

**FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Key West Bureau -- September 1983

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

The rather lengthy period of confusion over who was actually running the government in Grenada provided the bureau with its major excitement for the month as major consumers and the wire asked the bureau to, at first, maintain a round the clock watch, and then, 24-hour coverage of all available media.

The bureau was able to provide nearly exclusive coverage from CANA, as well as a couple of unique items from Radio Free Grenada, including the New Jewel Movement's statement on the relationship between the party, Maurice Bishop and the new collective leadership.

Bishop's death threw the situation into complete chaos and precipitated the joint movement of Caricom and U.S. forces into Grenada. The presence of Cubans and other foreign nationals on the island increased concern over the possibility of violent Cuban reaction. At this point the bureau was asked to file all pertinent material at FLASH precedence and for nearly 2 days much of the material filed was at this level.

To help the bureau cope with the increased hours and the volume of material, Operations Group sent: [redacted], tele-  
typist; [redacted] linguist; [redacted] linguist;  
and [redacted] editor; to Key West. These individuals, exhibiting the highest level of professional competence, moved right in and began to carry out their duties like old "conchs." All of us at the bureau would like to thank them for their willingness and ability to help out.

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The 24-hour coverage of Caribbean media continued through the end of the month into November.

B. Communications

Radio Free Grenada went off the air during the Caricom/ U.S. incursion into Grenada and so far neither the Government of Grenada nor any private enterprise has put a transmitter on the air with sufficient power to be heard in Grenada.?

C. Lateral Services

During the height of the crisis several (6) new consumers were added on a temporary basis because of their need to be kept aware of ~~the~~ developments in the Caribbean. They have since been dropped.

D. Technical

A Sony triple, color-video monitor -- Sony Model PVM-5300, triple, color video monitor, SN: 500503 -- was installed in the video monitoring position. Control panels -- 7 Audio Select Assemblies, Rack mount, Model ST-112; SN's : 83-022, 83-026, 83-027, 83-041, 83-043, 83-047, and 83-049 -- and other materials were received for expansion and streamlining of patching and signal routing facilities of the video console and monitoring room signal distribution system.

During the month Southern Bell installed our new Com Key 416 telephone system with access to three outside lines and a 10-station intercom capability.

II. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

Coverage of the crisis in Grenada required extensive use of overtime on the part of bureau employees until TDY help (SEE: Monitorial/Editorial) could arrive from Washington.



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KEY WEST BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 190,110

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 25,047

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 677

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2,575	14,700	21
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	MIN.	MIN.	ISSUES

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHAMAS			
Nassau Domestic Service in English	<u>1,430</u>		
Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English			<u>5,350</u>
BARBADOS			
Bridgetown CANA in English		<u>88,660</u>	
Bridgetown ADVOCATE in English			<u>790</u>
Bridgetown SUNDAY ADVOCATE in English			<u>-----</u>
BELIZE			
Belize City Domestic Service in English	<u>320</u>		
CUBA			
Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	<u>29,460</u>		
Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish	<u>20,900</u>		

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC			
Santo Domingo Radio Clarin in Spanish	<u>360</u>		
Santo Domingo Radio Earth in English	<u>380</u>		
Santo Domingo LISTIN DIARIO in Spanish			<u>1,140</u>
GRENADA			
St Georges Domestic Service in English	<u>7,530</u>		
GUYANA			
Georgetown Guyana Domestic Service in English	<u>4,210</u>		
JAMAICA			
Kingston Domestic Service in English	<u>1,780</u>		
Kingston DAILY GLEANER in English			<u>2,360</u>
Kingston SUNDAY GLEANER in ENGLISH			<u>---</u>
MEXICO			
Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish		<u>21,600</u>	
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Other sources:			
Bonaire Trans World Radio in English	<u>1,740</u>		
The Valley Caribbean Beacon in English	<u>820</u>		

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