

MNC-3065  
3 November 1983

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

I. GENERAL

A. The initial Beirut Radio report on the 23 October suicide-bombings against the headquarters of the U.S. Marine and French peace-keeping contingents, broadcast early Sunday morning, was monitored before the arrival of the dayshift editor and the bureau's official opening hour. The duty editor arrived within minutes of the early morning monitor's phone call. The second report on the incidents, which provided the first hint of the true magnitude of the disaster, was filed at flash precedence, as were all updates from Lebanese radios for the next hour detailing the loss of life and the progress of rescue operations. Additional monitors and editors were summoned to the bureau immediately following the filing of the first flash report and the bureau maintained an open watch on all Lebanese transmitters for the next 2 days to provide the fullest possible coverage of the rescue effort.

B. The bureau recorded the second highest monthly wordage total in its history: 787,100. The bureau record is 826,900, set in October 1981. The previous second highest monthly total was in September 1983, when we filed 776,900 words. The bureau also set a new record for a single shift when 22,100 words were filed on the 18 October evening shift. Heavy reportage on a spate of official state visits by high-level Bloc leaders and a Soviet parliamentary delegation, plus Beirut developments, were responsible for the high wordage.

C. Efforts to fill the remaining vacancy in the Arabic section were stepped up last month. Advertisements in the Cyprus press drew a number of responses from Lebanese who have recently arrived in Cyprus, and 10 candidates have been tested. We are also pursuing several leads in England.

D. On 3 October Cyprus adopted a new decimal currency system to replace pounds and mils. The Cyprus pound is now divided into 100 cents rather than 1,000 mils, and new coins have been minted.

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## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Coverage of the Beirut Television Service evening newscast was suspended after reception deteriorated owing to the cooler weather.
2. Eight hours of panel discussions and a press conference by Turkish party leaders were video-recorded at the bureau from Ankara Television Service and forwarded to Tel Aviv for processing.
3. Nicosia's coverage of Moscow Greek 1600-1630 and 1900-1930 GMT casts was extended indefinitely until BBC's Greek monitor recovers from lingering illness.
4. A special report on monitored Egyptian voice and press agency media treatment of Israel during this year's October war anniversary celebration was prepared in response to an AG request.

### B. Communications

1. The Nicosia-Caversham commercial circuit was activated from 28 October to 2 November as a result of an extended communications outage caused by a landline problem between the bureau and   STAT

## III. ADMINISTRATION

### A. Personnel

1. Teletypists   was presented with certificate of distinction and a \$400 cash award by Ambassador Ewing at an embassy awards ceremony at the residence on the 26th. STAT

### B. Visits

1. London Bureau Chief Editor   TDY'd at the bureau 2-6 October during a familiarization trip to the Mideast. STAT
2. AG Chief   TDY'd at the bureau from 29 September to 4 October. STAT
3. Tel Aviv cruising monitor   departed 6 October following a 1-week TDY at the bureau to assist in the documentation of Moscow Radio's new winter schedule. STAT
4. Editor-trainee   arrived 5 October for a 3-month training TDY. STAT

5.  London Bureau's supervisor for technical operations, TDY'd at the bureau 27 October in conjunction with private travel in Cyprus.

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FBIS Nicosia Bureau

Attachment:

- A. Production Report
- B. Engineering Report

ATTACHMENT B

ENGINEERING--NICOSIA BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT--OCTOBER 1983

Equipment Installed : Emergency radio repeater for DEA  
Emergency descent equipment

Equipment Received : Demodular/tuner  
Microwave ovens (6)  
Emergency hand-held radios for  
Staff residences (7)

## NICOSIA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:  
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TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	597,500
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	189,600
(WIREFILED PROGRAM SUMMARIES	117,300)
(FYI'S, ADMINS, SVC., CRUISING, ETC.	72,300)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,659

BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:  
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(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)

11,715	21,840	152
MIN	MIN	ISSUES

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

CHINA	
BEIJING IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN	0
CLANDESTINE (LEVANT)	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ARAB LEBANON IN	
ARABIC	10,100
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO FREE LEBANON IN	
ARABIC	17,300
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO FREE LEBANON IN	
ENGLISH	3,000
CLANDESTINE (IRAN&IRAQ)	
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO NEJAT-E IRAN IN	
PERSIAN	0

NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	200
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GREEK	37,200
NICOSIA DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN GREEK	3,200
NICOSIA DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	500
NICOSIA BIRLIK IN TURKISH	1,000
NICOSIA BOZKURT IN TURKISH	600
NICOSIA CYPRUS MAIL IN ENGLISH	1,000
NICOSIA I ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK	3,200
NICOSIA I ELEUTHEROTIPIA TIS DHEFTERAS IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA I SIMERINI IN GREEK	3,000
NICOSIA I SIMERINI TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	800
NICOSIA KHARAVYI IN GREEK	7,400
NICOSIA KHARAVYI TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	3,500
NICOSIA KIBRIS POSTASI IN TURKISH	500
NICOSIA O AGON IN GREEK	4,300
NICOSIA O AGON TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	500
NICOSIA O ANEXARTITOS IN GREEK	800
NICOSIA O FILELEUTHEROS IN GREEK	3,900
NICOSIA O FILELEUTHEROS TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	200
NICOSIA PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN ENGLISH	18,600
NICOSIA PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA SOZ IN TURKISH	1,600
NICOSIA TA NEA IN GREEK	0
(EDITORIAL REPORT IN GREEK)	1,100

EGYPT		
CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	16,900	
CAIRO PALESTINE RADIO IN		
ARABIC	0	
CAIRO MENA IN		
ARABIC		67,400
CAIRO MENA IN		
ENGLISH		16,000
(EDITORIAL REPORT IN		
ARABIC)	600	
FRANCE		
PARIS AFP IN		
ENGLISH		58,100
GREECE		
ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
GREEK	29,300	
ATHENS AKROPOLIS IN		
GREEK		3,400
ATHENS ATHENS NEWS IN		
ENGLISH		400
ATHENS ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN		
GREEK		3,000
ATHENS EXORMISI IN		
GREEK		600
ATHENS I AVYI IN		
GREEK		1,400
ATHENS I KATHINERINI IN		
GREEK		900
ATHENS KIRIAKATIKI ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN		
GREEK		0
ATHENS MESIMURINI IN		
GREEK		300
ATHENS NEA PORIA IN		
GREEK		0
ATHENS RIZOSPASTIS IN		
GREEK		5,100
ATHENS TO VINA TIS KIRIAKIS IN		
GREEK		0

TURKEY	
ANKARA YANKI IN	
TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL BULIVAR IN	
TURKISH	200
ISTANBUL CUMHURIYET IN	
TURKISH	5,000
ISTANBUL DUNYA IN	
TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL GUNAYDIN IN	
TURKISH	1,200
ISTANBUL GUNES IN	
TURKISH	1,500
ISTANBUL HURRIYET IN	
TURKISH	2,700
ISTANBUL MILLIYET IN	
TURKISH	4,800
ISTANBUL TERCUMAN IN	
TURKISH	4,900

## UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

MOSCOW IN	
GREEK TO CYPRUS	600
MOSCOW IN	
GREEK TO GREECE	2,900
MOSCOW IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN	6,400



IRAQ		
BAGHDAD IN		
PERSIAN TO IRAN	0	
LEBANON		
BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	124,400	
BEIRUT DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	0	
BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN		
ARABIC	50,800	
BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN		
ENGLISH	400	
IHDIN RADIO OF FREE & UNIFIED		
LEBANON IN		
ARABIC	6,000	
NORTH LEBANON VOICE OF PALESTINE IN		
ARABIC	26,000	
BEIRUT AL-BAYRAQ IN		
ARABIC	0	
BEIRUT AN-MAHAR IN		
ARABIC	300	
BEIRUT AS-SAFIR IN		
ARABIC	6,100	
BEIRUT MONDAY MORNING IN		
ENGLISH	22,800	
LIBYA		
TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	2,000	
(EDITORIAL REPORT IN		
ARABIC)	1,600	