

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

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. With the delivery of Polish newspapers becoming more dependable this month, the bureau's three-man Polish team eventually returned to some form of normality following the erratic last half of December when they never knew from one day to the next which papers would arrive. Our new Polish monitor [redacted] returned to Vienna to his press duties on 11 January following a 2-week TDY in Caversham where he assisted the BBC in its radio coverage over the holidays. However, before we could settle back into a routine again, BBC requested a week's survey of Warsaw II radio which returned to the air on 17 January. With this early morning to midnight watch requiring the full attention of two of our Poles, London PMU pitched in again to help our remaining monitor, [redacted] with excess press processing.

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2. The Albanian section also continued to grab attention as the pieces began to fall into place in the post-Shehu jigsaw puzzle of political life in Tirana. Proving the rumors of his death to be premature, party leader Enver Hoxha--persistently reported by the Yugoslav media to have been killed in a wildwest shootout with Shehu--was resurrected on 14 January during opening night at the People's Assembly where he introduced the new prime minister, Adil Carcani. Senior monitor [redacted] and his junior colleague [redacted] along with Senior Editor [redacted] were pleased to get some well-deserved kudos from the BBC's News Bureau for their "swift and professional coverage of the Albanian parliamentary proceedings." Commendations from the bureau chief for [redacted] efforts over the past three months--during the party congress in November, Shehu's suicide in mid-December, and the People's Assembly--were put in their personnel files.

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3. The bureau got more than its money's worth from ANSA this month as we had our most productive period in memory, filing nearly 50,000 words from the English service. The big increase was mostly due to the extensive coverage given to the kidnapping and rescue of General Dozier.

B. Communications

1. The bureau chief met on 11 January with Thomas Tracy, assistant secretary of state for administration, and John Osthaus, the senior staff assistant on the Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies of the House Appropriations Committee, to stress our continuing interest in being included in State's high-speed circuit for Vienna. Mr. Tracy promised that the existing problems preventing our access should be cleared away by an "early retrofit" of the Embassy communications equipment. A log note on the meeting was sent to HQs.

2. The long-awaited second VCVC circuit went into operation on 1 January with a fixed Warsaw feed. Later in the month, the London Bureau Chief, during a coordination visit here, discussed BBC's plans for the line and informed us that BBC engineer [] plans to visit in late March to make equipment changes.

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3. A Pirmasens ASC "red-black isolator" glitch that sent us into an extended "3-Repeat" condition on 4 January carried over to all day on 5 January, causing bureau engineer [] and technician [] to spend the entire day troubleshooting our equipment and lines until we finally got Pirmasens to admit that the trouble had been at their end all the time. Mostly as a result of this one day when we just had an incoming but no outgoing circuit, we ended up with a monthly figure of 18,630 words filed over the VCVC via London, well above our average of a couple of thousand at the most.

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C. Technical

The bureau and PMU reached a milestone this month when we both installed new fax machines--the NEFAX 3500--which gave PMU the "best copy it had ever received." Minor adjustments to the machine here later put our copy on the same high quality par as that received by PMU. Until we can get a second model (no company maintenance is available in Vienna), we plan to retain the old Siemens equipment as a backup.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. At month's end, the bureau chief pouched an update to Chief, Operations Group, on the bureau's continuing recruitment effort, particularly on our search for a Yugoslav and a Polish monitor. Thanks to London Bureau's efforts, we now have a lead on another promising Polish applicant. We also hope to resolve the security impasse over hiring our leading Serbo-Croatian candidate, a teacher in Belgrade, who we hope can come here at the end of the school year for an interview with the Embassy RSO.

2. Bureau German monitor [redacted] was promoted to FSN-3/1 effective 10 January. [redacted] has been with us one year and has gained everyone's high respect for her dedication and good work.

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III. VISITS

To the bureau: London Bureau Chief [redacted] 25-28 Jan, for coordination.

From the bureau: Polish monitor [redacted] to BBC on TDY, 29 Dec 81 - 8 Jan 82.

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IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. On 5 January, Senior Editor [redacted] attended an Embassy meeting of the committee for the yearly update of the State Department cost of living survey for Austria (on which the cost of living allowance rate is based). The outcome of this meeting was the better part of 3 hours spent in a Vienna department store gathering various prices for articles from shirts to shoes to pantyhose for this year's update. A good experience confirming what all of us knew already: It's expensive to live in Vienna!

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2. Junior Editor [redacted] attended a 21 January orientation tour of the Embassy's communications facilities.

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FOR THE CHIEF, AUSTRIAN BUREAU

[redacted]
Deputy Chief
FBIS Austrian Bureau

Attachments:

Production Report
Nonstaff Personnel Report
Engineering Report

cc: Chief, FBIS London Bureau

AUSTRIAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR J A N U A R Y 1 9 8 2

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

| | | |
|---|---------|-----------|
| TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 517,380 | (603,800) |
| TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 45,870 | (23,070) |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: | 1,041 | |

| | BROADCASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLICATIONS |
|---|------------|----------------|--------------|
| <u>II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week) | min. | min. | issues |
| | 5,490 | 5,360 | 275.23 |

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

ALBANIA

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| Tirana Domestic Service in Albanian | 12,040 (5,120) | |
| Tirana ATA in English | | 45,930 (2,910) |
| Tirana BASHKIMI in Albanian | | 820 |
| Tirana DRITA in Albanian | | 0 |
| Tirana PUNA in Albanian | | 590 |
| Tirana RRUGA E PARTISE in Albanian | | 0 |
| Tirana ZERI I POPULLIT in Albanian | | 10,520 (1,190) |
| Tirana ZERI I RINISE in Albanian | | 0 |

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|---|-------|-------|
| Vienna Domestic Service in German | 3,370 | |
| Vienna Domestic Television Service in German | 300 | |
| Vienna ARBEITER ZEITUNG in German | | 3,640 |
| Vienna DIE PRESSE in German | | 1,740 |
| Vienna KRONEN ZEITUNG in German | | 1,230 |
| Vienna KURIER in German | | 880 |
| Vienna PROFIL in German | | 2,530 |
| Vienna VOLKSSTIMME in German | | 2,790 |
| Vienna WIENER TAGEBUCH in German | | 0 |
| Vienna WIENER ZEITUNG in German | | 5,000 |

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|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| BULGARIA | | | |
| Sofia Domestic Service in Bulgarian | 8,320 (22,870) | | |
| Sofia BTA in English | | 34,420 | |
| Sofia LITERATUREN FRONT in Bulgarian | | | 0 |
| Sofia NARODNA ARMIJA in Bulgarian | | | 1,920 |
| Sofia NARODNA MLADZHZH in Bulgarian | | | 0 |
| Sofia OTECHESTVEN FRONT in Bulgarian | | | 3,540 |
| Sofia RABOTNICHESKO DELO in Bulgarian | | | 25,490 (47,340) |
| Sofia TRUD in Bulgarian | | | 1,620 |
| Sofia ZEMEDEL'SKO ZNAME in Bulgarian | | | 0 |
| CHINA | | | |
| Beijing in Serbo-Croatian to Yugoslavia | 0 | | |
| CZECHOSLOVAKIA | | | |
| Prague Domestic Television Service in Czech and Slovak | 870 | | |
| Bratislava Domestic Television Service in Slovak | 0 | | |
| Prague LIDOVA DEMOKRACIE in Czech | | | 370 |
| Prague MLADA FRONTA in Czech | | | 390 |
| Prague PRACE in Czech | | | 3,300 |
| Prague RUDE PRAVO in Czech | | | 38,040 (63,800) |
| Prague TRIBUNA in Czech | | | 1,000 |
| Prague VECERNI PRAHA in Czech | | | 0 |
| Prague ZEMEDEL'SKE NOVINY in Czech | | | 2,820 |
| Bratislava PRAVDA in Slovak | | | 22,650 (41,840) |
| Bratislava ROLNICKE NOVINY in Slovak | | | 120 |
| Bratislava SMENA in Slovak | | | 660 |
| Bratislava VECERNIK in Slovak | | | 940 |
| GERMANY (GDR) | | | |
| East Berlin BERLINER ZEITUNG in German | | | 1,790 |
| East Berlin DER MORGEN in German | | | 0 |

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| East Berlin DIE EINHEIT in German | | | 0 |
| East Berlin HORIZONT in German | | | 6,140 |
| East Berlin NATIONAL-ZEITUNG in German | | | 0 |
| East Berlin NEUE-ZEIT in German | | | 0 |
| East Berlin NEUES DEUTSCHLAND in German | | | 17,910 (40,700) |
| HUNGARY | | | |
| Budapest Domestic Television Service in Hungarian | 120 | | |
| Budapest KULPOLITIKA in Hungarian | | | 0 |
| Budapest MAGYAR HIRLAP in Hungarian | | | 1,240 |
| Budapest MAGYAR NEMZET in Hungarian | | | 130 |
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| Budapest NEPSZABADSAG in Hungarian | | | 8,530 |
| Budapest NEPSZAVA in Hungarian | | | 0 |
| Budapest TARSADALMI SZEMLE in Hungarian | | | 0 |
| ITALY | | | |
| Rome ANSA in English | | 48,780 | |
| POLAND | | | |
| Warsaw GLOS PRACY in Polish | | | 0 |
| Warsaw JEDNOSC in Polish | | | 0 |
| Warsaw POLITYKA in Polish | | | 0 |
| Warsaw SOLIDARNOSC in Polish | | | 0 |
| Warsaw SLOWO POWSZECHNE in Polish | | | 0 |
| Warsaw SZTANDAR MLODYCH in Polish | | | 0 |
| Warsaw TRYBUNA LUDU in Polish | | | 57,140 (31,970) |
| Warsaw ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI in Polish | | | 9,680 |
| Warsaw ZYCIE WARSZAWY in Polish | | | 3,950 |
| ROMANIA | | | |
| Bucharest Domestic Service in Romanian | 8,580 (20,250) | | |
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| Bucharest LUMEA in Romanian | | | 0 |
| Bucharest ROMANIA LIBERA in Romanian | | | 1,930 |
| Bucharest SCINTEIA in Romanian | | | 21,960 (75,420) |
| UNION OF SOVIET-SOCIALIST REPUBLICS | | | |
| Moscow in Albanian to Albania | 0 | | |
| Moscow in Bulgarian to Bulgaria | 0 | | |
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| Moscow in Romanian to Romania | 0 | | |
| YUGOSLAVIA | | | |
| Belgrade Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian | 9,470 (22,390) | | |
| Belgrade Domestic Television Service in Serbo-Croatian | 0 | | |
| Pristina Domestic Service in Albanian | 2,580 | | |
| Pristina Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian | 1,150 | | |
| Belgrade TANJUG in English | | 70 | |
| Belgrade TANJUG in Russian | | 0 | |
| Belgrade TANJUG Domestic Service in Serbo-Croatian | | 0 | |
| Belgrade BORBA in Serbo-Croatian | | | 24,870 |
| Belgrade NARODNA ARMIJA in Serbo-Croatian | | | 0 |
| Belgrade NIN in Serbo-Croatian | | | 4,990 |
| Belgrade POLITIKA in Serbo-Croatian | | | 9,170 |
| Ljubljana DELO in Slovene | | | 5,050 |
| Novi Sad DNEVNIK in Serbo-Croatian | | | 0 |
| Pristina RILINDJA in Albanian | | | 220 |
| Sarajevo OSLOBODJENJE in Serbo-Croatian | | | 0 |
| Skopje NOVA MAKEDONIJA in Macedonian | | | 790 |
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Austrian Bureau Engineering Attachment

Austrian Bureau received the following nonexpendable
electronic equipment:

TELETYPEWRITER PATCH PANEL, Graybar Type GB/PP-12 T/S,
S/N: None, 1 ea.