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

I. GENERAL

Larnaca airport was the focus of international attention on 22-23 June when a Romanian airlines plane that had taken off from Athens airport was hijacked by two Lebanese, who ordered the plane first to Rome for refueling and then to Cyprus. The aircraft, which was originally bound for Libya, landed at Larnaca after it was refused permission to land in Beirut and began running short of fuel. The 21-hour drama ended without incident when, after 3 hours of negotiations, the two hijackers released the plane's 32 passengers and crew and surrendered to Cypriot authorities.

Bureau employees and their families attended a poolside farewell dinner for departing senior editor [redacted] at the Cleopatra Hotel on 20 June.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. As a result of Jordan Bureau's poor reception of the initial segment of the Baghdad Voice of the PLO 1530 GMT cast, Nicosia Bureau on the 23d assumed responsibility for filing priority and above material from the cast until advised by Jordan that it has taken over coverage. A Nicosia-Amman phone patch was recently tested and found to work satisfactorily, although the absence of direct dialing between the two cities effectively rules out this option as a way of avoiding the split coverage arrangement.

2. A 1-week survey of the clandestine Iranian radio Nejat-e Iran was conducted from 23 to 30 June, and it was decided to add the radio to regular coverage.

B. Communications

1. The [redacted] commercial circuit was opened from 15 to 18 June while [redacted] shut down the bureau's incoming and outgoing primary circuit for testing.

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C. Technical

1. Engineer [redacted] electronics specialist [redacted] and technical assistant [redacted] visited the antenna site at Kili on the 24th and installed a VHF and UHF antenna to test the possibility of recording Cairo television broadcasts from Kili. During the 1-day survey, Cairo's channel 8 was found to offer the best monitorability, with good to fair reception. Athens television was also received with fair to good reception. STAT
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During their visit, the engineers also confirmed that the distortion in the [redacted] system is coming from the mains and being caused by CYTA's generating equipment. It has been decided to continue indefinitely the use of the order wire for the Paphos to Kili connection. STAT

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Bureau driver [redacted] received an award from Ambassador Ewing at an embassy ceremony on the 28th for 22 years of safe driving. STAT

B. Visits

1. Electronics specialist [redacted] returned on the 3d from a TDY at Jordan Bureau that began 30 May. STAT

2. DRD Chief [redacted] TDY'ed at the bureau 7-11 June. STAT

[redacted] visited the bureau 13 June during private travel in Cyprus. STAT

4. Editor [redacted] arrived 16 June for an extended TDY prior to her PCS to Amman. STAT

5. Cairo Embassy personnel assistant [redacted] to the bureau 20 June. STAT

6. [redacted] of the Political Psychology Division, Office of Global Issues, visited the bureau 21 June. STAT

7. Bureau Chief TDY'ed at Tel Aviv 21-22 June.

8. Senior editor [redacted] departed PCS to Headquarters 25 June. STAT

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Chief, FBIS NICOSIA Bureau

Attachment

- A. Equipment Report
- B. Production Report

Equipment and Property Report, Nicosia Bureau, June 1983

1. Akai VHS VS-2EGN video cassette recorder, three each, local purchase.
2. Akai DT-250 timers, two each, ^{from} Hong Kong Bureau.
3. Sharp DV-1600SPN television monitor, one each, local purchase.
4. Telex audio cassette copier, one each, from Headquarters.
5. Hewlett Packard 1220 oscilloscope, one each, from Headquarters.
6. Volvo 245 GLE station wagon, one each, local purchase.

NICOSIA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JUNE 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	444,000
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	127,100
(WIREFILED PROGRAM SUMMARIES	75,000)
(FYI'S, ADMINS, SVC., CRUISING, ETC.	52,000)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,383

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

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)

9,800 MIN	21,630 MIN	186 ISSUES
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA BEIJING IN PERSIAN TO IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN	0
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CLANDESTINE (LEVANT) (CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ARAB LEBANON IN ARABIC	11,500
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO FREE LEBANON IN ARABIC	12,700
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO FREE LEBANON IN ENGLISH	3,500
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO NEJAT-E IRAN IN PERSIAN	400

CYPRUS	
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	400
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GREEK	12,200
NICOSIA DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN GREEK	1,600
NICOSIA ALITHIA IN GREEK	700
NICOSIA APOGEUMATINI IN GREEK	300
NICOSIA BIRLIK IN TURKISH	2,000
NICOSIA BOZKURT IN TURKISH	2,000
NICOSIA CYPRUS MAIL IN ENGLISH	1,500
NICOSIA HALKIN SESI IN TURKISH	1,600
NICOSIA I ELEVHEROTIPIA IN GREEK	2,400
NICOSIA I SIMERINI IN GREEK	6,000
NICOSIA I SIMERINI TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	500
NICOSIA KHARAVYI IN GREEK	6,000
NICOSIA KHARAVYI TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	500
NICOSIA KIBRIS IN ENGLISH	0
NICOSIA O AGON IN GREEK	3,600
NICOSIA O AGON TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	700
NICOSIA O ANEXARTITOS IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA O FILELEVHEROS IN GREEK	1,800
NICOSIA O FILELEVHEROS TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	400
NICOSIA PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN ENGLISH	100
NICOSIA PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA SOZ IN TURKISH	400
NICOSIA TA NEA IN GREEK	300

NICOSIA THE CYPRUS W. KLY IN ENGLISH		1,100
NICOSIA TO VIMA IN GREEK		0
EGYPT CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	23,600	
CAIRO PALESTINE RADIO IN ARABIC	2,100	
CAIRO MENA IN ARABIC		27,600
CAIRO MENA IN ENGLISH		18,200
FRANCE PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH		73,300
GREECE ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GREEK	18,200	
ATHENS AKROPOLIS IN GREEK		1,500
ATHENS AKROPOLIS TIS KIRIAKIS IN GREEK		300
ATHENS ATHENS NEWS IN ENGLISH		1,700
ATHENS ELEUTHEROS KOSMOS IN GREEK		0
ATHENS ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK		2,900
ATHENS EXORHISI IN GREEK		0
ATHENS I AUYI IN GREEK		1,600
ATHENS I KATHIMERINI IN GREEK		1,600
ATHENS KIRIAKATI KI ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK		0

LIBYA

TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
ARABIC

300

TURKEY

ANKARA YAKET IN

ATHENS MESIMURINI IN
GREEK

1,500

ATHENS NEA PORIA IN
GREEK

0

ATHENS RIZOSPASTIS IN
GREEK

6,800

ATHENS TO VINA TIS KIRIAKIS IN
GREEK

0

IRAQ

BAGHDAD IN

PERSIAN TO IRAN

400

BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN
ARABIC

1,000

LEBANON

BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
ARABIC

83,600

BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN
ARABIC

52,900

BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN
ENGLISH

300

INDIN RADIO OF FREE & UNIFIED
LEBANON IN

ARABIC

10,700

BEIRUT AL-BAYRAQ IN
ARABIC

0

BEIRUT AN-NAHAR IN
ARABIC

1,300

BEIRUT AS-SAFIR IN
ARABIC

2,800

BEIRUT MONDAY MORNING IN
ENGLISH

6,000

LIBYA

TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
ARABIC

300

TURKEY

ANKARA YANKI IN

TURKISH

900

ISTANBUL BULVAR IN

TURKISH

200

ISTANBUL CUMHURİYET IN

TURKISH

4,100

ISTANBUL DUNYA IN

TURKISH

0

ISTANBUL GUNAYDIN IN

TURKISH

0

ISTANBUL GUNES IN

TURKISH

300

ISTANBUL HURRIYET IN

TURKISH

2,500

ISTANBUL MILLIYET IN

TURKISH

5,100

ISTANBUL TERCUMAN IN

TURKISH

500

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC

MOSCOW IN

GREEK TO CYPRUS

2,000

MOSCOW IN

PERSIAN TO IRAN

14,000