

A. PRESENT BROADCAST MEDIA COVERAGE

1. Summary of Current Capabilities

FBIS monitors a broad sampling of Moscow International Service broadcasts beamed to the "arc of crisis." It also covers the Baku-based clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian and Azeri. FBIS monitors, in full or in part, all domestic services in the "Arc of Crisis" as well as several area news agencies. These are normally the first to carry reports of new developments and commentaries. FBIS also covers selected international service broadcasts from these countries, such as Tehran in Arabic and Urdu, and Kabul in Pashto. However, FBIS regularly surveys the content of key international beams to determine if they are carrying unique material of intelligence value and adjusts coverage schedules accordingly.

2. Summary of Present Resources

a. Bureaus devoting resources to coverage of Muslim area:

Amman
Bahrain
Tel Aviv (in part)
Nicosia (in part)
Bangkok (in part)
London/BBC (in part)



3. Details of Present Coverage

- a. Moscow International Service. Broadcasts to the Muslim World are covered selectively by several FBIS bureaus and the BBC, including programs in Arabic, Persian, Dari, Urdu, Bengali, Pashto and Turkish.
- b. Soviet Clandestines. Coverage includes the clandestine, Baku-based National Voice of Iran in both Persian and Azeri to Iran as well as the clandestine East Germany-based Our Radio and the Voice of Turkish Communist Party, both transmitting in Turkish to Turkey and Cyprus.
- c. Soviet Muslim Minorities. One daily broadcast in Uighur is recorded in Bangkok and processed by Nicosia Bureau, on a delayed basis. Yerevan in Kurdish is recorded in Nicosia and processed in London on a delayed basis.

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- d. Iran. Full coverage of Tehran Domestic Service and limited coverage of Tehran international service broadcasts in Arabic, English, Urdu and Kurdish is provided. Bahrain bureau covers several Iran regional stations, including Shiraz, Abadan, Tabriz and Bonab (the latter two in Azeri and Persian). Bahrain also covers Tehran TV (audio only), poor reception permitting.
- e. Arab Countries. The domestic radios and press agencies of the Arab countries in the Arc of Crisis are comprehensively covered, except for some gaps in coverage of Libyan, Sudanese, Iraqi and Gulf States' domestic radios. FBIS also covers Libyan and Iraqi pan-Arab services.
- f. South Asia. Coverage of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh is extensive but hampered by reception at existing sites. Coverage is provided of representative Kabul domestic and international broadcasts in Dari and Pashto and Kabul international broadcasts in English; selectively of Pakistani domestic radio in English and Urdu and the overseas service in English, Urdu and Bengali; and selectively of Dacca domestic radio in both English and Bengali as well as Dacca overseas service in English.
- g. Turkey. FBIS provides comprehensive coverage of Turkish central radios.

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B. EXPANSION OF BROADCAST MEDIA COVERAGE

1. To meet NSC requirements, FBIS will have to remedy the following coverage gaps:
 - a. Soviet Central Asian Regional transmitters broadcasting to Muslims at home and abroad in Arabic, Persian, Dari, Azeri, Uzbek, Tadzhik, and Urdu.
 - b. Additional Iranian regional radios (in north and east of the country)
 - c. Iraqi domestic and international services (expanded coverage)
 - d. Libyan domestic service (expanded coverage)
 - e. Afghanistan domestic service (expanded coverage)
 - f. Sudan domestic service (expanded coverage)
 - g. Arc of Crisis international broadcasts in a variety of indigenous languages, most notably Persian, Arabic, Dari, Urdu, and Azeri
 - h. YAR, PDRY, and Arab Gulf States, except Kuwait.
2. The following options will fill these coverage gaps:
 - a. Full Staffing of New Bahrain Bureau

Bring the new Bahrain Bureau to the full, planned staffing level, and complete training of the new personnel.

Coverage gain: North and South Yemen

Arab Gulf States

Additional Iranian regional radios (in south and west of country)

Afghanistan domestic service

Afghanistan international service in Arabic

Pakistan international service in Arabic, Persian, and Urdu

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Personnel: None over present authorized level

Funds: [redacted] of cost of present authorized operation remain unfunded in FY 1980.)

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Implementation: 6-12 months

b. Enlarge the Bahrain Bureau

Assumes host-government approval not required.

Coverage gain: Real-time coverage of six Soviet Central Asian regional radios in Russian and vernacular languages

Personnel:

[redacted]

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Funds:

Implementation: 6-12 months

c. Recording Units in Kabul and Islamabad

Temporary arrangement pending implementation of option d. TDY technicians would record broadcasts and mail recordings to London or Bahrain for delayed processing. Assumes host-government approval not required.

Coverage gain: Full coverage of Kabul domestic service

Improved coverage of Karachi domestic service

Improved coverage of Iranian regional radios (east and north of country)

Personnel:

[redacted]

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Funds:

Implementation: 6-12 months

d. Islamabad or Kabul Remote Monitoring

Replace option ^cA. with a permanent unmanned monitoring facility in Islamabad or Kabul. Use modified [redacted] facilities to relay monitored signal to London Bureau for real-time processing. Assumes host-government approval not required.

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Coverage gain: Same as option ^cA., but same-day coverage in place of the several days delay in option b.

Personnel: [redacted] positions in addition to personnel needed for option ^cA.

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Funds: [redacted] in addition to funds needed for option ^cA.; includes [redacted] in non-recurring costs.

Implementation: 12-18 months

e. Cyprus Remote Monitoring

Establish remote-controlled receivers at antenna site near Paphos, Cyprus, and relay signals to Nicosia Bureau for real-time processing. Request for site use pending before Government of Cyprus.

Coverage gain: Libyan domestic service (improved coverage)
Sudan domestic service (improved coverage)

Personnel:

[redacted]

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Funds:

Implementation: 3-6 months from GOC approval

f. Recording Units in Tripoli, Omdurman

Alternative for option ^eA. if GOC approval is not obtained. TDY technicians would record broadcasts and mail recordings to Nicosia or Jordan Bureau for processing on delayed basis. Assumes host-government approval not required.

Coverage gain: Same as option ^eA., but coverage will be on a delayed basis.

Personnel:

[redacted]

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Funds:

Implementation: 6-12 months

g. Middle East Media Roundup

Issue a daily roundup of coverage of major Middle East developments by the media of the Middle East and South Asia, presented in terse, capsule style for high-level Washington consumers.

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Personnel:

Funds:

Implementation: One month

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C. PRESENT AND EXPANDED PUBLICATION COVERAGE

1. Publications are scanned at FBIS Headquarters by staff linguists who select items responsive to requirements for translation by contract translators and publications by the Joint Publications Research Service (JPRS).

2. Current Capabilities

Muslim Countries -- 150 publications



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Soviet Muslim regions -- 11 vernacular publications



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3. Options for Enhanced Coverage

Muslim Countries -- Add 60 publications and exploit 150 publications in greater depth.



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Implementation: 6-12 months

Soviet Muslim regions -- 24 vernacular publications



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Implementation: 12-15 months assuming qualified linguists can be found.

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D. CURRENT AND EXPANDED MEDIA ANALYSIS

1. Current Capability

FBIS systematically analyzes Moscow and other communist media output on the "Arc of Crisis." FBIS also does limited ad hoc media analyses bearing on Soviet nationality issues. This involves the full-time effort of two and one-half analysts and one research assistant, at a cost of 113K.

2. Enhanced Capability

Analyze the output of radio and press sources in Soviet Muslim areas as it becomes available, provides substantive guidance for FBIS monitoring and processing of media output from Muslim countries in the "Arc of Crisis" as well as from Soviet Muslim areas, and develop and maintain appropriate files (e.g. textual files of public statements by major leaders in key Muslim states), FBIS will require two additional analysts and two additional research assistants for this purpose.

Personnel:

Funds:

Implementation: 6-12 months

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