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

I. GENERAL

The cost of living allowance (COLA) for staff employees in Abidjan was increased from 5 to 20 percent effective 31 October. The increase came as a result of a cost of living survey conducted by the Embassy during the summer. Because of the strength of the dollar over the past year, COLA had dropped as the exchange rate rose. However, the Embassy survey showed that costs of basic goods and services had risen rapidly, thus negating much of the additional power of a strong dollar.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. November was an exceptional month for Abidjan, with two coups in the bureau's coverage area. The Saye Zerbo regime in Upper Volta was overthrown, and an attempt against Jerry Rawlings in Ghana was defeated. These two events helped push bureau wordage to an all-time high of nearly 300,000.

On Sunday, 7 November, a visiting BBC television crew called the bureau to find out if there were problems in Upper Volta, as flights to Ouagadougou were canceled without explanation. The bureau immediately began monitoring Ouagadougou radio, and caught the end of an announcement asking for the people's support and telling them to return to their normal business. A signon-signoff open watch was established, requiring a 16-hour shift on the 7th. During the day the radio carried a series of decrees, including one establishing a Provisional People's Salvation Council (CPSP). On the 8th the radio announced that the CPSP leader was Major Jean-Baptiste Ouedraogo, a 40-year-old doctor. Ouedraogo gave his first press conference on the afternoon of the 19th. The radio broadcast a recording of the press conference late that evening, and the bureau remained open until 0100 to finish processing. On the 26th both AFP and the radio announced the new Upper Voltan cabinet and the composition of the People's Salvation Council, which replaced the CPSP. At the request of the Ambassador, the bureau supplied coup-related material, with French transcriptions, directly to Ivorian Foreign Minister Simeon Ake as well as to the Embassy.

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On the 24th a coup attempt in Ghana was foiled. This attempt was the culmination of a series of problems over the past month, including the resignation of the Ghanaian chief of staff on the 23d. At 0600 on the 24th Ghanaian leader Jerry Rawlings announced on Accra radio that the attempted coup had been defeated and that loyal troops were in control of the situation. An initial FYI on this announcement was telephoned to the Wire, as bureau teletypists were not yet on duty. The radio then warned that any troops moving without orders would be "bombed" and that "isolated pockets" of resistance were on the run. The radio also reported that fighting had taken place the previous night, and subsequently announced that a number of soldiers and civilians--none identified--had been arrested. By nightfall it was clear that the coup had been defeated and rallies were held throughout Ghana the following day to celebrate. At a large rally in Accra, Rawlings defended his record and said he would "very soon" introduce new "structures" and a new economic program. Again, copies of all relevant items, together with French translations, were delivered expeditiously to the Ivorian Foreign Ministry and the Embassy. The BBC Newsbureau, which closely watches events in the former British colony, sent a message expressing gratitude for the bureau's "excellent service" on the coup attempt.

2. The timing of the Ghana coup attempt was interesting as it might have been expected that Rawlings would have been in Tripoli at the time, at the second OAU summit in the Libyan capital. This summit conference, like an earlier one in August, could not be held due to lack of a quorum. The issue this time was the representation of Chad, with the host, Al-Qadhafi, contending that the deposed Transitional National Union Government of Goukouni Oueddei should represent the country while various African countries demanded that current leader Hissein Habre should take Chad's seat. A compromise could not be reached, and the summit was not held. The bureau processed statements and comment from various participating or nonparticipating countries in our coverage area. Embassy officers in Abidjan were particularly interested in a statement by Foreign Minister Ake on the Ivorian position. The statement, carried in the Abidjan daily *Fraternite Matin*, was discussed in detail at a Country Team meeting.

3. Reaction to the African tour of Vice President George Bush occupied some attention. A commentary from Accra radio used the occasion to refute the U.S. position on linking Cuban troops in Angola with a Namibia settlement. Lagos radio asserted that it was time the U.S. put its words into actions in southern Africa, and the News Agency of Nigeria said the U.S. should be mindful of its long-term interests on the continent. Zaire avoided the issue in public statements and Angola continued to reject U.S. optimism on a Namibia accord.

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B. Lateral Services

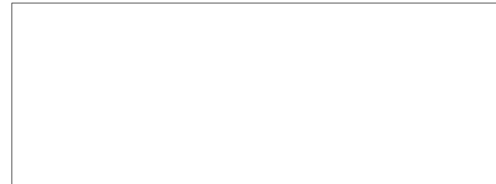
The U.S. Consulate in Kaduna, Nigeria, responding to a query from LRB on FBIS services, said that it wishes to continue receiving FBIS reports because they are of "high value to post, especially in fast-developing situations such as the recent religious disturbances in northern Nigeria."

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

French-English monitor received a
PSI on the 14th, to FSN 3/3.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

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Monthly Production Report

CC: Acting Deputy Chief, London Bureau
Chief, Swaziland Bureau

ANGOLAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 82

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 296,570
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 4,850
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 770

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK) 7,704 31,300 115

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

 (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

ANGOLA

LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	1,210		
LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,420		
LUANDA ANGOP IN PORTUGUESE			
LUANDA ANGOP IN FRENCH		15,100	

BENIN

COTONOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,300		
COTONOU ENBUZU IN FRENCH			

CAMEROON

YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	4,050		
YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	800		
CAMEROON TRIBUNE IN FRENCH			
CAMEROON TRIBUNE IN ENGLISH			

CAPE VERDE

PRAIA VOZZIPOVO IN PORTUGUESE			
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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)

BANGUI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH			
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CONGO

BRAZZAVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,900		
BRAZZAVILLE BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN IN FRENCH			
BRAZZAVILLE ETUNDA IN FRENCH			

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

MALABO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SPANISH	590		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICA- TIONS
FRANCE			
PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH		38,210	
PARIS AFP IN FRENCH		31,720	
PARIS DIPLOMATIC INFORMATION SERVICE IN ENGLISH		330	
PARIS DIPLOMATIC INFORMATION SERVICE IN FRENCH		18,730	
GABON			
LIBREVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,540		
LIBREVILLE L'UNION IN FRENCH			
LIBREVILLE AFRICA NO.1 IN FRENCH	2,280		
GAMBIA			
BANJUL GAMBIA DOMESTIC IN ENGLISH			
BANJUL GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN IN ENGLISH			
GHANA			
ACCRA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	48,850		
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			
LONDON GMR TO ACCRA GMR IN ENGLISH			
GUINEA BISSAU			
BISSAU NO PINTCHA IN PORTUGUESE			180
GUINEA			
CONAKRY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	940		
CONAKRY HOROYA IN FRENCH			

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICA- TIONS
IVORY COAST			
ABIDJAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	750		
ABIDJAN FRATERNITE MATIN IN FRENCH			2.400
ABIDJAN INFORMATION IN FRENCH			
LIBERIA			
MONROVIA RADIO LLWA IN ENGLISH	1.800		
MONROVIA DOMESTIC IN ENGLISH	3.100		
MONROVIA EXPRESS IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA LIBERIAN INAUGURAL IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA NEW LIBERIAN IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA THE GOOD PEOPLE IN ENGLISH			
MALI			
BAMAKO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3.550		
BAMAKO L'ESPER IN FRENCH			
MALITAINIA			
NOUAKCHOTT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3.100		
NOUAKCHOTT CHAAB IN FRENCH			
NIGER			
NIAMEY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2.100		
NIAMEY LE SAHEL IN FRENCH			
NIAMEY SAHEL MEMO IN FRENCH			

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLIC- TIONS
NIGERIA			
LAGOS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	21.790		
LAGOS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH	9.220		
KADUNA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	3.220		
NIGERIAN NEWS AGENCY (NNA) IN ENGLISH		24.690	
RWANDA			
KIGALI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH			
SENEGAL			
DAKAR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	420		
DAKAR LE SOLEIL IN FRENCH			
SIERRA LEONE			
FREETOWN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	1.750		
FREETOWN DAILY MAIL IN ENGLISH			
TOGO			
LOME DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2.920		
TOGO NOUVELLE MARCHE IN FRENCH			
UPPER VOLTA			
OUAGADOUGOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	19.220		
OUAGADOUGOU L'OBSERVATEUR IN FRENCH			
UNITED KINGDOM			
LONDON REUTER IN ENGLISH			
LONDON REUTER IN FRENCH			
ZAIRE			
KINSHASA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	8.670		
KINSHASA AZAV IN FRENCH		9.220	
KINSHASA LUXEMBOURG NIJUNJE IN FRENCH			