

MNC-3066
6 December 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Nicosia Bureau--November 1983

I. GENERAL

A. The often threatened unilateral declaration of independence by north Cyprus finally materialized on the morning of 15 November when Bayrak Radio broadcast the text of a declaration of independence to a surprised Greek Cypriot community. Following the declaration both the Greek and Turkish Cypriot checkpoints at the Green line were closed to all but diplomatic and UN personnel and the embassy telephone link to the Turkish side was temporarily cut. The bureau took several steps to insure prompt and extensive coverage of developments and reaction from both sides. Special courier runs were made to pick up relevant material processed from the Turkish Cypriot and Turkish mainland press by our contract Turkish monitor, and the Greek section also worked overtime to provide special reports on reaction in the Greek Cypriot and Greek mainland media. Bureau editors were also actively involved in keeping key Embassy officers advised of developments and coordinating with Tel Aviv Bureau on their behalf. Reaction to the declaration, both favorable and unfavorable, culminated on the 21st when the island witnessed the biggest protest rally in its history as an estimated 70,000 Greek Cypriots packed into Nicosia's central square to hear speeches by government officials. Some 20,000 Turkish Cypriots held a rally on their side of the Green line in Nicosia the same day to protest the UN Security Council resolution condemning the declaration.

B. The bureau filed 830,000 words in November, thereby establishing a new bureau record for monthly wordage. The previous monthly high was 826,900, set in 1981. The bureau record for most words filed on a single shift, set in October 1983, was also broken by our evening shift of 17 November, when 30,090 words were filed.

C. Work to replace the heating and air conditioning systems in the Bureau's building was begun by the landlord early in the month and is still continuing. Dust and noise abound as workmen roam the premises knocking holes in walls, beating on old pipes, drilling to install new pipe brackets, and installing new pipes.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Israeli bombing raids in Lebanon during the month generated a rash of flash messages. Following the destruction of its

military headquarters in Tyre on 4 November, Israel launched intensive air raids on Syrian-controlled positions in the Lebanese mountains. The Israelis conducted similar raids on the 15th and 20th. During the latter raid the Voice of Lebanon was the first to report the downing of an Israeli plane.

2. North Lebanon Voice of Palestine abruptly went off the air on 3 November following an offensive launched by PLO dissidents against pro-'Arafat positions outside of Tripoli. Beirut Radio subsequently reported that the radio had been captured by the dissidents. After a 2-day open watch on the VOP frequency, another station was observed to be broadcasting Palestinian music. The dissident-controlled station later identified itself as, among other things, "the Voice of the Palestinian Revolution" and pinpointed its transmission site as Turbul. While its broadcasting behavior was initially erratic, it has recently settled into a fairly reliable pattern of carrying two 2-hour casts a day, at 0500 and 1330 GMT.

3. The bureau returned coverage of Moscow Greek 1600-1630 and 1900-1930 GMT casts to the BBC effective 12 November.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Visits

Regional engineer [redacted] TDY'd at Gulf Bureau 1-14 November and at Jordan Bureau 14-16 November.

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B. Miscellaneous

1. The bureau made available to the Embassy for 10 days a three-quarter inch video tape recorder and playback monitor for a regional AID conference, thereby saving the Embassy approximately \$500 in rental fees.

2. The Embassy announced that effective 1 November 1983 the per diem rate for Cyprus had been cut from \$49 to \$46.

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Chief
FBIS Nicosia Bureau

Attachment:

- A. Production Report
- B. Engineering Report

ENGINEERING--NICOSIA BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT--NOVEMBER 1983

Equipment Received: Two Panasonic VHS video recorders

NICOSIA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	621,300
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	208,700
(WIREFILED PROGRAM SUMMARIES	108,600)
(FYI'S, ADMINS, SVC., CRUISING, ETC.	100,100)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,808

BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)

10,035	21,840	152
MIN	MIN	ISSUES

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN	0
CLANDESTINE (LEVANT)	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ARAB LEBANON IN	
ARABIC	8,300
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO FREE LEBANON IN	
ARABIC	27,700
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO FREE LEBANON IN	
ENGLISH	3,400
CLANDESTINE (IRAN&IRAQ)	
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO NEJAT-E IRAN IN	
PERSIAN	0

NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE	0
ENGLISH	
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	57,600
GREEK	
NICOSIA TELEVISION SERVICE IN	7,200
GREEK	
NICOSIA BIRLIK IN	900
TURKISH	
NICOSIA CYPRUS MAIL IN	1,500
ENGLISH	
NICOSIA HALKIN SESI IN	400
TURKISH	
NICOSIA I ELEVHEROTIPIA IN	2,600
GREEK	
NICOSIA I ELEVHEROTIPIA TIS DHEFTERAS IN	1,600
GREEK	
NICOSIA I SIMERINI IN	4,200
GREEK	
NICOSIA I SIMERINI TIS DHEUTERAS IN	400
GREEK	
NICOSIA KHARAVYI IN	5,600
GREEK	
NICOSIA KHARAVYI TIS DHEUTERAS IN	1,100
GREEK	
NICOSIA O AGON IN	5,900
GREEK	
NICOSIA O AGON TIS DHEUTERAS IN	0
GREEK	
NICOSIA O ANEXARTITOS IN	300
GREEK	
NICOSIA O FILELEVHEROS IN	2,000
GREEK	
NICOSIA O FILELEVHEROS TIS DHEUTERAS IN	1,200
GREEK	
NICOSIA PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN	1,600
ENGLISH	
NICOSIA PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN	0
GREEK	
NICOSIA TA NEA IN	900
GREEK	
NICOSIA THE CYPRUS WEEKLY IN	300
ENGLISH	
(EDITORIAL REPORT IN	600
GREEK)	
(EDITORIAL REPORT IN	1,000
TURKISH	

EGYPT

CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ARABIC

38,700

CAIRO PALESTINE RADIO IN

ARABIC

0

CAIRO MENA IN

ARABIC

44,600

CAIRO MENA IN

ENGLISH

7,800

FRANCE

PARIS AFP IN

ENGLISH

70,400

GREECE

ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

GREEK

40,200

ATHENS AKROPOLIS IN

GREEK

1,800

ATHENS ATHENS NEWS IN

ENGLISH

1,700

ATHENS ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN

GREEK

2,800

ATHENS EXORHISI IN

GREEK

0

ATHENS I AVYI IN

GREEK

700

ATHENS I KATHIMERINI IN

GREEK

5,300

ATHENS KIRIRKATIKI ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN

GREEK

500

ATHENS MESIMURINI IN

GREEK

4,500

ATHENS NEA PORIA IN

GREEK

0

ATHENS RIZOSPASTIS IN

GREEK

8,200

ATHENS TO PONDIKI IN

GREEK

700

ATHENS TO VIMA TIS KIRIAKIS IN

GREEK

1,100

(EDITORIAL REPORT IN

GREEK)

3,000

IRAQ

BAGHDAD IN

PERSIAN TO IRAN

0

LEBANON

BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ARABIC

125,500

BEIRUT DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN

ARABIC

0

BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN

ARABIC

35,700

INDIAN RADIO OF FREE & UNIFIED

LEBANON IN

ARABIC

1,700

NORTH LEBANON VOICE OF PALESTINE IN

ARABIC

12,800

TURBUL LEBANON VOICE OF THE

PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION IN

ARABIC

30,600

BEIRUT AL-BAYRAQ IN

ARABIC

0

BEIRUT AN-NAHAR IN

ARABIC

1,100

BEIRUT AS-SAFIR IN

ARABIC

9,200

BEIRUT MONDAY MORNING IN

ENGLISH

4,700

LIBYA

TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN

ARABIC

200

TURKEY	
ANKARA YANKI IN	
TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL BULIVAR IN	
TURKISH	200
ISTANBUL CUMHURİYET IN	
TURKISH	3,200
ISTANBUL DUNYA IN	
TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL GUNAYDIN IN	
TURKISH	2,200
ISTANBUL GUNES IN	
TURKISH	1,100
ISTANBUL HURRIYET IN	
TURKISH	2,100
ISTANBUL MILLIYET IN	
TURKISH	7,200
ISTANBUL TERCUMAN IN	
TURKISH	1,000
(EDITORIAL REPORT IN	
TURKISH)	4,300

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC	
MOSCOW IN	
GREEK TO CYPRUS	1,800
MOSCOW IN	
GREEK TO GREECE	400
MOSCOW IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN	8,000