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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
 THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
 SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--January 1983

I. GENERAL

An electrical fire on the evening of 19 January in the main breaker panel in the basement of the apartment building housing Deputy Chief [redacted] and two other American families, as well as a number of Jordanians, forced an evacuation of the building and caused some inconvenience, but no injuries. [redacted] and senior editor [redacted] were enjoying drinks together when they observed that the atmosphere seemed unusually hazy for that point in the evening (neither had finished their first yet). Looking into the hall at about the same time as all the neighbors, they found it wasn't what they were drinking after all; the stairwell was filling quickly with acrid smoke from burning insulation. Of course, there was no panic among these hardy veterans of countless fire drills from their kindergarten years onward, so everyone headed for the exit in an orderly fashion. Several of the residents then went to the basement parking area and put out the flames long before the local fire brigade arrived on the scene, about a half hour later. There was no damage to the apartments, but the incident left the building without power or telephones for several days. So the homeless tenants, along with their stocks of frozen food, were taken in by friends in the community for a few days while the wiring was being repaired. As for the FBIS "victim," [redacted] did her waiting accompanying [redacted] on a tour of the pharaonic monuments of sunny Upper Egypt.

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II. OPERATIONS

Monitorial/Editorial

1. At FCS' request Jordan Bureau sampled Baghdad Corner of Arab Egypt 11-17 January. Our sampling showed basically no change in the programming or the contents of the programs since our last sampling in July 1982. The commentaries still deal mainly with the repercussions of the Camp David accords and normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel. There was no direct criticism of Egyptian President Husni Mubarak nor any commentaries on Iraqi-Egyptian relations.

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2. At the request of USINT/Baghdad, Jordan Bureau began texting the Iraqi Ba'th party congress report which was published in the newspaper ATH-THAWRAH. After completing the first two chapters, a total of 40 takes, we terminated processing since the material was very basic and largely of a historical nature. The remainder of the very lengthy report will be processed and published by JPRS.

3. Following repeated requests in the latter half of this month from Nicosia Bureau for backstopping Cairo MENA, the Bureau began printing Cairo MENA in Arabic daily from 1800 GMT until COB as of 3 February.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The Bureau received about 120 responses to its late December newspaper ad for an Arabic monitor, and 12 of the applicants were selected for testing during January. Of these, only three scored well on the test. A decision on hiring will be made within the next few weeks, bringing the Bureau's monitoring staff back to full T/O.

2. Monitor trainee [redacted] was promoted to monitor, FSN 8, effective 9 January. On the same date, teletype operator Samir Al-Athem received a PSI.

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B. Building and Grounds

Renovation of the Bureau's former teletype workshop area and its conversion into office space for the deputy chief was completed at the end of the month. The project, which has been awaiting the GSO carpenter's attention since September, provides Deputy Chief [redacted] a small private office near the operations area. Up till now, the deputy chief has shared the Bureau chief's office on the ground floor, an area too isolated from day-to-day operations. At the same time, the carpenter installed a sliding window between the slot editor's desk and the teletype room to alleviate the noise at the editor's desk.

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JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 162,390
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 84,000
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 558

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:
 (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
	5670	19455	67

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHRAIN			
MANAMA WAHA IN			
ARABIC		0	
CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ)			
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN			
ARABIC		0	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN			
ARABIC		0	
EGYPT			
CAIRO MENA IN			
ARABIC		320	
FRANCE			
PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN			
ARABIC		0	
PARIS AL-WATAN AL-ARABI IN			
ARABIC		1070	
IRAQ			
BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN			
ARABIC	6950		
BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN			
ARABIC	9370		
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	8450		
BAGHDAD INA IN			
ARABIC		20900	
BAGHDAD INA IN			
ENGLISH		0	
BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN			
ARABIC		0	
BAGHDAD ATH-THAWAN IN			
ARABIC		0	
ISRAEL			
JERUSALEM IN			
ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD			
JERUSALEM DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN			
ARABIC			
JERUSALEM AL-ALAM IN			
ENGLISH			
JERUSALEM AL-MITHAQ IN			
ARABIC			
JERUSALEM AL-OUSS IN			
ARABIC			500
JERUSALEM ASH-SHAR'B IN			
ARABIC			310
JERUSALEM AT-TALIAN IN			
ARABIC			0
JORDAN			
AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	10		
AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN			
ARABIC			
AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN			
ENGLISH			600
AMMAN DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN			
HEBREW			600
AMMAN PETRA-IMA IN			
ARABIC		620	
AMMAN AD-DUSTUR IN			
ARABIC			1420
AMMAN AKHBAR AL-USBU' IN			
ARABIC			130
AMMAN AR-RAY IN			
ARABIC			1440
AMMAN SAHAT ASH-SHAR'B IN			
ARABIC			3010
AMMAN JERUSALEM STAR IN			
ENGLISH			0
AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN			
ENGLISH			410
MONACO			
PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN			
ARABIC	16970		
SUDAN			
KHARTOUM SUNA IN			
ARABIC		11960	
KHARTOUM SUNA IN			
ENGLISH			4410
SYRIA			
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	23020		
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN			
ARABIC	2300		
DAMASCUS SANA IN			
ARABIC		8940	
UNITED KINGDOM			
LONDON REUTER IN			
ENGLISH			3920