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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH   : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT   : Monthly Report--Key West Bureau--July 1983

I. OPERATIONS

   A. Monitorial/Editorial

        1. The 26 July speech by Cuban President Fidel Castro
provided more excitement than usual this year. Castro, it had been
reported, was to make significant remarks on Cuba's position in re-
lation to the Central American situation just minutes before Presi-
dent Reagan was to hold a press conference. There was, therefore,
highest level interest in what Castro had to say. So much that a
White House advisor called the bureau chief directly for a sum-
mation of Castro's statements and he was still on the phone when
Fidel finished speaking. Thus all significant information was in
the White House 15-20 minutes prior to the President's news con-
ference.
        On the negative side, the takes of the Castro speech sent by
Key West at immediate precedence seemed to take an inordinate amount
of time to get to Washington.

        2. A rather unusual event: CANA and NOTIMEX press agen-
cies experienced no outages during the month.

   B. Technical

        1. The corroded Archer rotor which was attached to
the BHH-160/B magnetic field antenna--an indispensible tool in the
bureau's cruising effort--has been replaced by a new Alliance rotor.

        2. A considerable amount of time has been devoted to
repairing and making operational most of the eight Collins 651S re-
ceivers transferred from Abidjan. Three of these were received
during the month: SNs 2964, 3432, and 3436.

        3. An attempt to bring cable TV into the bureau in
order to cover the Spanish-language (SIN) network for its coverage
of major Mexican events failed because, according to the system's
engineer, the nearest available point for tying into the system is
too far from the bureau to guarantee adequate signal strength. The
engineer did say, however, that the whole system in this area of
Key West was due for upgrading and redesign within the next year or
so. Therefore, it may be possible to get into the system at a later
date.

        4. As paradoxical as it may sound, although the

bureau has more than doubled in size, the more rational distri-
bution of racks and equipment has made it possible to considerably
shorten all signal and control cable runs, except for those leading
to the new workshop, thereby reducing the possibility of noise pick-
up and signal loss.

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KEY WEST BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 144,900

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 16,580

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 570

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	2,575 min.	14,700 min.	21 issues

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

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
BAHAMAS			
Nassau Domestic Service in English	400		
Nassau The Tribune in English			910
BARBADOS			
Bridgetown CANA in English		47,180	
Bridgetown Advocate-News in English			2,060
Bridgetown Sunday Advocate-News in English			- - - -
BELIZE			
Belize City Domestic Service in English	390		
CUBA			
Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	40,650		
Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish	31,980		

	BROADCAST	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC			
Santo Domingo Radio Mil Network in Spanish	- - - -		
Santo Domingo Radio Clarin	1,320		
Santo Domingo Radio Earth	460		
GRENADA			
St Georges Domestic Service in English	560		
GUYANA			
Georgetown Domestic Service in English	- - - -		
JAMAICA			
Kingston Domestic Service in English	620		
Kingston Daily Gleaner in English			2,990
Kingston Sunday Gleaner in English			- - - -
MEXICO			
Mexico City Voz de la America Latina in Spanish	- - - -		
Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish		15,380	

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