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

I. GENERAL

GTE contractors [redacted] accompanied by Regional Engineer [redacted] visited the bureau 6-16 July for a preliminary site survey in connection with the anticipated [redacted] installation. The survey found the bureau environs to be exceptionally quiet in the frequency bands involved. A promising antenna site was located immediately adjacent to the bureau operations building, and the building itself was found to have sufficient room for the [redacted] equipment.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Testing and interviewing of applicants to fill two open monitorial positions was completed during the month. Only two of the 34 applicants tested (67 applied) appear to merit consideration for employment. Preemployment processing will be initiated for them.

2. With the World Football Championships at an end, the area returned its attention to politics and the bureau's wordage, backlog and overtime figures resumed their normal climb. Events were highlighted by the first major armed raids on Nicaragua by opponents of the Sandinist regime, a "palace coup" in Panama in which the president was ousted following criticism of the regime's economic policies, two speeches by Fidel Castro, and observance of the third anniversary of the Nicaragua revolution.

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3. Bombing of two power stations in Tegucigalpa left that city without electricity for several days and put the Bureau's remote site out of operation. The Managua remote also experienced problems for a few days at month's end. These apparently were due to a line which was shorted out when other phone lines in the Embassy were being repaired. There was also evidence that on at least one occasion the remote receiver had been tampered with. Our contractor has now placed a large sign on the receiver warning off all would be intruders.

4. Eden Pastora's clandestine station "La Voz de Sandino" began to be heard more or less reliably in mid-July and was placed on regular coverage. Despite Mr. Pastora's announcement that he was dissolving his recently formed "Sandino Revolutionary Front" the Voice of Sandino has continued on the air and certain announcements indicate that there are plans to begin broadcasting an 1100 GMT morning cast in the near future.

5. Following a productive sampling period a Nicaragua Interior Ministry Sunday morning program, "Consolidating the Revolution," was added to coverage. The program carries reports on ministry activities and often broadcasts excerpts of speeches delivered by Interior Minister Tomas Borge the previous week.

6. Focusing on Mexican coverage, the Bureau forwarded to Headquarters a proposal to initiate a remote/contractor operation in Mexico City, similar to the operations in Central America, as a less expensive and more efficient and productive alternative to a PMU operation there. The American Embassy PAO in Mexico City was requested to initiate airmail subscriptions to the newspapers UNO MAS UNO and EXCELSIOR. A subscription to EL DIA had already been arranged directly with the publisher.

B. Lateral Services

The Bureau was able to respond quickly to an urgent Southcom request for reports of a bomb found on a Panama Railroad bridge. Several items were provided, one of which had already been filed when the request was received. The "bomb" turned out to be only pieces of wood fashioned to look like a bomb.

C. Technical

Four complete sets of spare boards for the Wescom equipment used in the Bureau remote sites were received during the month. One set of boards will be placed at each remote site and should greatly facilitate troubleshooting and repair of the equipment by Embassy local technicians. Four 24-hour digital clocks were also received and will be sent to the remote sites to make it simpler for contractors to determine the correct GMT time.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

- 1. Senior Editor [redacted] arrived 1 July. [redacted] will replace [redacted] who is scheduled to depart PSC to Headquarters in early August. STAT
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- 2. [redacted] entered on duty with the bureau 26 July as Spanish Monitor Trainee (LN 9/1). STAT
- 3. Editor [redacted] and Teletype Supervisor [redacted] returned from TDY at Paraguay Bureau 20 and 16 July respectively. Teletypist [redacted] departed 28 July for one month TDY at Key West Bureau, filling in while the bureau's regular teletypist is on annual leave. STAT
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- 4. Spanish Monitor [redacted] received a promotion to NM 7/3 effective 25 July after successfully completing the bureau's monitor training program. Teletypist [redacted] received a PSI to NX 5/5 effective 11 July. STAT
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- 5. Spanish Monitor Trainee [redacted] returned from LWOP 25 July. STAT
- 6. Length of service pins were presented during the month to a number of staff and nonstaff personnel. Monitor Supervisor [redacted] received a pin for 25 years service. Twenty-year pins went to monitors [redacted] Cruising Monitor [redacted] Deputy Chief [redacted] and the Bureau Chief. Senior Editor [redacted] received a 15 year pin. STAT
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B. Building and Grounds

- 1. The native bohio, complete with thatched roof, erected several years ago adjacent to the bureau to provide an outdoor eating and recreational area for bureau employees, was the victim of heavy winds accompanying one of the regular afternoon thunder storms. Only a few of the supporting timbers could be salvaged from the wreckage. The Bureau is seeking estimates from local contractors to replace it.
- 2. Construction and installation of several cabinets for the Bureau kitchen and dining area was finally completed in July, many months behind schedule.

IV. VISITS

- A. To the Bureau: GTE contractors [redacted] and Re-STAT

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gional Engineer [redacted] 5-16 July for [redacted] survey.

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B. From the Bureau: Deputy Chief [redacted] and Chief Technician [redacted] to USACC Panama Automated Relay to discuss PAR status and Bureau Mode I installation.

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

A second CPR training course was held during the month with five bureau employees attending -- [redacted]

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Chief, Panama Bureau, FBIS

Attachment:
Monthly Production Report

PANAMA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	383,380
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	13,230
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	929

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	7,845 min	38,010 min	119.00 issues

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

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish	6,050	
Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish	0	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish	0	

AUSTRIA

Vienna OPECNA in Spanish	290	
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COLOMBIA

Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in Spanish	380	
Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in Spanish	2,020	
Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish	930	
Bogota Domestic Service in Spanish	4,460	
Bogota EL ESPECTADOR in Spanish		1,130

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Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador	17,900	
Radio Farabundo Marti in Spanish to El Salvador	160	
Radio 15 September in Spanish to Nicaragua	6,310	
Voice of Sandino in Spanish to Nicaragua	3,700	

COSTA RICA

San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	6,260	
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish		5,070

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CUBA			
Havana International Service in Spanish	20,180		
Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	16,920		
Havana PRELA in English		8,770	
Havana PRELA in Portuguese		840	
ECUADOR			
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	4,950		
Quito Cadena Ecuador Radio in Spanish	460		
Quito Domestic Service in Spanish	4,450		
Quito Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish		0	
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	2,490		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	4,240		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Central in Spanish	2,500		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	290		
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			5,120
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			3,640
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			1,410
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			1,790
San Salvador ORIENTACION in Spanish			300
San Salvador El Salvador THE NEWS-GAZETTE in English			960
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		210	
Paris AFP in Spanish		28,620	

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	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Domestic Service in Spanish	4,810		
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	5,910		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	720		
Guatemala City Radio-Television Guatemala in Spanish	4,350		
Guatemala City Tele Once Television in Spanish	190		
Guatemala City Trece Vision in Spanish	1,880		
Guatemala City DIARIO DE CENTRO AMERICA in Spanish			300
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			4,580
Guatemala City DIARIO EL GRAFICO in Spanish			0
HONDURAS			
Tegucigalpa Domestic Service in Spanish	5,300		
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	3,550		
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	10,390		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	1,350		
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			590
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			120
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			2,960
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			1,670
MEXICO			
Mexico City International Service in Spanish	1,610		



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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
NICARAGUA			
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	26,390		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	3,600		
Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	16,740		
Managua Radio Sandino Network in Spanish	13,700		
Managua Radio Mundial in Spanish	2,030		
Managua Radio Zinica in Spanish	310		
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			12,490
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			4,200
Managua LA PRENSA in Spanish			840
PANAMA			
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	10,520		
Panama City Circuito RPC-Television in Spanish	6,070		
Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish	8,380		
Panama City Radio Exitosa in Spanish	4,020		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		27,930	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			2,790
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			6,450
Panama City STAR & HERALD in English			0
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			3,620
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			2,290
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			5,180
Panama City BAYANO in Spanish			60
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		9,030	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNITED KINGDOM			
London REUTER in English		660	
London REUTER in French		140	
VENEZUELA			
Caracas Radio Continente Network in Spanish	1,190		
Caracas Radio Rumbos Network in Spanish	780		
Caracas Domestic Service in Spanish	580		