

4 January 1983

MAU-3001

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Austrian Bureau--December, 1982

## I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The lengthy nonappearance of Bulgarian leader Todor Zhivkov was finally explained 7 December when Zhivkov told a group of students that he had had a "grave illness," going so far as to say that "some viruses had even tried to remove me from the ranks." Except for his attendance at Brezhnev's funeral, the 71-year old Zhivkov had not appeared in public since 19 October.

2. Despite a new 1,000-kilowatt transmitter in Pristina which was supposed to have been inaugurated on 29 November, there was no significant improvement in reception of this important Yugoslav provincial station. Although disappointed, the bureau's Albanian and Serbo-Croatian monitors still hold out hope that the station will eventually increase its power and become easier to hear.

3. Senior Editor [ ] was so successful with his "head-STAT-  
of-the-month" contest that he and Editor [ ] havSTAT  
introduced a new "socialist competition" to improve our quality  
control. This time, our attention will be focused on abiding  
by [ ] reminder to all bureaus to comply with the STAT  
strict MIDAS requirement to keep takes under 1,000 words.  
Attached is our East European-worded "directive" to "ensure  
complete adherence to production length guidelines."

B. Communications

The bureau has moved one more small but sure foot closer to  
switching over to the new State primary circuit [ ] STAT

[ ] We are now being told that  
all the necessary reprogramming to get us into the system  
should be completed by February. In anticipation of the change,  
bureau technicians are well into all the necessary Wire Room  
reconfiguration. We plan to retain the present Autodin Mode V  
until we are satisfied that all the bugs are out of the new  
system.

C. Technical

BBC cruiser [redacted] spent over a week with us from 1-9 December surveying our East European transmitters as well as a couple of Russian regionals. As a result, we now have several more frequencies to use to bring in some of our problem radio stations. At month's end we were awaiting [redacted] for report to use as a basis for an FBIS survey to be conducted later in the spring. STAT

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The bureau chief provided HQs with a memo commenting on the Benchmark Position Descriptions and the Interim Supervisory Grade Evaluation Guide. The memo also presented a recommended staffing pattern for the bureau and placement of individual employees within the new classification system.

2. The young couple who are interested in our live-in custodian jobs began working on a contractual basis 27 December. We are coordinating closely with the embassy's security officer to get them cleared so they can move into our basement apartment as soon as possible. In the meantime, we have arranged to have a private guard service provide a watchman to stay in the building overnight.

B. Building and Grounds

The editorial staff set up temporary quarters in the downstairs foyer for about a week in mid-month when workmen gave the editorial room a fresh coat of paint. The painters, who had earlier given the Czech suite a bright new look, are now scheduled to come back later in January to spruce up the bureau chief's office and the Wire Room.

III. VISITS

To the bureau

[redacted] cruiser, 1-9 December

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IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Most of the bureau's staff and nonstaff employees attended the annual embassy Christmas reception at the ambassador's residence on either 20 or 21 December. Earlier, on 17 December, we had all

wined and dined and occasionally danced and caroled at our own  
bureau party, which provided a suitable debut for the newest  
member [redacted] STAT  
born to [redacted] on 2 December. SIAI

For the CHIEF, AUSTRIAN BUREAU



Deputy Chief  
FBIS Austrian Bureau

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Attachments:

Publishable Wordage Report

Engineering Attachment

cc: Chief, FBIS London Bureau

Headline Competition Ends! New One Begins!

Comrades! The socialist competition to improve headline production has ended. The results show it was a great success, yet a further contribution to perfecting our system.

Data provided by the Central Statistics Office shows that 87 percent of monitoring cadres registered an increased awareness of headlines and 72 percent showed actual qualitative improvements. The use of striking quotations was up 54 percent over the same period last year, the use of significant detail 47 percent, and informative headlines increased 23 percent. Some five comrades from four basic organizations were awarded the high state distinction, the Order of the Stamped Fahrschein. Many others were cited for meritorious work.

Comrades! Appropriate attention is now generally being paid to the top line of the production process -- and this must continue, competition or no competition. However, an insufficient degree is still being paid to the bottom. To be blunt, severe shortcomings have manifested themselves from time to time in the number of words on some production item. Fulfilling the word production plan is still a priority task, but overfulfilling it by producing more than 1,000 words per take can have unfortunate consequences.

As is known, on more than one occasion party headquarters in Washington has informed our aktiv in a frank, party-like way about these shortcomings. But despite this comradely guidance, the shortcomings have not been fully eliminated. In fact, in one week of December alone, more than 12 such violations were recorded -- some by some of the aktiv's leading and most experienced workers. These shortcomings weaken production norms and the prestige of the whole aktiv. What is more, they come at a time when hostile forces will stoop to nothing to discredit our aktiv and the entire MIDAS system.

It is clear, comrades, that we must put a prompt and effective end to this situation. Thorough consultations have already taken place in all work places and, on the recommendations of numerous cadres -- through letters, verbal comments and appeals -- it has been decided to organize yet another competition, this time to insure complete adherence to production length guidelines. The Control Commission for the competition will be composed of the comrades in the party's Communications Department, who normally oversee work in this area. Toward the end of each week, they will post a list of names of those cadres who have fully abided by requirements. Even one violation of norms will result in a name being removed permanently from the list. Those cadres whose names are still on the list after several weeks will receive a high state distinction, as have hero workers in previous competitions.

Comrades! The time has come to excel not in some, but in all production sectors! There is no room for lags or excuses! The inevitable march of our system toward its goal must go forward!

## AUSTRIAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1982.

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

|   |         |           |
|---|---------|-----------|
| TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:         | 596,790 | (491,090) |
| TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:     | 24,560  | ( 22,020) |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: | 1,059   | ( 1,203)  |

|   | BROADCASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLICATIONS |
|---|------------|----------------|--------------|
| II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u><br>(minutes of issues per week) | min.       | min.           | issues       |
|   | 6,510      | 6,225          | 295.23       |

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

## ALBANIA

|   |       |          |              |
|---|-------|----------|--------------|
| Tirana Domestic Service in<br>Albanian          | 4,740 | (17,060) |              |
| Tirana ATA in<br>English                        |       | 13,670   | (24,260)     |
| Tirana BASHKIMI in<br>Albanian                  |       |          | 1,240        |
| Tirana DRITA in<br>Albanian                     |       |          | 0            |
| Tirana PUNA in<br>Albanian                      |       |          | 0            |
| Tirana RRUGA E PARTISE in<br>Albanian           |       |          | 0            |
| Tirana ZERI I POPULLIT in<br>Albanian           |       |          | 7,930        |
| Tirana ZERI I RINISE in<br>Albanian             |       |          | 0            |
| AUSTRIA   |       |          |              |
| Vienna Domestic Service in<br>German            | 3,830 | (750)    |              |
| Vienna Domestic Television Service in<br>German | 280   |          |              |
| Vienna ARBEITER ZEITUNG in<br>German            |       |          | 1,440 ( 200) |
| Vienna DIE PRESSE in<br>German                  |       |          | 4,620 ( 430) |
| Vienna KRONEN ZEITUNG in<br>German              |       |          | 2,760 ( 0 )  |
| Vienna KURIER in<br>German                      |       |          | 2,260 ( 210) |
| Vienna PROFIL in<br>German                      |       |          | 590 ( 0 )    |

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|---|------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Vienna VOLKSSTIMME in<br>German                           |            |                 | 1,100 ( 280)    |
| Vienna WIENER TAGEBUCH in<br>German                       |            |                 | 0               |
| Vienna WIENER ZEITUNG in<br>German                        |            |                 | 2,120           |
| BULGARIA  |            |                 |                 |
| Sofia Domestic Service in<br>Bulgarian                    | 15,450     |                 |                 |
| Sofia BTA in<br>English                                   |            | 39,100 (20,760) |                 |
| Sofia LITERATUREN FRONT in<br>Bulgarian                   |            |                 | 0               |
| Sofia NARODNA ARMIJA in<br>Bulgarian                      |            |                 | 400 (4,890)     |
| Sofia NARODNA MLADZHZH in<br>Bulgarian                    |            |                 | 0               |
| Sofia OTECHSTVEN FRONT in<br>Bulgarian                    |            |                 | 520             |
| Sofia RABOTNICHESKO DELO in<br>Bulgarian                  |            |                 | 33,390 (11,410) |
| Sofia TRUD in<br>Bulgarian                                |            |                 | 0               |
| Sofia ZEMEDEL'SKO ZNAME in<br>Bulgarian                   |            |                 | 1,320           |
| CHINA   |            |                 |                 |
| Beijing in<br>Serbo-Croatian to Yugoslavia                | 0 (460)    |                 |                 |
| CZECHOSLOVAKIA  |            |                 |                 |
| Prague Domestic Television Service in<br>Czech and Slovak | 820        |                 |                 |
| Bratislava Domestic Television Service in<br>Slovak       | 0          |                 |                 |
| Prague LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE in<br>Czech                      |            |                 | 0               |
| Prague MLADA FRONTA in<br>Czech                           |            |                 | 8,580 ( 0 )     |
| Prague PRACE in<br>Czech                                  |            |                 | 5,040 (1,550)   |
| Prague RUDE PRAVO in<br>Czech                             |            |                 | 71,060 (33,780) |
| Prague TRIBUNA in<br>Czech                                |            |                 | 4,290 ( 0 )     |
| Prague VECERNI PRAHA in<br>Czech                          |            |                 | 0               |
| Prague ZEMEDEL'SKE NOVINY in<br>Czech                     |            |                 | 1,590           |
| Bratislava PRAVDA in<br>Slovak                            |            |                 | 17,260          |
| Bratislava ROLNICKE NOVINY in<br>Slovak                   |            |                 | 2,440 ( 280)    |

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|  |   |                 |
|--|---|-----------------|
| Bratislava SMENA in<br>Slovak                        |   | 1,360           |
| Bratislava VECERNIK in<br>Slovak                     |   | 210             |
| GERMANY (GDR)  |   |                 |
| East Berlin BERLINER ZEITUNG in<br>German            |   | 0               |
| East Berlin DER MORGEN in<br>German                  |   | 930             |
| East Berlin DIE EINHEIT in<br>German                 |   | 0               |
| East Berlin HORIZONT in<br>German                    |   | 2,350 ( 0 )     |
| East Berlin NATIONAL-ZEITUNG in<br>German            |   | 0               |
| East Berlin NEUE-ZEIT in<br>German                   |   | 0               |
| East Berlin NEUES DEUTSCHLAND in<br>German           |   | 34,880 (8,860)  |
| HUNGARY  |   |                 |
| Budapest Domestic Television Service in<br>Hungarian | 0 |                 |
| Budapest KULPOLITIKA in<br>Hungarian                 |   | 0               |
| Budapest MAGYAR HIRLAP in<br>Hungarian               |   | 3,940           |
| Budapest MAGYAR NEMZET in<br>Hungarian               |   | 0               |
| Budapest MAGYARORSZAG in<br>Hungarian                |   | 0               |
| Budapest NEPSZABADSAG in<br>Hungarian                |   | 3,920 (16,220)  |
| Budapest NEPSZAVA in<br>Hungarian                    |   | 0               |
| Budapest TARSADALMI SZEMLE in<br>Hungarian           |   | 0               |
| ITALY  |   |                 |
| Rome ANSA in<br>English                              |   | 30,680 (26,420) |
| POLAND   |   |                 |
| Warsaw GLOS PRACY in<br>Polish                       |   | 0               |
| Warsaw JEDNOSC in<br>Polish                          |   | 0               |
| Warsaw POLITYKA in<br>Polish                         |   | 1,300 (14,840)  |
| Warsaw RZECZYPOSPOLITA in<br>Polish                  |   | 3,470           |
| Warsaw RZECZYWISTOSC in<br>Polish                    |   | 4,260           |
| Warsaw SOLIDARNOSC in<br>Polish                      |   | 0               |

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|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Warsaw SLOWO POWSZECHNE in<br>Polish                      |                 | 550             |
| Warsaw SZTANDAR MLODYCH in<br>Polish                      |                 | 1,560 (5,050)   |
| Warsaw TRYBUNA LUDU in<br>Polish                          |                 | 49,570 (74,460) |
| Warsaw ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI in<br>Polish                     |                 | 1,770 (7,970)   |
| Warsaw ZYCIE WARSZAWY in<br>Polish                        |                 | 3,700           |
| ROMANIA   |                 |                 |
| Bucharest Domestic Service in<br>Romanian                 | 29,810 (11,820) |                 |
| Bucharest AGERPRES in<br>English                          |                 | 53,770 (41,160) |
| Bucharest ERA SOCIALISTA in<br>Romanian                   |                 | 5,350 ( 0 )     |
| Bucharest LUMEA in<br>Romanian                            |                 | 0               |
| Bucharest ROMANIA LIBERA in<br>Romanian                   |                 | 3,290           |
| Bucharest SCINTEIA in<br>Romanian                         |                 | 48,110 (18,980) |
| UNION OF SOVIET-SOCIALIST REPUBLICS                       |                 |                 |
| Moscow in<br>Albanian to Albania                          | 0               |                 |
| Moscow in<br>Bulgarian to Bulgaria                        | 0               |                 |
| Moscow in<br>Macedonian to Yugoslavia                     | 0               |                 |
| Moscow in<br>Romanian to Romania                          | 0               |                 |
| Kiev PRAVDA UKRAINY in<br>Russian                         |                 | 0 (7,850)       |
| YUGOSLAVIA  |                 |                 |
| Belgrade Domestic Service in<br>Serbo-Croatian            | 18,550 (31,980) |                 |
| Belgrade Domestic Television Service in<br>Serbo-Croatian | 210             |                 |
| Pristina Domestic Service in<br>Albanian                  | 1,330           |                 |
| Pristina Domestic Service in<br>Serbo-Croatian            | 0               |                 |
| Belgrade TANJUG in<br>English                             |                 | 60 ( 0 )        |
| Belgrade TANJUG in<br>Russian                             |                 | 0               |
| Belgrade TANJUG Domestic Service in<br>Serbo-Croatian     |                 | 0 (520)         |
| Belgrade BORBA in<br>Serbo-Croatian                       |                 | 19,380          |



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| Belgrade NARODNA ARMIJA in<br>Serbo-Croatian |            |                | 0              |
| Belgrade NIN in<br>Serbo-Croatian            |            |                | 7,350 ( 1,280) |
| Belgrade POLITIKA in<br>Serbo-Croatian       |            |                | 8,740 (12,840) |
| Ljubljana DELO in<br>Slovene                 |            |                | 2,580          |
| Novi Sad DNEVNIK in<br>Serbo-Croatian        |            |                | 0              |
| Pristina RILINDJA in<br>Albanian             |            |                | 0              |
| Sarajevo OSLOBODJENJE in<br>Serbo-Croatian   |            |                | 0              |
| Skopje NOVA MAKEDONIJA in<br>Macedonian      |            |                | 240            |
| Titograd POBJEDA in<br>Serbo-Croatian        |            |                | 0              |
| Zagreb VJESNIK in<br>Serbo-Croatian          |            |                | 5,730 ( 3,520) |

Note: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month.

Austrian Bureau Engineering Attachment for December

Austrian Bureau received the following nonexpendable electronic equipment:

1. FACSIMILE TRANSCIVER, Nippon Electric Co.,  
NEFAX-3500-1C2, S/N 13298, 1 ea.
2. MULTICOUPLER, Delta Electronic, SRMC 1 X 10 Model D10-10-12,  
S/N's 909, 910 and 916, 3 ea.

Austrian Bureau sent to FEB/ED the following nonexpendable electronic equipment:

1. VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER/REPRODUCER, Sony U-Matic,  
Model VO-2630, S/N 46163, 1 ea.