

MAB 215  
5 June 1982

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

## I. GENERAL

1. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Chester Crocker visited Abidjan briefly on 21 and 22 May for talks with the Ivorian Government on various African issues. This was Mr. Crocker's first visit to Ivory Coast. At a cocktail party for the official community, he said he had come to West Africa because he was tired of being called "the assistant secretary for Namibia". He said that he had found a sympathetic hearing from the Ivorian Government and general agreement with U.S. policy. He also expressed optimism that progress was being made on a Namibian settlement, however slowly. After the speech, the bureau chief chatted informally with Mr. Crocker, who was familiar with the FBIS mission and asked questions concerning the bureau's coverage. He also noted the value of the FBIS product to the State Department.

2. Pan Am, the only American carrier providing service to Africa, inaugurated a significant change in its Abidjan schedule on 2 June. There are now weekly nonstop flights between Abidjan and New York, replacing the previous flight which made lengthy stops in Monrovia and Dakar. In the new service, Abidjan is the mid-point for New York-Abidjan-Johannesburg flights. Unfortunately, at this time passengers in Abidjan cannot use this flight to get to or from Johannesburg.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. French President Mitterrand's visit to North and West Africa occupied the bureau's attention during the latter part of the month. He toured Algeria, Niger, Ivory Coast, Senegal and Mauritania, on his first trip to Africa since assuming office. Many speeches resulted, but most were fairly routine. Mitterrand gave a major address to the Ivorian National Assembly, monitored from Ivorian television, during which he reaffirmed pledges of French protection for the Ivory Coast, a reassurance for the GOIC since during the campaign his position on defending specific African regimes had been somewhat equivocal. In Abidjan, the visit was greeted with flags, school holidays, native dancing, many official receptions, and a miniature Arc de Triomphe made of local vegetation which graced the road from the airport to downtown Abidjan.

2. As special coverage for Mitterrand's trip, the bureau began monitoring the Paris Diplomatic Information Service. It proved so productive that the bureau decided to cover the transmission on a regular basis. The service carries official statements of government leaders, several press reviews and other documentary material of lesser importance. Among the items processed during the special coverage were two speeches and a press conference statement by Premier Mauroy and a statement to the French Senate by Foreign Minister Cheysson.

B. Lateral Services

At the request of Ivorian Foreign Minister Ake to Charge d'Affaires Friedman, the bureau provided the GOIC with material reporting on and reacting to developments surrounding the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between Zaire and Israel. Among the items furnished were statements and press comments from the various African and Arab countries. The foreign minister in particular wanted to know if Israeli media had stated that the Ivory Coast was considering such a step. A query of Tel Aviv Bureau showed that Israeli media had not made such a statement, mentioning only Gabon as a specific country which might reestablish ties in addition to Zaire. Material for the GOIC came not only from this bureau but also from Tel Aviv, Jordon, Gulf, Nicosia, and London.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. [redacted] one of the bureau's junior monitors, was pleased to accept a lengthy TDY to Swaziland to help train Mbabane's newly hired monitors. Chief Monitor [redacted] declined to go for health and other reasons. [redacted] leaves in mid-July.

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2. Chief Monitor [redacted] Technician [redacted] and Chief Teletype Operator [redacted] all received PSI's during the month, to FSN 1/5, FSN 4/3, and FSN 6/3 respectively.

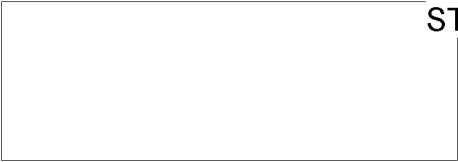
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IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The American Embassy in Ouagadougou, Upper Volta, hosted a softball tournament over the Memorial Day weekend. Players from Ivory Coast, Niger, Ghana, and Cape Verde as well as Upper Volta participated in the tournament, known as SOFANWET (softball fanatics weekend tournament). The bureau chief and Bureau Engineer [redacted] played for the Abidjan contingent, which was undefeated in four games and brought home a handsome bronze trophy attesting to the virtues of robust hitting and airtight defense. This five-day effort to prolong adolescence beyond previously known limits began with a 25-hour train trip from Abidjan on the legendary Ouagadougou

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choo-choo". After three full days of softball, eating, softball, drinking, softball, shopping and softball, most of the players were happy to return to more sedentary diversions in Ivory Coast.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachment  
Monthly Production Report

CC: Deputy Chief, London Bureau  
Chief, Swaziland Bureau

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## ABIDJAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MAY 1982

## 1. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	233,720
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	13,460
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	604

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	7,935	28,080	115
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: ----- (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

## ANGOLA

LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	3,430		
LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,810		
LUANDA ANGOP IN PORTUGUESE		710	
LUANDA ANGOP IN FRENCH		18,070	

## BENIN

COTONOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	6,390		
COTONOU EHZU IN FRENCH			

## CAMEROON

YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	1,690		
YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,270		
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			
BRAZZAVILLE BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN IN FRENCH			
BRAZZAVILLE ETUMBA IN FRENCH			

## EQUATORIAL GUINEA

MALABO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SPANISH			
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## FRANCE

PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH		29,340	
PARIS AFP IN FRENCH		26,260	
PARIS DIPLOMATIC INFORMATION SERVICE IN FRENCH		11,330	

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	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
<b>GABON</b>			
LIBREVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,160		
LIBREVILLE L'UNION IN FRENCH			
<b>GAMBIA</b>			
BANJUL DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH			
BANJUL GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN IN ENGLISH			
<b>GHANA</b>			
ACCRA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	45,700		
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 GNA TO ACCRA IN ENGLISH		540	
<b>GUINEA BISSAU</b>			
BISSAU NO PINTCHA IN PORTUGUESE			
<b>GUINEA</b>			
CONAKRY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,810		
CONAKRY HOROYA IN FRENCH			
<b>IVORY COAST</b>			
ABIDJAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,640		
ABIDJAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN FRENCH	730		
ABIDJAN FRATERNITE MATIN IN FRENCH			370
ABIDJAN INFORMATION IN FRENCH			
<b>LIBERIA</b>			
MONROVIA RADIO ELWA IN ENGLISH	4,740		
MONROVIA DOMESTIC IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA EXPRESS IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA LIBERIAN INAUGURAL IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA NEW LIBERIAN IN ENGLISH			
MONROVIA THE SUND PEOPLE IN ENGLISH			
<b>MALI</b>			
BAMAKO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	7,530		
BAMAKO L'ESSOR IN FRENCH			
<b>MAURITANIA</b>			
NOUAKCHOTT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,580		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
NIGER			
NIAHEY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	2,700		
NIAHEY LE SAHEL IN FRENCH			
NIAHEY SAHEL HEBDO IN FRENCH			
NIGERIA			
LAGOS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	7,510		
LAGOS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH	5,060		
KADUNA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	810		
NIGERIAN NEWS AGENCY (NAN) IN ENGLISH		13,120	
RWANDA			
KIGALI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	650		
SENEGAL			
DAKAR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,530		
DAKAR LE SOLEIL IN FRENCH			
SIERRA LEONE			
FREETOWN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	3,590		
FREETOWN DAILY MAIL IN ENGLISH			
TOGO			
LOME DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1,890		
TOGO NOUVELLE MARCHE IN FRENCH			
UPPER VOLTA			
OUAGADOUGOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	3,400		
OUAGADOUGOU L'OBSERVATEUR IN FRENCH			
UNITED KINGDOM			
LONDON REUTER IN ENGLISH		1,200	
LONDON REUTER IN FRENCH			
ZAIRE			
KINSHASA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	7,340		
KINSHASA AZAP IN FRENCH		11,040	
KINSHASA ELIMA IN FRENCH			
LUBUMBASHI NJUMBE IN FRENCH			