

MAB 214
5 May 1982

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

I. GENERAL

Carl Cundiff, deputy chief of mission-designate, toured the bureau on 28 April. Mr. Cundiff will replace DCM Gerald Friedman in September. Currently the Economic Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Lagos, Mr. Cundiff was familiar with the FBIS product but had never visited a bureau. He seemed impressed with bureau operations and asked many questions as he toured the facility and met the personnel on duty. He commented that the process was interesting, that the monitors were obviously well trained, and that the facility was impressive and unobtrusive. The bureau mission, including our services to the Ivory Coast Government, were fully explained by Acting Chief [redacted]

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Several major speeches were monitored during the month, some of which presented unusual problems. On the 19th, Nigerian President Shagari asked the National Assembly for emergency economic powers to deal with the country's mounting problems, which he blamed in part on Western attempts to undermine OPEC. The speech was carried live on Lagos radio. As the bureau's communications link with TCU and the telex used as a backup were both out, an advance FYI was telephoned to the Wire and tapes had to be driven to the Embassy for relay, causing a delay in transmission. Shagari also addressed the nation the following day. Communications had been restored, but poor reception made the speech slow going, requiring the bureau to remain open until 0200 to clear it. A statement by Flight Lieutenant Rawlings of Ghana on the 15th caused similar problems. Although Accra radio announced several times during the day that Rawlings was going to speak, a statement in his name was read instead by Secretary for Education Ama-Attah Aidoo, whose quiet voice is far more difficult to understand than Rawlings' clear, forceful diction. Again the bureau had to stay late to complete processing.

B. Communications

The bureau's communications link [redacted] went out on the 19th. The failure was caused by oxidized connections in a tone transmitter link which operates the bureau microwave. The connections were repaired the following day.

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C. Lateral Services

At the request of the BBC News Bureau, the bureau provided extensive priority coverage of the archbishop of Canterbury's visit to Nigeria, from Lagos and Kaduna radios and from the News Agency of Nigeria. Following the archbishop's visit, the News Bureau expressed thanks for this "excellent coverage."

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

French-English monitor [redacted] received a PSI on the 18th, to FSN 3/2. STAT

B. Buildings & Grounds

Bureau Engineer [redacted] designed a new console unit to hold the bureau's press agency traffic. The unit, constructed by a GSO carpenter, is cut to fit over the marble stairs leading into the editorial room. It provides more room for bureau personnel working with the newly expanded press rack, and lends a more professional appearance to the operations area than the table it replaced. STAT

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachment

Monthly Production Report

CC: Deputy Chief, London Bureau
Chief, Swaziland Bureau

ABIDJAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 244 280
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 7 040
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 689

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	7,950	28,080	115

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)			

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

 (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

ANGOLA

LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 ENGLISH 950

LUANDA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 FRENCH 690

LUANDA ANGOP IN
 PORTUGUESE

LUANDA ANGOP IN
 FRENCH 22 850

BENIN

COTONOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
 FRENCH 350

COTONOU EHUZU IN
 FRENCH

CAMEROON

YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
ENGLISH 2 470

YAOUNDE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
FRENCH 620

CAMEROON TRIBUNE IN
FRENCH

CAMEROON TRIBUNE IN
ENGLISH

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)
BANGUI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
FRENCH

CONGO

BRAZZAVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
FRENCH 990

BRAZZAVILLE BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN IN
FRENCH

BRAZZAVILLE ETUMBA IN
FRENCH

EQUATORIAL GUINEA
MALABO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
SPANISH 930

FRANCE

PARIS AFP IN
ENGLISH 33 350

PARIS AFP IN
FRENCH 25 330

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
GABON			
LIBREVILLE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	1 170		
LIBREVILLE L'UNION IN FRENCH			
GAMBIA			
BANJUL DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	0		
BANJUL GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN IN ENGLISH			380
GHANA			
ACCRA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	49 020		
ACCRA INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH	660		
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		2,500	
GUINEA BISSAU			
BISSAU NO PINTCHA IN PORTUGUESE			0
GUINEA			
CONAKRY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	5 130		
CONAKRY HOROYA IN FRENCH			

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
NIGER			
NIAMEY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	7 120		
NIAMEY LE SAHEL IN FRENCH			
NIAMEY SAHEL HEBDO IN FRENCH			
NIGERIA			
LAGOS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	16 650		
LAGOS INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH	10 020		
KADUNA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	490		
NIGERIAN NEWS AGENCY (NAN) IN ENGLISH			22 420
RWANDA			
KIGALI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	200		
SENEGAL			
DAKAR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN FRENCH	8 290		
DAKAR LE SOLEIL IN FRENCH			

IVORY COAST		
ABIDJAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
FRENCH	1 110	
ABIDJAN FRATERNITE MATIN IN		
FRENCH		430
ABIDJAN INFORMATION IN		
FRENCH		0
LIBERIA		
MONROVIA RADIO ELWA IN		
ENGLISH	9 030	
MONROVIA DOMESTIC IN		
ENGLISH	330	
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	4 260	
BAMAKO L'ESSOR IN		
FRENCH		
MAURITANIA		
NOUAKCHOTT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
FRENCH	1 830	
NOUAKCHOTT CHAAB IN		
FRENCH		

FREETOWN DOMESTIC SERVICE I.

ENGLISH 1 690

FREETOWN DAILY MAIL IN
ENGLISH

TOGO

LOME DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
FRENCH 2 580

TOGO NOUVELLE MARCHE IN
FRENCH 320

UPPER VOLTA

OUAGADOUGOU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
FRENCH 2 380

OUAGADOUGOU L'OBSERVATEUR IN
FRENCH

UNITED KINGDOM

LONDON REUTER IN
ENGLISH 680

LONDON REUTER IN
FRENCH 2. 930

ZAIRE

KINSHASA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
FRENCH 2 350

KINSHASA AZAP IN
FRENCH 1 780

KINSHASA ELIMA IN
FRENCH

LUBUMBASHI MJUMBE IN
FRENCH