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

I. GENERAL

Speculation about who will be the new U.S. ambassador to Austria dominated the local media early in the month. Although no one in Washington will confirm it, the frontrunner seems to be Helene von Damm, who was born near Linz and has been a long time aide to President Reagan. If selected, she would replace Theodore Cummings who died last spring. Chancellor Kreisky has gone on record as saying that "she would be highly welcome if appointed."

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The big announcement on Veterans Day that Brezhnev had died brought everybody scurrying into the bureau as we opened early in order to report as quickly as possible on how the East European countries were taking the news. In addition to an open watch on our normal bloc sources, we also listened to Kiev, the only Russian regional we can hear well enough to monitor. Surprisingly, this source gave us a scoop on the postponement of a session of the Supreme Soviet, several hours before the announcement was monitored from Moscow sources. We also made special arrangements--thanks to the incredible helpfulness of a middle-level official at the Austrian Post--to pick up the next day's papers almost as soon as they were unloaded from the incoming Aeroflot flight. To round out the exciting day, we got one of our Czech monitors who happens to be a natSTAT

Russian speaker, ready to leave early the next morning for London where she was eventually to spend over two weeks helping cover Moscow TV. If this did not provide enough surprises, on Friday the Bureau picked up the first report that Andropov had been named the CPSU General Secretary--our first flash message of the year.

✓ 2. AG Russian analyst [redacted] spent nearly a week STAT with us fine tuning our upcoming coverage takeover of the Soviet journals. All agreed that the transfer of coverage from the PMU would be a slow process and that we should limit ourselves initially to just translating tables of contents from the major journals before tackling the selection and translation of articles. A copy of the final Memo for the Record of what was agreed upon was pouched to Chief/Operations, Chief/AG and Chief/PMU.

✓ 3. With the Soviet succession issue assuming even more importance now, the bureau also made arrangements to resume full press and radio coverage of the Ukraine effective 1 January. Feeling here was that [redacted] could be STAT better utilized by shifting him from Polish coverage back to his native Ukraine, especially since our three-person Polish team is now having no problem coping with its daily chores.

✓ 4. There was a hint late this month of possible improvements to come in the reception of the important Yugoslav provincial transmitter in Pristina. The radio announced that it would be inaugurating a new 1,000-kilowatt transmitter on 29 November, a 10dB increase from the previous 100 kW. We will be listening closely for improvements since we have had many problems up to now in hearing this station which broad-

casts in both Albanian and Serbo-Croatian.

5. In other Yugoslav developments, POLITIKA announced that the country would go onto daylight savings time next year. Up to now, Yugoslavia has been odd-man-out in Europe, adamantly refusing to turn its clocks forward each spring. If old schedules hold, this will be good news for those late night workers at the bureau who should be able to go home at 11 PM instead of midnight as has been the case in previous years. ? But what about the early morning workers?

6. Senior Editor [redacted] idea of having a "Head-STAT line-of-the-Week" contest (winner gets a used Strassenbahn ticket) to improve our efforts has already paid off. In addition to observing MIDAS rules more closely, the monitors seem to have become more conscious of the value of using striking quotes and significant detail. Although only an honorable mention, Albanian monitor [redacted] nearly STATed the show when he regretted not being able to describe a Hoxha speech the day before the announcement of Brezhnev's death as "Hoxha Delivers Slamming Speech, Brezhnev Dies."

B. Communications

It was a bad month for our communications, as our Autodin circuit was out of operation over 42 hours, the longest amount of time we have been down in Bureau memory and well above our average monthly figure of less than 6 hours. During this period we filed nearly 17,000 words via the VCVC. As a result of the various outages, we are looking forward even more than usual to getting into the State system.

C. Lateral Services

The bureau provided Tom O'Grady, the local DEA chief, with

a translation of an article from ILUSTROVANA POLITIKA --the LIFE magazine of Yugoslavia--on an SFRY police bust of a large network that had been smuggling a fortune worth of coffee--an expensive rarity these days--into the country. Although not mentioned in the article, the "coffee kings" apparently had also been heavily involved in smuggling narcotics.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The bureau became even more internationalized this month with the arrival of [redacted] who is from Ceylon^{STAT} and will be our general handyman.

2. We were pleased to pass on the congratulations of the Director/FBIS and Chief/Operations to [redacted] STAT one of our Polish monitors, who was promoted to FSN-8 effective 15 November.

3. The bureau was taken by surprise by the unexpected announcement this month by our live-in custodians that they would be leaving us as of the first of the year. Until we can find replacements, we will be using short-term contractual personnel to clean, stay in the building overnight and remove snow.

B. Building and Grounds

As of the end of the month, our exterior and interior face-lift was proceeding pretty much on schedule. The painters had finished the outside, giving us a fresh and lighter look, and had come inside to slap paint in both the monitorial and editorial areas. One setback, however, was the rather expensive discovery that one of the beams supporting the roof had been extensively damaged by water leakage and

insects. It is now being replaced. Meanwhile, we are also getting estimates on how to get rid of the dampness in the cellar, a proposition that might prove expensive to go by some of the early estimates.

IV. VISITS

To the bureau:

[Redacted]

3 Nov
ef/Admin, 17-19 Nov
23-28 Nov

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From the bureau:

[Redacted]

TDY London, 12-29 Nov

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FOR THE CHIEF, AUSTRIAN BUREAU

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Deputy Chief,
FBIS Austrian Bureau

Attachments:

Publishable Wordage Report
Non-Staff Personnel Report

cc: Chief, FBIS London Bureau

AUSTRIAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1982I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	491,090	(509,420)
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	22,020	(22,710)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,203	(1,334)

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (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 Albanian	17,060 (4,310)		
Tirana ATA in English		24,260 (12,750)	
Tirana BASHKIMI in Albanian			0
Tirana DRITA in Albanian			0
Tirana PUNA in Albanian			0
Tirana RRUGA E PARTISE in Albanian			280
Tirana ZERI I POPULLIT in Albanian			6,720 (2,870)
Tirana ZERI I RINISE in Albanian			0

AUSTRIA

Vienna Domestic Service in German	750 (2,600)		
Vienna Domestic Television Service in German	680 (1,030)		
Vienna ARBEITER ZEITUNG in German			200 (1,430)
Vienna DIE PRESSE in German			430 (1,510)
Vienna KRONEN ZEITUNG in German			0 (990)
Vienna KURIER in German			210 (1,770)
Vienna PROFIL in German			0
Vienna VOLKSSTIMME in German			280 (870)
Vienna WIENER TAGEBUCH in German			0
Vienna WIENER ZEITUNG in German			2,700 (3,280)

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
BULGARIA			
Sofia Domestic Service in Bulgarian	15,090		
Sofia BTA in English		20,760 (27,370)	
Sofia LITERATUREN FRONT in Bulgarian			0
Sofia NARODNA ARMIJA in Bulgarian			4,890
Sofia NARODNA MLADEZH in Bulgarian			0
Sofia OTECHESTVEN FRONT in Bulgarian			730
Sofia RABOTNICHESKO DELO in Bulgarian			11,410 (28,910)
Sofia TRUD in Bulgarian			950
Sofia ZEMEDEL'SKO ZNAME in Bulgarian			1,000
CHINA			
Beijing in Serbo-Croatian to Yugoslavia	460		
CZECHOSLOVAKIA			
Prague Domestic Television Service in Czech and Slovak	920		
Bratislava Domestic Television Service in Slovak	0		
Prague LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE in Czech			0
Prague MLADA FRONTA in Czech			0
Prague PRACE in Czech			1,550
Prague RUDE PRAVO in Czech			33,780 (46,130)
Prague TRIBUNA in Czech			0
Prague VECERNI PRAHA in Czech			0
Prague ZEMEDEL'SKE NOVINY in Czech			700
Bratislava PRAVDA in Slovak			17,510 (24,680)
Bratislava ROLNICKE NOVINY in Slovak			280
Bratislava SMENA in Slovak			0
Bratislava VECERNIK in Slovak			660

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	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
GERMANY (GDR)			
East Berlin BERLINER ZEITUNG in German			0 (2,120)
East Berlin DER MORGEN in German			0
East Berlin DIE EINHEIT in German			0
East Berlin HORIZONT in German			0
East Berlin NATIONAL-ZEITUNG in German			0
East Berlin NEUE-ZEIT in German			0
East Berlin NEUES DEUTSCHLAND in German			8,860 (34,070)
HUNGARY			
Budapest Domestic Television Service in Hungarian	0		
Budapest KULPOLITIKA in Hungarian			0
Budapest MAGYAR HIRLAP in Hungarian			4,160
Budapest MAGYAR NEMZET in Hungarian			0
Budapest MAGYAROSZAG in Hungarian			0
Budapest NEPSZABADSAG in Hungarian			16,220
Budapest NEPSZAVA in Hungarian			0
Budapest TARSADALMI SZEMLE in Hungarian			0
ITALY			
Rome ANSA in English		26,420 (45,010)	
POLAND			
Warsaw GLOS PRACY in Polish			0
Warsaw JEDNOSC in Polish			0
Warsaw POLITYKA in Polish			14,840 (3,460)
Warsaw RZECZYPOSPOLITA in Polish			4,880 (9,780)
Warsaw RZECZYWISTOSC in Polish			1,420 (3,970)
Warsaw SOLIDARNOSC in Polish			0
Warsaw SLOWO POWSZECHNE in Polish			1,690 (0)
Warsaw SZTANDAR MLODYCH in Polish			5,050 (3,420)
Warsaw TRYBUNA LUDU in Polish			74,460 (44,220)

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Warsaw ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI in Polish			7,970 (10,240)
Warsaw ZYCIE WARSZAWY in Polish			4,770 (9,280)
ROMANIA			
Bucharest Domestic Service in Romanian	11,820		
Bucharest AGERPRES in English		41,160 (44,540)	
Bucharest ERA SOCIALISTA in Romanian			0
Bucharest LUMEA in Romanian			0
Bucharest ROMANIA LIBERA in Romanian			1,320
Bucharest SCINTEIA in Romanian			18,980 (26,090)
UNION OF SOVIET-SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Albanian to Albania	560 (3,160)		
Moscow in Bulgarian to Bulgaria	0		
Moscow in Macedonian to Yugoslavia	0		
Moscow in Romanian to Romania	0		
Kiev Domestic in Ukrainian	340		
Kiev PRAVDA UKRAINY in Russian			7,850 (12,260)
YUGOSLAVIA			
Belgrade Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian	31,980 (9,280)		
Belgrade Domestic Television Service in Serbo-Croatian	0		
Pristina Domestic Service in Albanian	2,440		
Pristina Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian	220		
Belgrade TANJUG in English		0	
Belgrade TANJUG in Russian		0	
Belgrade TANJUG Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian		520 (2,140)	
Belgrade BORBA in Serbo-Croatian			19,430
Belgrade NARODNA ARMIJA in Serbo-Croatian			550 (2,220)
Belgrade NIN in Serbo-Croatian			1,280 (5,530)
Belgrade POLITIKA in Serbo-Croatian			12,840 (8,190)

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
Ljubljana DELO in Slovene			1,280 (3,490)
Novi Sad DNEVNIK in Serbo-Croatian			0
Pristina RILINDJA in Albanian			0
Sarajevo OSLOBODJENJE in Serbo-Croatian			0
Skopje NOVA MAKEDONIJA in Macedonian			0
Titograd POBJEDA in Serbo-Croatian			0
Zagreb VJESNIK in Serbo-Croatian			3,520 (460)

Note: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month.