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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

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

I. GENERAL

Bureau resources were stretched to the limit this month as we tried to rearrange our routine to assist in getting our copies of the Soviet papers to the PMU in Caversham during the extended baggage handlers' strike at Heathrow. We initially tried to use the fax, but the effect proved to be unmanageable, since we were physically unable to move the entirety of the nearly 2-weeks worth of backlog. Later arrangements were made to take the papers into Heathrow aboard a KLM flight out of Amsterdam, since KLM has its own crew of offloaders. Although this system eventually worked, the delivery was late and the airlines could not guarantee the exact flights the papers would be on in future deliveries. At month's end, we had located a newly established courier service that would handcarry the papers to the Heathrow BBC freight handlers who would then hurry them off to the PMU. In addition to these arrangements, PMU Russian translator [redacted] STAT arrived here on 28 February to assist in selecting, faxing and processing items until we could establish how reliable the courier service would be. Meanwhile, no one is venturing a guess as to the duration of the strike, which began 8 February.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau formalized its coverage of Vienna evening radio and TV this month by including the local 1800 radio and 1930 TV casts in our FCS coverage schedule update. The readjustment to our evening priorities is intended to help us from getting scooped on hot items in our own backyard, particularly since Vienna seems to be becoming more and more the target of terrorist attacks -- the last being the 4 February bomb explosion at the home of the city's chief rabbi. Despite our efforts, we recognize that we are still somewhat "unprotected," especially on weekends and holidays when we are not open in the mornings, a period that has proven to be prime time for spectaculars like the August synagogue attack and last May's assassination of a city councilman.

2. We were shortchanged by ANSA this month to the tune of nearly one-third of our scheduled casts, as Italian journalist strikes swallowed up a total of nine working days. We have been hit before by occasional strikes, but this month's lost coverage was the most in some time.

3. As of mid-month, the bureau began receiving the new Polish newspaper RZECZPOSPOLITA (The Republic), an 8-page government organ that began publication 14 January. As far as our other Polish papers are concerned, we had our hopes buoyed at month's end over the flight agreement signed between LOT and Austrian Airlines. The daily flights beginning 1 March between Vienna and Warsaw should provide more reliable service than the "Chopin Express" trains that we have been depending upon since martial law was declared in December.

4. With the assistance of our MBFR friends, we continued our "observer" status at the weekly plenary meetings, this month sending Associate Editor [redacted] and STAT Hungarian and Yugoslav monitors [redacted] and [redacted] SIAI [redacted] to the Thursday morning rounds in the RedoutensaSTAT of the Hofburg. As a bonus to our close relations with the MBFR delegation, Ambassador Staar has accepted an invitation to visit us on 2 March. He is an avid consumer of FBIS material and has said that he has looked forward to visiting an FBIS bureau for some time.

B. Technical

Bureau engineer [redacted] and technician [redacted] STAT modified one of our outgoing EXTEL RO printers so that a number sign now appears on our outgoing copy before every capitalized word. The copy looks a bit strange and takes some getting used to, but at least we are now able to monitor the teletyped copy for capitalization.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Recruitment efforts continued this month as we sent application forms to one of the Polish applicants tested and interviewed earlier by London Bureau. In addition, we remain in contact with [redacted] our Yugoslav STAT

candidate who now works in Belgrade as a teacher, while we seek to resolve a truly "Catch-22" situation of her not being able to come here until she is offered firm employment and the Embassy security officer not willing to give her a preliminary field clearance until she has established residence in Austria.

IV. VISITS

To the bureau:

1. [redacted] member of the BBC Board of Governors, STAT
and [redacted] BBC East European correspondent, on 4 STAT
February.
2. [redacted] PMU Russian/French translator, on STAT
TDY -- arrived 28 Feb for indefinite period.

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FOR THE CHIEF, AUSTRIAN BUREAU

Deputy Chief
FBIS Austrian Bureau

Attachments:

Production Report

Engineering Report

cc: Chief, FBIS London Bureau

AUSTRIAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR F E B R U A R Y 1 9 8 2

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 512,060
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 13,710 (45,870)
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 953

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u>			
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues
	5,745	5,895	279.19
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u>			
(publishable words per month)			
ALBANIA			
Tirana Domestic Service in Albanian	2,640 (12,300)		
Tirana ATA in English		57,960	
Tirana BASHKIMI in Albanian			630
Tirana DRITA in Albanian			0
Tirana PUNA in Albanian			0
Tirana RRUGA E PARTISE in Albanian			410
Tirana ZERI I POPULLIT in Albanian			1,030 (10,520)
Tirana ZERI I RINISE in Albanian			0
AUSTRIA			
Vienna Domestic Service in German	11,500 (3,370)		
Vienna Domestic Television Service in German	200		
Vienna ARBEITER ZEITUNG in German			2,960
Vienna DIE PRESSE in German			5,610
Vienna KRONEN ZEITUNG in German			260
Vienna KURIER in German			1,980
Vienna PROFIL in German			0 (2,530)
Vienna VOLKSSTIMME in German			700 (2,790)
Vienna TAGEBUCH in German			0
Vienna WIENER ZEITUNG in German			4,110

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	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
BULGARIA			
Sofia Domestic Service in Bulgarian	12,660		
Sofia BTA in English		25,140 (34,420)	
Sofia LITERATUFEN FRONT in Bilgarian			0
Sofia NARODNA ARMIJA in Bulgarian			950
Sofia NARODNA MLADEZH in Bulgarian			1,790
Sofia OTECHESTVEN FRONT in Bulgarian			0
Sofia RABOTNICHESKO DELO in Bulgarian			16,000
Sofia TRUD in Bulgarian			6,090
Sofia ZEMEDELSKO ZHANE in Bulgarian			1,470
CHINA			
Beijing in Serbo-Creatian to Yugoslavia	0		
CZECHOSLOVAKIA			
Prague Domestic Television Service in Czech and Slovak	1,340		
Bratislava Domestic Television Service in Slovak	0		
Prague LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE in Czech			1,140
Prague MLADA FRONTA in Czech			2,410
Prague PRACE in Czech			1,800
Prague RUDE PRAVO in Czech			33,860
Prague TRIBUNA in Czech			1,120
Prague VECERNI PRAHA in Czech			0
Prague ZEMEDLSKE NOVINY in Czech			280
Bratislava PRAVDA in Slovak			24,670
Bratislava ROLNICKKE NOVINY in Slovak			0
Bratislava SMENA in Slovak			50
Bratislava VECERNIK in Slovak			450
GERMANY (GDR)			
East Berlin BERLINER ZEITUNG in German			0 (1,790)
East Berlin DER MORGEN in German			0

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	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
East Berlin DIE EINHEIT in German			0
East Berlin HORIZONT in German			4,300
East Berlin NATIONAL-ZEITUNG in German			0
East Berlin NEUE-ZEIT in German			0
East Berlin NEUES DEUTSCHLAND in German			21,130
HUNGARY			
Budapest Domestic Television Service in Hungarian	1,210 (120)		
Budapest KULPOLITIKA in Hungarian			0
Budapest MAGYAR HIRJAP in Hungarian			3,480
Budapest MAGYAR NEMZET in Hungarian			0
Budapest MAGYARORSZAG in Hungarian			0
Budapest NEPSZABADSAG in Hungarian			8,760
Budapest NEPSZAVA in Hungarian			1,900
Budapest TARSADALMI SZEMLE in Hungarian			0
ITALY			
Rome ANSA in English		20,720 (48,780)	
POLAND			
Warsaw GLOS PRACY in Polish			0
Warsaw JEDNOSC in Polish			0
Warsaw POLITYKA in Polish			840
Warsaw RZECZPOSPOLITA in Polish			1,100
Warsaw SOLIDARNOSC in Polish			0
Warsaw SLOWO POWSZECHNE in Polish			0
Warsaw SZTANDAR MLODYCH in Polish			2,510
Warsaw TRYBUNA LUDU in Polish			43,700
Warsaw ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI in Polish			13,970
Warsaw ZYCIE WARSZAWY in Polish			10,530 (3,950)

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	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
ROMANIA			
Bucharest Domestic Service in Romanian	10,440		
Bucharest AGERPRES in English		21,660 (21,780)	
Bucharest ERA SOCIALISTA in Romanian			0
Bucharest LUMEA in Romanian			1,120
Bucharest ROMANIA LIBERA in Romanian			630
Bucharest SCINTEIA in Romanian			39,450 (21,960)
UNION OF SOVIET-SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Albanian to Albania	0		
Moscow in Bulgarian to Bulgaria	0		
Moscow in Macedonian to Yugoslavia	0		
Moscow in Romanian to Romania	0		
Moscow PRAVDA in Russian			2,900
Moscow KRASNAYA ZVEZDA in Russian			4,000
YUGOSLAVIA			
Belgrade Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian	10,950		
Belgrade Domestic Television Service in Serbo-Croatian	0		
Pristina Domestic Service in Albanian	1,000		
Pristina Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian	1,310		
Belgrade TANJUG in English		200	
Belgrade TANJUG in Russian		2,180	
Belgrade TANJUG Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian		450	
Belgrade BORBA in Serbo-Croatian			690 (24,870)
Belgrade NARODNA ARMIJA in Serbo-Croatian			700
Belgrade NIN in Serbo-Croatian			1,380
Belgrade POLITIKA in Serbo-Croatian			16,900 (9,170)
Ljubljana DELO in Slovene			18,180 (5,050)
Novi Sad DNEVNIK in Serbo-Croatian			720
Pristina RILINDJA in Albanian			0
Sarajevo OSLOBODJENJE in Serbo-Croatian			0

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	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
Skopje NOVA MAKEDONIJA in Macedonian			0
Titograd POBJEDA in Serbo-Croatian			140
Zagreb VJESNIK in Serbo-Croatian			4,740

Note: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month.

Austrian Bureau Engineering Attachment

The Austrian Bureau received the following nonexpendable electronic equipment:

FACSIMILE TRANSCEIVER, Nippon Electric Co., Ltd., NEFAX-3500K-1C2,
S/N: 10966. 1 EA.