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

I. OPERATION

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. An otherwise quiet month ended with the Bureau operating three straight mid shifts to cover a lingering hijacking in Honduras in which some 28 people were held captive for 4 days on the Tegucigalpa airport runway. Our remote system provided flawless coverage throughout.

2. Two cases during the month indicated that a remote-tuned FM capability would be useful at the Central American remote sites. Engineering Division was asked to provide information on such a capability. In the first case, the Salvadoran Constituent Assembly was inaugurated, but the ceremonies were only broadcast on FM and had to be recorded and fed by the San Salvador contractor. Secondly--and potentially of more importance--the first Guatemalan guerrilla clandestine radio has been reported broadcasting on FM nightly. The Guatemala City contractor is listening for the transmitter now. If it is found, its programs will have to be recorded and fed.

3. At the request of the American Embassy Lima, Peru, the Bureau again called into action former Quechua monitor [redacted] who has for several years been the Bureau's contract bus driver, to provide a review of the content of Havana and Moscow Quechua broadcasts. The embassy was advised that the Moscow program was feature material and the Havana casts mostly repeats of Spanish-language news items.

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4. A productive new Mexico City International Service newscast, "NOTIMEX Informa," was added to coverage. The new cast includes a commentary.

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B. Communications

The U.S. Army Communications Command continued to have its myriad of problems with Corozal Technical Control and Panama Automated Relay, through which all of the Bureau's various communications circuits travel. As a result of power, computer and line faults compounded by human error, the Bureau's primary circuit was out an average of 1 hour 40 minutes a day for the month. The month's outage record, 49 hours 20 minutes, was the worst since the Bureau began using the PAR switch.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Monitor-trainee [redacted] resigned on 3 April to take a position with the 193d Brigade Medical Activity.

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2. New Monitor-trainee [redacted] entered on duty on 19 April.

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Acting Chief  
Panama Bureau, FBIS

Attachment:  
Monthly Production Report

PANAMA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	432,020
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	15,220
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,187

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	7,825 min	38,010 min	119.00 issues

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

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish	10,710
Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish	0
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish	0

AUSTRIA

Vienna OPECNA in Spanish	170
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COLOMBIA

Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in Spanish	5,310
Bogota Emisoras Caracol in Spanish	2,390
Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish	3,000
Bogota Domestic Service in Spanish	1,890
Bogota Radio Sutatenza in Spanish	380

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Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador	7,780
Radio 15 September in Spanish to Nicaragua	10,410

COSTA RICA

San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	11,940
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish	3,780

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CUBA			
Havana International Service in Spanish	20,800		
Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	14,760		
Havana PRELA in English		10,100	
Havana PRELA in French		640	
Havana PRELA in Spanish		1,200	
Havana PRELA in Portuguese		120	
ECUADOR			
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	2,890		
Quito Cadena Ecuador Radio in Spanish	1,140		
Quito Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish		0	
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	13,590		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	4,040		
San Salvador La Voz Panamericana in Spanish	540		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	3,200		
San Salvador YSR Television Service in Spanish	420		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	2,970		
San Salvador DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			8,520
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			2,290
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			5,090
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			1,160
San Salvador THE NEWS GAZETTE in English			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		2,920	
Paris AFP in French		740	
Paris AFP in Spanish		26,360	
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	3,640		
Guatemala City Radio-Television Guatemala in Spanish	9,680		
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	5,990		
Guatemala City Trece-Vision in Spanish	1,220		
Guatemala City Super Radio in Spanish	900		
Guatemala City DIARIO EL GRAFICO in Spanish			0
Guatemala City DIARIO DE CENTRO AMERICA in Spanish			1,730
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			2,140
HONDURAS			
Tegucigalpa Domestic Service in Spanish	5,690		
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras in Spanish	4,990		
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	29,070		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	1,670		
Tegucigalpa Radio Satelite in Spanish	110		
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			4,050
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			470
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			6,210
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			310
MEXICO			
Mexico City International Service in Spanish	2,770		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS	STAT
		600		
<b>NICARAGUA</b>				
Managua International Service in Spanish	120			
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	81,470			
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	4,870			
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			5,470	
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			2,510	
Managua LA PRENSA in Spanish			0	
<b>PANAMA</b>				
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	6,170			
Panama City Circuito RPC-Television in Spanish	3,360			
Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish	6,550			
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		21,690		
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			2,220	
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			3,960	
Panama City STAR & HERALD in English			0	
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			10,330	
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			2,470	
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			3,380	
<b>SPAIN</b>				
Madrid EFE in Spanish		11,240		
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>				
London REUTER in English		0		
London REUTER in French		230		

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VENEZUELA			
Caracas Radio Continente Network in Spanish	740		
Caracas Radio Rumbos Network in Spanish	0		
Caracas Domestic Service in Spanish	2,750		