

MAB 223
5 August 1982

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

I. GENERAL

On 3 August, the Acting Joint Administration Officer advised that the Embassy's FY-82 FAAS budget had been reduced by \$40,000 by the State Department. All embassies in CFA countries had been so reduced because of the depreciation of that currency. Contributing agencies will receive their pro rata share of the reduction through their Washington headquarters.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. As U.S.- French relations deteriorated over the gas pipeline to the USSR and other issues, Paris Diplomatic Information Service proved to be a valuable source of statements by the French foreign minister. On 6 July, External Relations Minister Cheysson gave a speech to the National Assembly which was widely reported and evoked considerable consumer interest in Washington. The text of the address, however, was not carried by French commercial media. On 8 July, Paris Diplomatic Information Service transmitted the 4-take text of Cheysson's basic address and followed the next day with the 3-take text of answers which he gave to questions submitted by National Assembly members. Both were processed expeditiously and filed at immediate precedence in response to a Wire request. On the 23rd, the service carried the texts of Cheysson's announcement summoning the U.S. ambassador for consultations on bilateral relations, an interview in English to ABC News on bilateral relations and a similar interview in French with Paris Radio, only part of which was actually carried by the radio.

2. The murder of three judges and a retired Army officer provoked considerable controversy in Ghana. On the 3rd, Accra Radio announced that three judges had been kidnapped and were being sought. All media immediately condemned the act and Flight Lieutenant Rawlings assured the judiciary that everything was being done to find the judges. The following day, however, Rawlings addressed the nation on radio and television and announced that the bodies of the three judges and the retired officer had been found on the Accra Plains and that an investigation team would be established to look into the matter. This did not impress the legal fraternity, however. Lawyers, and judges announced a work stoppage on the 6th. Despite a torrent of media comment supporting the government, Accra Radio did permit some time for nonsupporters. The radio reported an appeal

by Catholic bishops for policy changes on the 14th and on the 24th a statement by the Association of Recognized Professional Bodies calling for the Provisional National Defense Council to turn over power to a national unity government which would prepare for elections by next September. These, particularly the latter, were roundly condemned by all media and groups supporting the government. Rawlings himself responded to the criticism on the 29th with a 40-minute radio and television address to the nation defending his regime and blaming problems on "counterrevolutionaries" and the former regime. The bureau remained open until 0300 to clear the speech.

3. Keeping track of what countries were attending the OAU ministerial council meeting to prepare the organization's summit in Tripoli, scheduled to begin 5 August occupied considerable bureau attention. Split over the controversial admission of the SDAR by the OAU secretary general, a number of countries refused to attend the meeting if the SDAR was present. Some also were reluctant to go because it was being held in Libya. The national radios of Guinea, Cameroon, Senegal (and Gambia) and Gabon carried statements saying their respective countries would not attend. AFP carried articles that Liberia would not attend, which was not reported by the radio, and the Ivorian president simply avoided the issue to both radio and press agencies even though it was well-known the Ivorians would not go. Zaire media were similarly mum. Lagos Radio carried a statement saying the country was going even though it was unhappy with SDAR's presence. As a result of the boycott, a quorum was never achieved and the success of the planned summit was put into question.

4. The ministerial council meeting was diverted by an attempted coup in Kenya against OAU Chairman Daniel arap Moi, who was scheduled to go to Tripoli for the summit to turn over the chairmanship to Libyan leader al-Qadhafi. AFP English carried the first report monitored here and both the English and French beams provided on-the-scenes accounts from correspondents in the country. AFP was also actively monitoring the radio, helpful because of EAU's temporary inability to get communications out of the country. The agency also provided reports on continuing problems in the country that local media failed to report. It was noteworthy that AFP's coverage was faster and more complete than Reuter's even though Kenya is a former British colony.

B. Technical

Bureau Engineer [] and Technician [] completed their most extensive regular maintenance of bureau antennas. Almost all supporting ropes, connectors and hardware were replaced. Each antenna was checked from antenna to associated receivers to determine any losses of degradation of the system. This also included a check of multicouplers and the antenna matrix/switching equipment.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Monitor [] was badly injured in an automobile accident in

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Monrovia on the 19th. She suffered a broken shoulder, broken ribs and lung contusions, and probably will be hospitalized for several weeks. Her family is with her, and the Embassy in Monrovia advises that she is receiving good care.

2. Monitors [redacted] and teletypist [redacted] received PSI's during July, to FSN 3/4, 4/7, and 7/3 respectively. STAT
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3. French-English monitor [redacted] departed on the 30th for a six-month TDY at Swaziland Bureau, where he will help train new monitors. STAT

4. French-English monitor [redacted] gave birth to a boy on 4 July. [redacted] will be on maternity leave until about 1 October. STAT
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5. Bureau Chief [redacted] left on the 29th for four weeks of R and R in the United States. STAT

6. Editor [redacted] returned from R and R in the United States on the 30th. STAT

IV. VISITS

[redacted] Chief, Field Engineering Branch visited the bureau from 23-27 July as part of an orientation visit of bureaus in Africa, the Middle East and Europe. STAT

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Acting Chief
Abidjan Bureau

Attachment:
Production Report

CC: Deputy Chief, London Bureau
Chief, Swaziland Bureau

ADIDJAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1982

TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	213,720
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1,300
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	530

BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
8 086	31,380	115

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

ANGOLA

LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	1,190	
LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,170	
LUANDA ANGOP IN PORTUGUESE		
LUANDA ANGOP IN FRENCH		20,040

BENIN

COTONOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	740	
COTONOU EHUZU IN FRENCH		

CAMEROON

YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	1,430	
YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,110	
CAMEROON TRIBUNE IN FRENCH		
CAMEROON TRIBUNE IN ENGLISH		

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)

BANGUI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH		
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CONGO

BRAZZAVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	140	
BRAZZAVILLE BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN IN FRENCH		
BRAZZAVILLE ETUMBA IN FRENCH		

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

MALABO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SPANISH		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICA- TIONS
FRANCE			
PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH		28,120	
PARIS AFP IN FRENCH		26,950	
PARIS DIPLOMATIC INFORMATION SERVICE IN ENGLISH		730	
PARIS DIPLOMATIC INFORMATION SERVICE IN FRENCH		19,880	
GABON			
LIBREVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	5,010		
LIBREVILLE L'UNION IN FRENCH			
GAMBIA			
BANJUL GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN IN ENGLISH			340
GHANA			
ACCRA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	56,120		
ACCRA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA GHANAIAN TIMES IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA DAILY GRAPHIC IN ENGLISH			650
ACCRA WEEKLY SPECTATOR IN ENGLISH			
ACCRA THE MIRROR IN ENGLISH			
LONDON GNA TO ACCRA GNA IN ENGLISH			
GUINEA BISSAU			
BISSAU NO PINTCHA IN PORTUGUESE			

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICA- TIONS
GUINEA			
CONAKRY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,640		
CONAKRY HOROYA IN FRENCH			
IVORY COAST			
ABIDJAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	670		
ABIDJAN FRATERNITE NATIN IN FRENCH			370
ABIDJAN INFORMATION IN FRENCH			
LIBERIA			
MONROVIA RADIO ELWA IN ENGLISH	2,680		
MONROVIA DOMESTIC IN ENGLISH	5,010		
MONROVIA EXPRESS IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA LIBERIAN INAUGURAL IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA NEW LIBERIAN IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA THE SUND PEOPLE IN ENGLISH			
MALI			
BAMAKO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,180		
BAMAKO L'ESSOR IN FRENCH			
MAURITAINIA			
NOUAKCHOTT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,100		
NOUAKCHOTT CHAAB IN FRENCH			
NIGER			
NIAHEY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,270		
NIAHEY LE SAHEL IN FRENCH			
NIAHEY SAHEL HEBDO IN FRENCH			

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICA- TIONS
NIGERIA			
LAGOS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	3,290		
LAGOS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH	5,870		
KADUNA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH			
NIGERIAN NEWS AGENCY (NAN) IN ENGLISH		10,000	
RWANDA			
KIGALI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH			
SENEGAL			
DAKAR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,350		
DAKAR LE SOLEIL IN FRENCH			1,100
SIERRA LEONE			
FREETOWN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	1,680		
FREETOWN DAILY MAIL IN ENGLISH			
TOGO			
LOME DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,150		
TOGO NOUVELLE MARCHE IN FRENCH			
UPPER VOLTA			
OUAGADOUGOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,580		
OUAGADOUGOU L'OBSERVATEUR IN FRENCH			
UNITED KINGDOM			
LONDON REUTER IN ENGLISH			
LONDON REUTER IN FRENCH			
ZAIRE			
KINSHASA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,860		
KINSHASA AZAP IN FRENCH			
KINSHASA ELIHA IN FRENCH			
LUBUMBASHI NJUMBE IN FRENCH			