao linguist, entered on duty 22 March for training. Okinawa teletype supervisor [] visited the bureau on TDY in mid-April for the training of three locally-recruited teletypists. A second editor, [] completing the U.S. Staff, has been authorized to proceed to Bangkok from Headquarters. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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7. Communist China Coverage: The Okinawa Bureau's Chinese cruising monitor spent the second week of April at the Hokkaido Bureau surveying the potential for improving coverage of North China regional stations during the seasonal deterioration at Okinawa. By mid-April three of four new Chinese monitors at the Okinawa Bureau had reported for training. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Foreign Documents Division received more than 500 issues of Chinese Communist newspapers in March and the first two weeks of April. This total included 240 of the provincial press, 197 of the Red Guard press, and 70 of the metropolitan newspapers. China operations focused on the Red Guard press, with 200 pages of summaries and highlights published in the daily FPIR-Far East plus 400 pages in nine unclassified reports. (SECRET)

On 4 April the Wire Service began carrying a daily roundup of dispatches from Japanese correspondents in Communist China which appear in the Japanese press. The roundup, filed by the Tokyo Bureau, is receiving Wire dissemination at the request of higher authority.

The Tokyo Bureau is being supplied with an Ampex two-inch videotape recorder which has been in standby status at the Key West Bureau. The equipment, expected to be in service by July, will be used in monitoring Tokyo television which carries extensive material on China.

The State Department has been asked to hire a second teletypist at the Consulate General in Hong Kong to assist in the transmission of material monitored by the BBC unit. The additional operator should serve to reduce the excessive workload of the present teletypist and insure continuity of communications through weekends and holidays. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Headquarters began supplying the secretary of the Organization's "China Task Force" with material for a newsletter designed for Communist China research and collection officers. (SECRET)

8. Reports and Supplements: At White House request, two reaction reports on the Punta del Este conference were prepared. An initial report on world reaction was carried on the FBIS Wire 18 April, with a second report, comprising solely Latin American reaction, published as a Special Memorandum on 21 April. At FDD request, the State Department had advised all Latin American posts to expedite newspaper shipments for the period 12-21 April. The accelerated receipt of the publications enabled FDD to contribute an extensive amount of press materials to the reaction report.

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On 3 April several changes in the Editorial Division's Daily Report format were put into effect. There were new outside covers, new inside covers bearing a modified "warning" for the area books, a new "note" for the "white book," and a new "contents" page for the "white book." The Daily Report of 19 April was the largest on record, with a total of 286 pages for area books, 74 for the "white book," and 16 for tables of contents, totaling 376 pages. A 30-page supplement to the Asia and Pacific Daily Report 14 April contained the text of a speech by North Vietnam Defense Minister Vo Nguyen Giap, as broadcast by the Hanoi radio, on the role of the militia in North Vietnam.

The Editorial Division initiated a new procedure in preparing a supplement on the East German SED Party Congress. Speeches of secondary importance taken from the press and not meriting wirefiling were typed directly on mats at the German Bureau after being edited there. (CONFIDENTIAL)

9. Vietnam Special Services: The Director of the State Department Bureau of Intelligence and Research expressed appreciation for a study of Hanoi claims of civilian casualties from U.S. air strikes prepared by RPD in mid-March and requested that reports be provided on a monthly basis. The first follow-up report was issued as a Special Memorandum on 11 April. Background on Moscow propaganda references to shipment of military equipment to the DRV by sea was given to the State Department, the Office of Naval Intelligence, and OCI. The queries were prompted by Moscow's reaction to U.S. press reports of a background briefing on transit of aid to the DRV by a high-level State Department official. (CONFIDENTIAL)

The Saigon Bureau began sending FDD issues of the Hanoi army daily Quan Doi Nhan Dan, reducing the receipt time in Headquarters by as much as seven days. Steps were also taken to speed the forwarding of material translated from the North Vietnamese press to Saigon for support of the American Mission. (SECRET)

10. RPD Special Reports: Propaganda analysis special reports traced references to the six supraprovincial party bureaus in CPR propaganda since the beginning of the year (CD.274) and provided the customary analysis of the CPSU May Day slogans (CD.275). (CONFIDENTIAL)

11. Exploitation of Publications: Following a reexamination of North Africa exploitation responsibilities between Asia Branch and the Europe, Africa, Latin America Branch of FDD, the latter component assumed coverage of Mauritania, Ethiopia, and the Spanish territories of North and Northwest Africa. The readjustment was made in time to provide full coverage of the "Horn of Africa" problem prior to the plebiscite in French Somaliland. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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A serial report on the organization, activities, and personnel of East European academics of sciences, requested by several Organization components and issued by our domestic contractual facility, has been launched. This will fill a gap in providing press coverage of Sino-Soviet scientific developments. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Recent significant reports from press sources included descriptions of photographs of the SAGGER anti-tank weapon from a Czech publication, published in the FPIR - Eastern Europe. Considerable interest has been shown in the contractual translation of "Revolution Within the Revolution?," by the guerrilla warfare theorist Debray, with 225 copies requested by consumers over the normal distribution. (CONFIDENTIAL)

12. Special Services: Copies of the Latin America Daily Report and the Latin America Foreign Press Information Report were supplied to the U.S. Secret Service from 20 March to 14 April in connection with the President's trip to Punta del Este. The publications were used to brief Secret Service agents on developments related to the conference and provide background material on the area. The Secret Service asked that FBIS provide a similar service whenever the President is touring abroad.

The East Coast Bureau, in response to an Organization request, wirefiled to Punta del Este the Spanish text of a Prensa Latina item on a Dominican leftist organization's expressed support for the Bolivian guerrilla movement. East Coast, Panama, and Key West bureaus continued to supply an interested component tapes of anti-Bolivian Government material broadcast by Havana Radio.

In response to a State Department request, Headquarters began forwarding a copy of the Saigon-Cholon press review, produced by the Saigon Bureau, to the Republic of Vietnam Embassy in Washington. Copies of an article and speech by North Vietnam's Defense Minister Giap as published in the Daily Report were sent to U.S. Army Headquarters, Pacific, in response to a request from Gen. Phillip Davidson relayed by the Okinawa Bureau.

A list of all statements attributed to American prisoners of war was compiled at the request of an Organization component. Headquarters will keep an updated list of all FBIS-monitored statements attributed to POW's.

The London Bureau, at the request of the State Department, processed and filed to the American Embassy in Tripoli a Moscow commentary on Soviet-Libyan relations. London, in collaboration with the Austrian Bureau, also supplied the American Embassy in Nicosia, at Ambassador Belcher's request, an article in Pravda on Cyprus which was being publicized in the island's communist press. (SECRET)

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13. Lateral Services: The American Embassy in Teheran requested that the Mediterranean Bureau wirefile all processed items from Radio Peyk-e Iran, a clandestine radio broadcasting in Persian, and airmail program summaries to the embassy. On 10 March the London Bureau began supplying the Presentation Division of the Fleet Operations Control Center, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe, with the FBIS Bulletin and the Soviet/East European Roundup.

The German Bureau has conducted a survey of recipients of the Bureau-published "Weekly Report on the East German Press." Of 63 replies received, 54 consumers evaluated the Report about equally as being either "Of considerable value" or "Of value." (SECRET)

The Naval Oceanographic Office at Suitland, Md., was added to the list of consumers directly receiving the FBIS Shipping and Fishing Briefs. The Oceanographic Office said the briefs provided "unique information of a technical nature unavailable from any other source." (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

14. Visits and Briefings: The DDI visited the Saigon Bureau on 14 March. [redacted] OSI, visited the Key West Bureau on 30 March. (SECRET)

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Maj. Gen. Marvin C. Demler, USAF, scheduled to take over as senior member of the U.N. Command in Korea on 1 May, was briefed at Headquarters on FBIS coverage of North Korea, lateral services to his command, and FBIS analysis functions. On 30 March, Dr. Bruce Billings, Vice President of Taborator Operations, Aerospace Corporation and member of the USAF Scientific Advisory Board, and [redacted] visited the Hokkaido Bureau. Lt. Barry M. Weinman, briefing officer of the Fleet Operations Center, USNAVEUR, visited the London Bureau 16 March to survey materials available for briefing Adm. J. S. Thach, CINCUSNAVEUR. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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The Chief, Saigon Bureau visited the Bangkok Bureau 21-26 March in connection with administrative arrangements for the transfer of five monitors from Saigon to Bangkok. The Chief, Hokkaido Bureau, was in Tokyo 19 April for a review of architectural and engineering plans for the new Hokkaido station. On 22 March, the Chief, Key West Bureau, visited in Miami Mr. Henry Taylor, U.S. State Department coordinator on Cuban affairs, who praised the bureau's efforts and found in particular that telephone alerts on important developments were of "immense value." (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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[redacted] Chief, Southeast European Satellites Section, FDD, and [redacted] Mid-East European Satellites Section, FDD, attended a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies in Washington 30 March-1 April. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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Monitor [redacted] and technician [redacted] of the Austrian Bureau, and [redacted] senior Russian monitor for the BBC Monitoring Service, visited briefly at Headquarters during personal visits to the United States. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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15. ADP Plan: A five-year plan on ADP (automatic data processing) applications for FBIS was forwarded to higher authority. The plan envisages four projects: a Daily Report pre-editing system, a Daily Report post-editing and mat production system, communications analysis for management purposes, and production of the "Broadcasting Stations of the World" publication. (SECRET)

FIELD OPERATIONS AND ENGINEERING

16. Broadcasting Developments: On 20 April, Radio Moscow began announcing the spring and summer schedules which indicated a doubling of broadcast time for both Cambodian and Lao. A new clandestine operation from North Korean transmitters, "Radio South Korea Liberation," was first intercepted by FBIS on 31 March. The station broadcasts material critical of the government of the Republic of Korea during two one-hour programs daily for South Korean listeners. The Okinawa Bureau is covering. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

17. USSR TV Construction: MOS has made available more than 800 reports on USSR microwave and television construction for an Organization project. Bureaus are requested to flag such items, "Copy to MOS." (SECRET)

18. FDD Support of MOS: FDD has arranged to provide MOS every six months with the published radio and television schedules of all Latin American countries. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

19. Bangkok Bureau Communications: The Bangkok Bureau on 24 March became a tributary of the American Embassy in Saigon and was assigned the routing indicator RUMSEMS. To facilitate relay of material for Bangkok by the American Embassy, Saigon, the indicator BK should be inserted on the UNCLAS line of messages. The common-user indicator for Amembassy, Bangkok, RUMTBK, should be used only when FBIS communications to Saigon and Bangkok are out, and then only for high precedence traffic inasmuch as there are no electrical communications between Amembassy Bangkok and the Bangkok Bureau. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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20. Field Bureau Construction: The main construction contract for the Caribbean Bureau is now 57.2 percent completed. The contractor continues to be behind schedule. Two large shipments of electronic parts and equipment from Headquarters have arrived at the site. Prefabrication work by FBIS personnel has started in the auxiliary building shop. The Caribbean Bureau access road has been redesigned to eliminate possible flooding. (UNCLASSIFIED)

ADMINISTRATION

21. Gamma Globulin for Puerto Rico. The Office of Medical Services has determined that gamma globulin is not required for assignment to Puerto Rico. However, this immunization will be administered at Headquarters to those employees who request it. (ADMIN--INTERNAL USE ONLY)

22. Staff Dependents Born Overseas. Employees are reminded, when returning to the United States from an overseas assignment, to apply for a Certificate of Citizenship for children born during that assignment. Forms should be requested from Headquarters Administrative Staff. (ADMIN--INTERNAL USE ONLY)

23. Pen and Ink Changes

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c/o American Storage Company
1910 - 47th Avenue, N.E.
Beaver Heights, Maryland

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

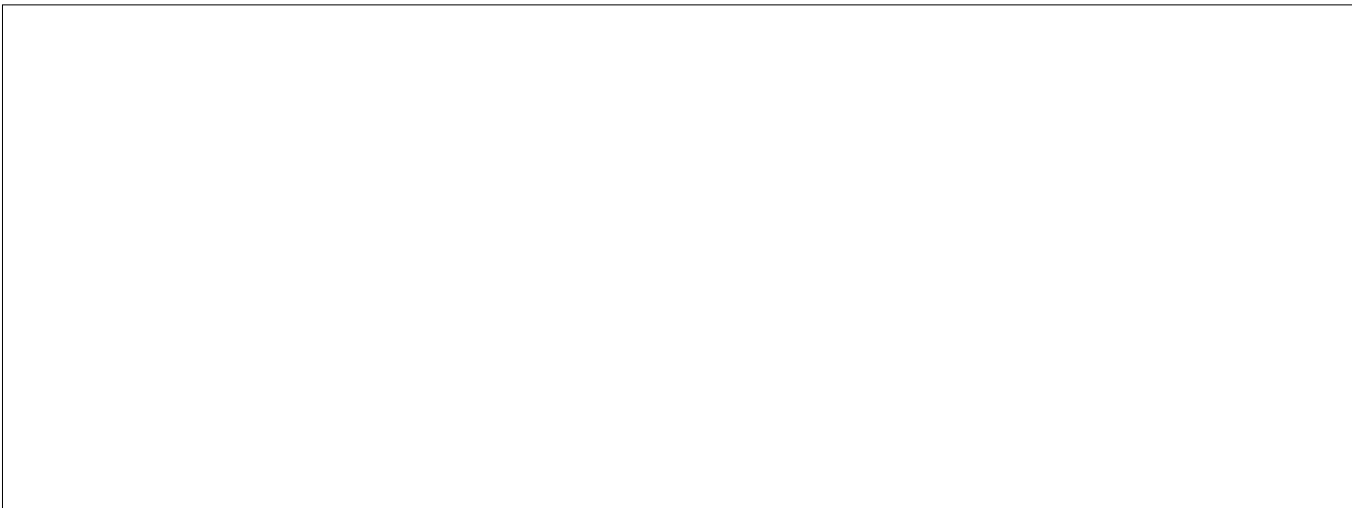
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25. Honor Awards. [redacted] were presented with Certificates of Merit with Distinction on 6 April for voluntarily accepting physical danger to assure continuity of broadcast monitoring and establishing emergency communications during the 15-17 January 1966 military coup in Nigeria. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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26. Training. [redacted] Chief, USSR Branch, FDD, attended a two-week seminar (3-14 April), Skills and Goals of Management, conducted by the Civil Service Commission at its Executive Seminar Center, Kings Point, New York. [redacted] Deputy Chief, Engineering Staff, is attending a two-week seminar (17-28 April), Effects of Technological Development, which is also being held at the Executive Seminar Center, Kings Point, New York. (ADMIN--INTERNAL USE ONLY)

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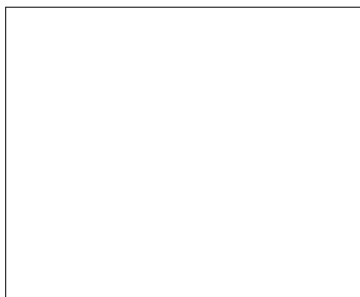
On 21 March, [redacted] Asia Branch, FDD, returned from advanced Chinese training at FSI Tai-chung. (SECRET)

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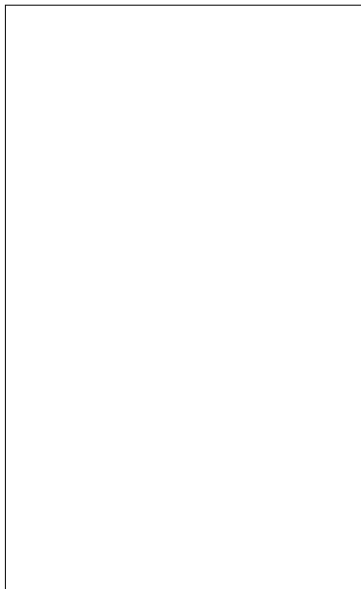
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Editor, USSR/EE Branch, Editorial Division
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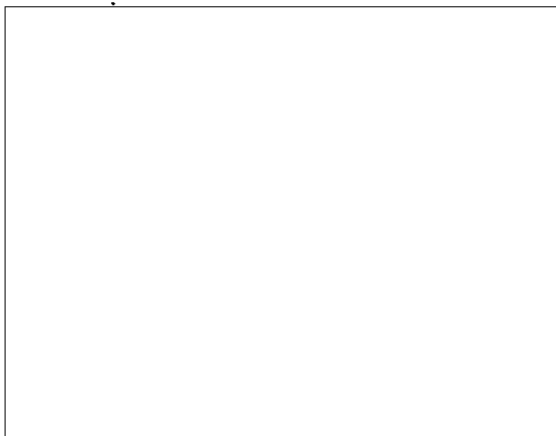
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Publications Supv. Foreign Documents Div.	Adm Assistant, B&F Br., Administrative Staff
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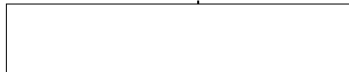
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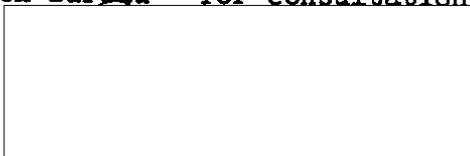
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