

ops

2 August 1982

MAU-2025

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Austrian Bureau -- August 1982

I. OPERATIONS

✓ A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In response to requirements outlined by Chief/Operations, we sought and received the Acting Chief of Mission's approval to add two Russian positions to our T/O. The two additional translators will initially be given a limited press coverage mission relating to the Soviet leadership issue.

2. To provide more timely and complete processing of speeches and articles by Soviet leaders, the bureau agreed to a proposal by Chief/Operations that we resume responsibility for translating any items by Vladimir Shcherbitskiy, Politburo member and first secretary of the Ukraine, that might appear in the Kiev press. In future, we will also fax the table of contents of the Soviet theoretical journal KOMMUNIST to the PMU as soon as we receive it.

3. The bureau began subscription in mid-month to the Warsaw paper RZECZYWISTOC (Reality), a weekly that was originally published as a counter to the Solidarity newspaper SOLIDARNOSC and which is now reappearing for the first time since martial law was declared last December.

B. Technical

We received our long-awaited second NEFAX facsimile machine this month, giving us a much needed backup fax capability, since there are no service reps here in Vienna.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Hungover only slightly after more than a few "viertels" of local wine the night before at his going-away party,

Senior Editor [redacted] boarded an early STAT morning flight on 9 July en route to London and then on to the States for home leave before taking over as Tel Aviv deputy chief in August.

2. It was good news on the recruitment front this month as we moved closer to filling several of our vacant positions. First of all, our Polish candidate-[redacted] STAT passed her field security and medical checks and must now just decide when she wants to EOD. Secondly, our Yugoslav candidate-[redacted]-is scheduled to visit us early STAT in August before being interviewed by the embassy's security people. Now that she is finally in Vienna, we are hoping for a quick security check so we can bring her aboard as soon as possible. Finally, we have selected a local 24-year old technical school graduate-[redacted]-as the STAT replacement for [redacted] who retires in January. STAT [redacted] will now also have to queue up for his local sec STAT and medical checks.

B. Building and Grounds

The tech's workroom on the third floor took on a new appearance as we completed the first stage of our technical renovations by installing a professional work bench and a set of floor-to-ceiling drawers to hold [redacted] inhouse STAT hardware store.

III. VISITS

To the bureau

1. [redacted] FBIS Personnel Officer, 1-2 July. STAT

2. [redacted] and wife en route to assign- 25X1
me [redacted] STAT

FOR THE CHIEF, AUSTRIAN BUREAU

[redacted] Deputy Chief, FBIS Austrian Bureau

Attachments:

- Publishable Wordage Report
- Non-Staff Personnel Report
- Staff Personnel Report
- cc: Chief, FBIS London Bureau