

MAB 207
2 March 1982

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

I. GENERAL

Student unrest during February brought an air of excitement to Abidjan's normally tranquil atmosphere. On the 5th some 200 university students marched on the offices of the local newspaper, Fraternite Matin, in protest against articles on the decline in academic standards and widespread cheating at the University of Abidjan. On the 9th classes at the university were cancelled and about 100 students were arrested when they arrived at a local theater to attend a lecture on "Youth and Democracy in the Ivory Coast". The following day the university and other institutions of higher learning in Abidjan were closed, which sparked random acts of vandalism in various parts of the city. The government responded by closing primary and secondary schools as well, and released a communique on the 14th which blamed university lecturers for the problem, suspended their salaries and withdrew recognition of their union. Primary and secondary schools reopened on the 22nd, though the universities remain closed. Throughout Ivorian society there appears to be little sympathy for the students, whose education is heavily subsidized and who are perceived as an elite group with few grounds for complaint. By the end of the month the situation had become calm, and at no time have bureau or Embassy operations been affected.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The U.S. Embassy in Ghana has expressed concern about the increasingly anti-American tone taken since the 31 December coup led by Flight Lieutenant Rawlings. Noting this trend in a message to the bureau, the Embassy cited a processed Accra radio commentary on the possibility of Morocco granting the U.S. military transit facilities, which concluded that the U.S. "has never been a friend of Africa and cannot profess at this stage to be one". The Embassy asked the bureau to pay "close attention to this kind of anti-U.S. broadcast until further notice in order to determine how strong the grounds for possible complaint to the authorities may be". The Embassy also noted that it finds the bureau's coverage of Ghana broadcasts "indispensable to our understanding of the situation here". During the month the bureau filed over 50,000 words from Accra radio.

2. The Angolan news agency ANGOP, whose transmissions usually are limited to relatively short news reports rather than documentary material, demonstrated that it may become a source of lengthier items not available elsewhere as well. On the 11th the agency carried the 3,000-word text of a communique on the visit to Luanda of a Cuban delegation headed by PCC Secretary Jorge Risquet. Text of the communique was not carried by Angolan radio or Cuban media. ANGOP continues to be a productive source from which the bureau has filed over 20,000 words in both January and February.

B. Technical

On the 19th the bureau received from Headquarters three Extel printers, Watkins-Johnson receivers and demodulators. These will be used to expand the bureau's capability to receive press agencies monitorable in Abidjan. When installation is completed we will be able to monitor up to seven press agencies simultaneously, which will greatly increase the bureau's flexibility.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

French/English monitor gave birth to a boy on 4 February. who is primarily responsible for the bureau's reverse translation project for the Ivorian Government, probably will return from maternity leave early in April.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

Air conditioning in a large part of the bureau's operations area went out on the 25th, when a 3-foot snake crawled into a compressor unit and became entangled in the fan, causing the motor to burn out. The unit was repaired the following day, after removal of the thoroughly diced reptile.

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Chief, Abidjan Bureau

Attachment:
Monthly Production Report

ABIDJAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	224,440
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	8,470
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	693

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	7,850	28,080	115
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

ANGOLA			
Luanda Domestic Service in English	1,720		
Luanda Domestic Service in English	3,600		
Luanda ANGOP in Portuguese		20,640	
BENIN			
Cotonou Domestic Service in French	5,240		
CAMEROON			
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	970		
Yaounde Domestic Service in English			0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French			0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English			0
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)			
Bangui Domestic Service in French	770		
CONGO			
Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	570		
Brazzaville Bulletin Quotidien in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA			
Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	2,810		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in French			
Paris AFP in English		29,740	
Paris Diplomatic Service in French		23,240	
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GABON			
Libreville Domestic Service in French	1,420		
Libreville L'Union in French			0
GHANA			
Accra Domestic Service in English	51,270		
Accra Daily Graphic in English			0
Accra Ghanaian Times in English			0
Accra Weekly Spectator in English			0
Accra Sunday Mirror in English			0
GUINEA			
Conakry Domestic Service in French	1,080		
Conakry Horoya in French			0
GUINEA BISSAU			
Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			0
IVORY COAST			
Abidjan Domestic Service in French	3,760		
Abidjan Fraternalite in French			700
Abidjan Information in French			0
LIBERIA			
Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	4,140		
Monrovia Liberian EXPRESS in English			0
Monrovia INAUGURATION LIBERIA in English			0
Monrovia NEW LIBERIA in English			0
Monrovia THE SUND PEOPLE LIBERIA in English			0
MALI			
Bamako Domestic Service in French	5,760		
Bamako L'Essor in French			0
MAURITANIA			
Nouakchott Domestic Service in French	3,100		
Nouakchott CHAAB in French			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
NIGER			
Niamey Domestic Service in French	4,200		
Niamey LE SAHEL in French			0
Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French			0
NIGERIA			
Lagos Domestic Service in English	8,680		
Lagos International Service in English	8,840		
Kaduna Domestic Service in English	360		
Nigerian News Agency (NAN) in English		9,140	
RWANDA			
Kigali Domestic Service in French	240		
SENEGAL			
Dakar Domestic Service in French	5,160		
Dakar le Soleil in French			0
SIERRA LEONE			
Freetown Domestic Service in English	810		
Freetown DAILY MAIL in English			0
TOGO			
Lome Domestic Service in French	4,070		
Togo Nouvelle March in French			0
UPPER VOLTA			
Ouagadougou Domestic Service in French	2,250		
Ouagadougou L'Observateur in French			0
UNITED KINGDOM			
London Reuter			0
ZAIRE			
Kinshasa Domestic Service in French	7,450		
Kinshasa Azap in French		4,240	