

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
ABIDJAN BUREAU

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

I. GENERAL

A U.S. Congressional delegation composed of Senators Mark Hatfield, Thomas Eagleton and Paul Laxalt visited Abidjan from 21-23 October, as part of a fact-finding tour of various African countries. Senior Embassy officers briefed the Senators on current issues of concern to the Ivory Coast Government on the afternoon of the 21st. At the conclusion of the briefing, Charge d'Affaires Carl Cundiff introduced the members of the Embassy Country Team, and while introducing the Bureau Chief he noted the services FBIS provides the Ivorian Foreign Ministry. Senator Eagleton then asked a few questions concerning the FBIS mission.

II. OPERATIONS

Monitorial/Editorial

1. Religious rioting broke out in northern Nigeria on 26 October. The rioting began in the northeast city of Maiduguri and spread to Kano and Kaduna before an uneasy calm was achieved at the end of the month. One report from the News Agency of Nigeria indicated that upwards of 350 were killed in Maiduguri. The current riots are reminiscent of religious clashes in Kano in 1980 in which several thousand people reportedly were killed. The bureau has filed some 8,000 words on the rioting, primarily from NAN and Kaduna radio. The BBC External Services used bureau material extensively in its coverage of the crisis for BBC World Service broadcasts.

2. The annual summit of heads of State of Africa and France opened in Kinshasa on 8 October with addresses by Presidents Mitterrand and Mobutu, both carried live on Kinshasa radio. Unfortunately, several breaks in transmission and poor reception marred the processing of the Mitterrand speech, which received the most news coverage for its alleged attacks against the United States. Surprisingly, Paris Diplomatic Information Service did not provide the text of the speech, although it did carry a Mitterrand interview with France-Inter which took place before the summit. Details of summit activities were scanty as both Kinshasa radio and AFP noted that relatively little discussion took place in open session. After the summit, Mitterrand made the first visit by a French president to the Congo since its independence and was warmly received. Brazzaville radio carried a lengthy report on his predeparture press conference.

3. A survey of Africa No. 1, a powerful commercial station located in Libreville, Gabon, was carried out in response to an FCS request. The survey showed that the station's newscasts carry primarily foreign news culled from AFP and it evidently has no foreign correspondence of its own. It did, however, carry a few original reports on Gabon, and two casts daily were added to bureau coverage.

4. On 13 October, BBC cruisers observed the Zaire press agency AZAP transmitting on a new frequency, 10300 khz. The press service had not been received in Abidjan for months and efforts through the U.S. Embassy in Kinshasa to ascertain whether the frequency had been changed had been negative. The bureau has resumed normal coverage of the agency. ✓

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Monitors [redacted] received PSI's during October, to FSN 3/3, 3/3 and 3/2 respectively. STAT

2. Monitor [redacted] returned to duty on 18 October, following maternity leave. STAT

IV. VISITS

Geoff Robertson, political correspondent with the BBC External Services, visited the bureau on the 18th for a briefing on FBIS operations in Africa. He is visiting several West African countries to determine the feasibility of permanently locating a BBC correspondent somewhere in the area.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

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Attachments

Monthly Production Report

cc: Deputy Chief, London Bureau
Chief, Swaziland Bureau

ABIDJAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 82

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:
 TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 235,800
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 11,800
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 637

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	7,784	31,388	115

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

 (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

ANGOLA			
LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	3,160		
LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,530		
LUANDA ANGOP IN PORTUGUESE			
LUANDA ANGOP IN FRENCH		13,820	
BENIN			
COTONOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,670		
COTONOU EHUZU IN FRENCH			180
CAMEROON			
YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	590		
YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH			
CAMEROON TRIBUNE IN FRENCH			
CAMEROON TRIBUNE IN ENGLISH			
CAPE VERDE			
PRAIA VODZIPOVO IN PORTUGUESE			160
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)			
YANGUI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH			
CONGO			
BRAZZAVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,930		
BRAZZAVILLE BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN IN FRENCH			
BRAZZAVILLE ETUNBA IN FRENCH			
EQUATORIAL GUINEA			
MALABO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SPANISH	1,190		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICA- TIONS
FRANCE			
PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH		39,810	
PARIS AFP IN FRENCH		30,610	
PARIS DIPLOMATIC INFORMATION SERVICE IN ENGLISH			
PARIS DIPLOMATIC INFORMATION SERVICE IN FRENCH		6,040	
GABON			
LIBREVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	390		
LIBREVILLE L'UNION IN FRENCH			
LIBREVILLE AFRICA NO.1 IN FRENCH	1,270		
GAMBIA			
BANJUL GAMBIA DOMESTIC IN ENGLISH	250		
BANJUL GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN IN ENGLISH			250
GHANA			
ACCRA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	36,410		
ACCRA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA GHANAIAN TIMES IN ENGLISH			900
ACCRA DAILY GRAPHIC IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA WEEKLY SPECTATOR IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA THE MIRROR IN ENGLISH			
LONDON GNA TO ACCRA GNA IN ENGLISH			
GUINEA BISSAU			
BISSAU NO PINTCHA IN PORTUGUESE			320
GUINEA			
CONAKRY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	4,930		
CONAKRY HOROYA IN FRENCH			

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICA- TIONS
IVORY COAST			
ABIDJAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,090		
ABIDJAN FRATERNITE NATION IN FRENCH			860
ABIDJAN INFORMATION IN FRENCH			
LIBERIA			
MONROVIA RADIO ELWA IN ENGLISH	1,650		
MONROVIA DOMESTIC IN ENGLISH	2,830		
MONROVIA EXPRESS IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA LIBERIAN INAUGURAL IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA NEW LIBERIAN IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA THE SUNN PEOPLE IN ENGLISH			
MALI			
BAMAKO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	5,630		
BAMAKO L'ESSOR IN FRENCH			
MAURITANIA			
NOUAKCHOTT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,100		
NOUAKCHOTT CHARR IN FRENCH			
NIGER			
NIAMEY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	770		
NIAMEY LE SAHEL IN FRENCH			
NIAMEY SAHEL HEBDO IN FRENCH			

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICA- TIONS
NIGERIA			
LAGOS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	10,290		
LAGOS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH	7,900		
KADUNA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	3,100		
NIGERIAN NEWS AGENCY (NAN) IN ENGLISH		23,420	
RWANDA			
KIGALI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH			
SENEGAL			
DAKAR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,020		
DAKAR LE SOLEIL IN FRENCH			1,020
SIERRA LEONE			
FREETOWN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	4,090		
FREETOWN DAILY MAIL IN ENGLISH			160
TOGO			
LOME DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,280		
TOGO NOUVELLE MARCHE IN FRENCH			
UPPER VOLTA			
OUAGADOUGOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,570		
OUAGADOUGOU L'OBSERVATEUR IN FRENCH			
UNITED KINGDOM			
LONDON REUTER IN ENGLISH			
LONDON REUTER IN FRENCH		670	
ZAIRE			
KINSHASA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	9,210		
KINSHASA AZAP IN FRENCH		3,140	
KINSHASA LUBUMBASHI NJUMBE IN FRENCH			400