

**FOREIGN BR IDCAST INFORMATION SERVICE**

**ABIDJAN BUREAU**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--December 1982

I. GENERAL

Early in December Ambassador Rawls approved a bureau request for one additional nonstaff position, to be filled by a French-English monitor. This will bring the bureau's monitorial staff to 10. The need for an additional monitor had become increasingly apparent over the past year: In the year ending 31 August 1981 the bureau's monthly publishable wordage averaged just over 150,000; in the 16 months since then the monthly average has increased 50 percent to about 225,000. In an excellent demonstration of team spirit, Swaziland Bureau offered one of its monitors, [redacted] a U.S.-educated Swazi who is married to an Ivorian and wants to relocate in Abidjan. As soon as final approvals for the position increase are received, the bureau will begin steps to bring a new monitor on board. [redacted] is the most qualified candidate at this time.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Developments in Ghana continued to dominate the bureau's coverage effort during December. On the 16th, Flight Lieutenant Rawlings gave a lengthy speech to the nation defending his record. Due to the length, poor reception and uncharacteristic rambling nature of the speech, the bureau remained open until 0300 clearing three takes of material dealing with the attempted coup last month. The remainder of the speech was processed the following day. The 30th was another late night, when Finance and Economic Planning Secretary Kwesi Botwe presented the government's long-awaited economic recovery program, which required the bureau to remain open until 0330 to clear six takes of excerpts. And on New Year's Eve, the first anniversary of the Rawling's takeover, a people's assembly was held in the Accra Sports Stadium, at which Rawlings and other leaders discussed the country's problems, with Rawlings blaming most of them on the white man. Finally, on New Year's Day, 20 former ministers and members of parliament were released from "protective custody" and other prisoners were released as a gesture of mercy. Additionally, one other item aroused Embassy and Ivorian Government interest. On the 22nd the radio announced that all military leaves had

been cancelled and that no troops could be moved without authorization of Rawlings, suggesting further trouble. The DCM was notified and he took the item personally to Ivorian Foreign Minister Simeon Ake, who remains highly interested in the Ghana situation.

2. Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang's visit to sub-Sahara Africa has generated considerable attention by the media in the countries he has visited so far--Guinea, Gabon and Zaire. Zhao's remarks in reply to President Sekou Toure's welcoming speech in Conakry on the 30th, carried by Conakry Domestic Service, was unusually difficult to translate because it was given in Mandarin with sentence-by-sentence translation into French. The constant back-and-forth between the two languages disrupted continuity and made the speech very difficult to follow.

3. Considerable interest was aroused by Western news reports of "special powers" granted Angolan President Dos Santos at the MPLA-Labor Party meeting during the early part of the month. Luanda Domestic Service in French reported these special powers on the 9th and ANGOP later that day carried longer reports on the subject and on the party's rejection of a linkage between Namibian independence and the withdrawal of Cuban troops.

4. French Foreign Minister Cheysson's 6 December statement to the Anglo-American press criticizing the U.S. evoked high-level interest in the text of these remarks, especially since Secretary of State Schultz was about to visit Paris. The bureau expected the statement to be carried promptly by Paris Diplomatic Information Service, but the service carried only excerpts of Cheysson's statement and did not transmit the excerpts until the 21st. These were filed expeditiously.

5. The bureau lost the Reuter French service to West Africa on 1 January when the service shifted to satellite transmission. Reuter did not, in fact, provide much useful information on Africa, and its African service was much less complete than AFP's. The loss of Reuter should be more than offset next spring when the Pan-African News Agency is to begin transmissions. A recent AFP report quoted the PANA director as saying the agency will begin operations in April 1983 and will have a daily file of about 25,000 words, in French, Arabic, and English. ✓

#### B. Technical

The bureau received seven Watkins-Johnson model 8718 receivers early in the month, to replace its stock of Collins 351's. Engineer [ ] has installed the new receivers in the bureau's press agency racks and in four of the six monitoring positions. Collins receivers in the other two monitoring positions will be replaced shortly.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

Monitor  who is on an extended TDY in Mbabane to help train Swaziland Bureau's new monitors, has agreed to stay in Swaziland until the end of February. Yao's TDY will thus run seven full months.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachment

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau  
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

## ABIDJAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 83

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:  
 TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 244,540  
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 13,510  
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 658

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: ----- (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	7,784	31,380	115
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: ----- (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

ANGOLA			
LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	3,670		
LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,570		
LUANDA ANGOP IN H PORTUGUESE			
LUANDA ANGOP IN FRENCH		9,130	

BENIN			
COTONOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,170		
COTONOU EHUZU IN FRENCH			

CAMEROON			
YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	3,430		
YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	150		
CAMEROON TRIBUNE IN FRENCH			
CAMEROON TRIBUNE IN ENGLISH			

CONGO			
BRAZZAVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,690		
BRAZZAVILLE BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN IN FRENCH			
BRAZZAVILLE ETUMBA IN FRENCH			

EQUATORIAL GUINEA			
MALABO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SPANISH	530		

FRANCE			
PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH		30,710	
PARIS AFP IN FRENCH		20,650	
PARIS DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN FRENCH		10,850	
PARIS DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH			

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
<b>GABON</b>			
LIBREVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,890		
LIBREVILLE L'UNION IN FRENCH			
LIBREVILLE AFRICA NO.1 IN FRENCH			1,230
<b>GAMBIA</b>			
BANJUL DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH			
BANJUL GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN IN ENGLISH			
<b>GHANA</b>			
ACCRA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	57,560		
ACCRA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA GHANAIAN TIMES IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA DAILY GRAPHIC IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA WEEKLY SPECTATOR IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA THE MIRROR IN ENGLISH			
<b>GUINEA BISSAU</b>			
BISSAU NO PINTCHA IN PORTUGUESE			
<b>GUINEA</b>			
CONAKRY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,550		
CONAKRY MOROYA IN FRENCH			
<b>IVORY COAST</b>			
ABIDJAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	7,160		
ABIDJAN FRATERNITE MATIN IN FRENCH	1,500		
ABIDJAN INFORMATION IN FRENCH			
<b>LIBERIA</b>			
MONROVIA RADIO ELWA IN ENGLISH	3,900		
MONROVIA EXPRESS IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA LIBERIAN INAUGURAL IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA NEW LIBERIAN IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA THE SUND PEOPLE IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	4,840		
<b>MALI</b>			
BAMAKO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,220		
BAMAKO L'ESSOR IN FRENCH			
<b>MAURITANIA</b>			
NOUAKCHOTT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	5,150		
NOUAKCHOTT CHAAB IN FRENCH			

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
NIGER			
NIAMEY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,860		
NIAMEY LE SAHEL IN FRENCH			
NIAMEY SAHEL HEBDO IN FRENCH			
NIGERIA			
LAGOS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	3,910		
LAGOS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH	4,180		
KADUNA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	1,460		
NIGERIAN NEWS AGENCY (NAN) IN ENGLISH		12,630	
RWANDA			
KIGALI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH			
SENEGAL			
DAKAR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	590		
DAKAR LE SOLEIL IN FRENCH			
SIERRA LEONE			
FREETOWN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	2,760		
FREETOWN DAILY MAIL IN ENGLISH			
TOGO			
LOME DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	14,110		
TOGO NOUVELLE MARCHÉ IN FRENCH			
UPPER VOLTA			
OUAGADOUGOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	9,090		
OUAGADOUGOU L'OBSERVATEUR IN FRENCH			
UNITED KINGDOM			
LONDON REUTER IN ENGLISH			
LONDON REUTER IN FRENCH			
ZAIRE			
KINSHASA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	7,290		
KINSHASA AZAP IN FRENCH		11,110	
KINSHASA ELINA IN FRENCH			
LUBUMBASHI NJUMBE IN FRENCH			