

5 July 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Nicosia Bureau--June 1982

## I. GENERAL

During June the Bureau's attention was almost exclusively focused on the worsening crisis in Lebanon. On the 4th Israeli aircraft made eight raids on Palestinian positions in West Beirut, causing large losses, and on the 6th Israeli forces attacked in strength across the UNIFIL positions in southern Lebanon. The Bureau instituted an open-speaker watch on the three monitored Lebanese radios and on the clandestine Voice of Palestine transmitter on the 5th as a result of the hostilities. At month's end, the watch is continuing on these radios. This requires the Bureau to operate a minimum of 19 hours a day.

With the worsening situation in Beirut, the American Embassy there started to phase down operation early in the month, with some personnel being temporarily assigned to the Embassy in Nicosia. At the request of the Beirut Embassy officers, the Bureau provided a complete file on events in Lebanon and alerted them to particularly important, fast-breaking developments. The Bureau also provided telex service for the Beirut Embassy's AID officer, who was setting up relief assistance for the Lebanese Government. The Beirut Embassy personnel expressed great appreciation for the services and gave FBIS high marks for speed, coverage and accuracy. We were told that at Beirut Embassy FBIS material is so prized that it is distributed on the basis of seniority. To help with the arrival of the many American evacuees from Lebanon, the Bureau also made available its driver and van for a day to move evacuees from Larnaca Port to area hotels and to the airport.

June was also a busy month with regard to the arrival and departure of staff personnel. In the course of three weeks, [redacted] departed. While [redacted] and [redacted] were thoughtful enough to provide replacements, [redacted] not only did not leave a replacement but also took the Bureau's secretary [redacted] with him. Nor did she leave a replacement. [redacted] shoes are going to be hard to fill, and it will probably be some time before the Bureau has another secretary.

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At mid-month, the Cypriot Government, in response to queries from a local newspaper, publicized the amount of the honorarium paid by the U.S. Government in connection with the Bureau's presence in Cyprus. The local media gave little attention to the government statement, and there was no press comment on the issue.

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## II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Effective 7 June, the Bureau assumed complete coverage of the clandestine Voice of Palestine. On the 6th the radio had become unmonitorable at Jordan Bureau because of transmitter problems. However, Nicosia found that it could be monitored from its remote antenna site [redacted] STAT

2. As a result of the war, the Bureau found that it did not have enough people to maintain coverage of Cairo radio and MENA and was forced to ask Jordan Bureau to take these casts. In the beginning, Jordan agreed to cover Cairo media from 0500 to 2200 GMT, with Nicosia then picking it up until MENA signoff. However, when it was found that Voice of Palestine usually closed down every night by 2000, Nicosia was then able to take back Cairo two hours earlier.

3. To cover for leave at Tel Aviv, Nicosia's Persian monitor on the 26th assumed coverage of the National Voice of Iran until 17 July. This cast is now processed on a 1-2 day delayed basis.

4. The Bureau has been forced to suspend recordings of the clandestine Voice of Lebanon Armenians. This radio was being monitored via [redacted] remote site. The single receiver there is now being used solely for Voice of Palestine. STAT

5. The current workload has also forced the Bureau to suspend coverage of Beirut and Cairo video-recordings. The Bureau will resume this coverage when staffing permits.

6. Egypt's change to daylight saving time did not materialize on 1 June as had been announced earlier. The changeover is now to take place on 25 July, coinciding with the end of Ramadan. It goes without saying that Cairo's failure to announce the delay played havoc with Bureau scheduling.

B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of the Embassy, the Bureau provided a complete file on events in Lebanon to the Beirut Embassy political officer evacuated to Nicosia, 8-20 June. The Bureau also provided telex services to the evacuated AID officer who was setting up emergency aid for the Lebanese Government.

C. Technical

1. The microwave link has been installed and is now operating between the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority's overseas communications station [redacted] and its district headquarters at Paphos for onward transmission of signals through the CyTA network to the Bureau. At present FBIS has a Watkins-Johnson FM receiver [redacted] connected to this microwave link. The FM radio is used exclusively for coverage of Athens radio. CyTA is in the process of providing a second set of lines so that an AM link can be established with the Kili site. The second receiver, CyTA Collins, will be remotely controlled from the Bureau and will further improve and increase STAT  
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Nicosia's overall coverage capability.

2. Meanwhile, to ensure continued coverage of the clandestine Voice of Palestine radio, the bureau has modified its remote link with the CyTA [redacted] This link, which utilizes a CyTA-owned Collins receiver and FBIS-owned Bramco switching gear, can be remotely controlled from the bureau and provides fairly reliable reception of VOP's rather weak mediumwave transmitter.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The new Nicosia Bureau Chief, [redacted] arrived 2 June PCS.

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2. Outgoing Bureau Chief [redacted] departed PCS to Bangkok 6 June.

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3. The new Nicosia Deputy Bureau Chief, [redacted] arrived PCS 13 June.

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4. Outgoing Deputy Chief [redacted] departed PCS to Bangkok 18 June.

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5. Outgoing Bureau Engineer [redacted] and secretary [redacted] departed PCS 24 June to Headquarters.

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B. Visits

1. William McIntyre, Beirut Embassy political officer evacuated to Cyprus, on 9 June.

2. [redacted] chief, Personnel and Training Branch, 24-27 June.

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VI. OTHER

1. Electronic specialist [redacted] underwent surgery at the beginning of the month to correct a detached retina. He is now convalescing and will not return to work until mid-July at the earliest.

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Chief, FBIS Nicosia Bureau

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A. Production Report

## NICOSIA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JUNE 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:  
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TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	573,600
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	135,400
(WIREFILED PROGRAM SUMMARIES	46,000)
(FYI'S, ADMINS, SVC., CRUISING, ETC.	89,400)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,861

BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:  
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(MINUTE OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	10,980	21,630	198
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
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(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN	1,100
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN	200
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAN IN	
PERSIAN	4,200
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF PALESTINE IN	
ARABIC	113,600
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF PALESTINE IN	
ENGLISH	2,500
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF PALESTINE IN	
HEBREW	600

CYPRUS	
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	500
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GREEK	10,500
NICOSIA DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN GREEK	1,800
NICOSIA ALITHIA IN GREEK	200
NICOSIA BOZKURT IN TURKISH	400
NICOSIA CYPRUS MAIL IN ENGLISH	3,200
NICOSIA DHIMOKRATIA IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA HALKIN SESI IN TURKISH	0
NICOSIA I DHIMOKRATIKI IN GREEK	300
NICOSIA I ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK	700
NICOSIA I SIMERINI IN GREEK	1,500
NICOSIA KHARAVYI IN GREEK	2,600
NICOSIA KIBRIS IN ENGLISH	0
NICOSIA O AGON IN GREEK	1,000
NICOSIA O AGON TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA O ANEXARTITOS IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA O FILELEUTHEROS IN GREEK	1,700
NICOSIA O KIRIKAS IN GREEK	300
NICOSIA PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN ENGLISH	200

NICOSIA PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN GREEK		0
NICOSIA TA NEA IN GREEK		0
NICOSIA TO VIMA IN GREEK		0
EGYPT		
CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	8,000	
CAIRO MENA IN ARABIC	33,500	
CAIRO MENA IN ENGLISH	7,700	
FRANCE		
PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH	75,100	
PARIZ IRAN-E AZAD IN PERSIAN		300
GREECE		
ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GREEK	10,800	
ATHENS ARMED FORCES RADIO IN GREEK	8,100	
ATHENS AKROPOLIS IN GREEK		400
ATHENS AURIANI IN GREEK		0
ATHENS ELEUTHEROS KOSMOS IN GREEK		400
ATHENS ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK		800
ATHENS EXORMISI IN GREEK		0
ATHENS I AUYI IN GREEK		200
ATHENS I KATHIMERINI IN GREEK		0
ATHENS KIRIAKATIKI ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK		0
ATHENS MESIMURINI IN GREEK		600

ATHENS NEA PORIA IN GREEK	0
ATHENS NEWS IN ENGLISH	2,800
ATHENS RIZOSPASTIS IN GREEK	3,000
ATHENS TO VIMA IN GREEK	1,900
IRAQ	
BAGHDAD IN PERSIAN TO IRAN	3,500
LEBANON	
BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	126,600
BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN ARABIC	97,700
BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN ENGLISH	1,600
MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN ARABIC	14,700
MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN ENGLISH	7,500
BEIRUT MONDAY MORNING IN ENGLISH	0
LIBYA	
TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	0
TURKEY	
ANKARA TRAYIS IN TURKISH	0
ANKARA YANKI IN TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL CUMHURİYET IN TURKISH	800
ISTANBUL DUNYA IN TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL GUNAYDIN IN TURKISH	300
ISTANBUL GUNES IN TURKISH	1,300

ISTANBUL HURRIYET IN TURKISH	2,300
ISTANBUL MILLIYET IN TURKISH	2,000
ISTANBUL TERDUMAN IN TURKISH (TURKISH EDITORIAL REPORT)	2,300 1,700
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC	
MOSCOW IN GREEK TO CYPRUS	900
MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO IRAN	9,700