

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

I. GENERAL

A statement by Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktas carried by BBC World Service on the 17th, in which he called for a referendum on declaring independence for Northern Cyprus, caused considerable interest at the embassy. This and a subsequent announcement by Denktas on the cancellation of the 31 May intercommunal talks came in the wake of a UN General Assembly resolution overwhelmingly supporting the Greek Cypriot position. In light of heightened embassy concern and Tel Aviv Bureau's poor reception of Bayrak radio, the bureau is backstop recording the daily 1030 and 1930 GMT Bayrak Turkish casts and has phone patched several casts to Tel Aviv for processing. In addition, the processing of Turkish Cypriot press material on the independence issue has been expedited, including a Denktas speech of the 20th that was unprocessable from Bayrak radio.

✓ Our efforts to initiate a survey of Cairo television from Paphos were frustrated when the prospective contractor backed out at the last minute. The possibility of having the recordings made in Kili is now being explored. A Bayrak television strike from 12 to 15 May gave us the opportunity to briefly monitor Cairo television without local interference, using rooftop antennas. Programs summaries were filed on the first program's 1800-1900 news and feature segment.

Improved summertime reception and the installation on the bureau roof of twin UHF antennas, together with a low loss coaxial cable, allowed a survey of Beirut television to get underway. To date, however, reception has been disappointing and has presumably been affected by a spate of unseasonal thunderstorms in the area. The survey is continuing.

The last phase of the editorial room beautification was completed this month with the installation of new wall to wall carpeting, carefully selected to coordinate with the room's lunchcounter decor.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Bureau editorial hours were changed from 0600-2300 GMT to 0500-2200 GMT to bring them more in conformity with the monitors' hours and coverage commitments.

- 2. Effective 9 May, coverage of Voice of Hope's Arabic and English Service was transferred to Jordan Bureau.
- 3. On 23 May, we began daily backstop recording of the Baghdad Voice of the PLO 1600-1700 GMT cast.

B. Technical

- 1. Engineer [redacted] and Electronics Specialist [redacted] STAT visited the Kili remote site on 4 and 5 May for realignment and testing of the [redacted] system. The realignment was again unsuccessful STAT and the order wire between Kili and the Paphos relay continues in use.
- 2. After the bureau's inability to telephone patch Denktas' remarks of the 20th carried by Bayrak radio, Messrs [redacted] STAT discovered, with the help of Tel Aviv technician [redacted] STAT that the patching equipment at Tel Aviv was only wired to send not to receive. Once this was corrected, it was also found that Nicosia Bureau's ability to record via the patch was impaired by the high noise level on the phone lines. The bureau is checking with CYTA to determine whether higher quality lines are available.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Visits

- 1. Bureau chief returned 1 May from Bureau Chiefs Conference.
- 2. AG analyst [redacted] TDY'ed at the bureau 8 - 10 May. STAT
- 3. The Internet survey team of FEB/ED Chief [redacted] STAT and Collins/Rockwell engineers [redacted] and [redacted] STAT visited the bureau 8-11 May.
- 4. [redacted] of the Audit Staff TDY'ed at the bureau 13 and 16 May. STAT
- 5. [redacted] TDY'ed at Tel Aviv Bureau 15-19 May. STAT
- 6. Headquarters analyst [redacted] visited the bureau 26 May. STAT
- 7. NEAD program chief [redacted] TDY'ed at the bureau 28 May-1 June. STAT
- 8. Electronics specialist [redacted] departed 30 May for TDY at Jordan Bureau. STAT

[redacted] STAT
 Chief, PBIS Nicosia Bureau

Attachment

A. Production Report

NICOSIA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MAY 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	615,800
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	125,800
(WIREFILED PROGRAM SUMMARIES	72,700)
(CFYI'S, ADMIN'S, SVC., CRUISING, ETC.	53,100)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,587

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

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)

10,000	21,630	200
MIN	MIN	ISSUES

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN	900

CLANDESTINE (LEVANT)	
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ARAB LEBANON IN	
ARABIC	12,400
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO FREE LEBANON IN	
ARABIC	18,700
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO FREE LEBANON IN	
ENGLISH	3,500

CYPRUS	
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	400
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GREEK	19,700
NICOSIA DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	700
NICOSIA DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN GREEK	6,900
NICOSIA APOGEUMATINI IN GREEK	500
NICOSIA BIRLIK IN TURKISH	5,700
NICOSIA BOZKURT IN TURKISH	600
NICOSIA CYPRUS MAIL IN ENGLISH	600
NICOSIA HALKIN SESI IN TURKISH	900
NICOSIA I ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK	2,300
NICOSIA I SIMERINI IN GREEK	2,400
NICOSIA I SIMERINI TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA KHARAVYI IN GREEK	10,500
NICOSIA KHARAVYI TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	1,800
NICOSIA KIBRIS IN ENGLISH	0
NICOSIA KIBRIS POSTASI IN TURKISH	1,500
NICOSIA O AGON IN GREEK	5,200
NICOSIA O AGON TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA O ANEXARTITOS IN GREEK	500
NICOSIA O FILELEUTHEROS IN GREEK	2,000
NICOSIA O FILELEUTHEROS TIS DHEUTERAS IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA O KIRIKAS IN GREEK	300
NICOSIA PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN ENGLISH	1,000
NICOSIA PRESS AND INFORMATION OFFICE IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA TA NEA IN GREEK	800

NICOSIA THE CYPRUS WEEKLY IN ENGLISH		400
NICOSIA TO VINA IN GREEK		0
NICOSIA YENI DUZEN IN TURKISH		300
(EDITORIAL REPORT IN TURKISH)		1,200
EGYPT		
CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	46,100	
CAIRO PALESTINE RADIO IN ARABIC	4,400	
CAIRO MENA IN ARABIC		34,900
CAIRO MENA IN ENGLISH		15,200
FRANCE		
PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH		96,000
PARIS IRAN-E AZAD IN PERSIAN		800
GREECE		
ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GREEK	24,100	
ATHENS AKROPOLIS IN GREEK		700
ATHENS ATHENS NEWS IN ENGLISH		1,800
ATHENS ELEUTHEROS KOSMOS IN GREEK		0
ATHENS ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK		2,600
ATHENS EXORNISI IN GREEK		700
ATHENS I RUYI IN GREEK		800
ATHENS I KATHIMERINI IN GREEK		1,800
ATHENS KIRIAKATI KI ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK		0

ATHENS MESIMURINI IN GREEK	1,300
ATHENS NEA PORIA IN GREEK	0
ATHENS RIZOSPASTIS IN GREEK	12,400
ATHENS TO VIMA TIS KIRIAKIS IN GREEK	0
IRAQ	
BAGHDAD IN PERSIAN TO IRAN	600
BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN ARABIC	1,000
LEBANON	
BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	131,400
BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN ARABIC	66,900
INDIN RADIO OF FREE & UNIFIED LEBANON IN ARABIC	12,200
MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN ARABIC	1,400
BEIRUT AL-BAYRAQ IN ARABIC	2,900
BEIRUT AN-NAHAR IN ARABIC	0
BEIRUT AS-SAFIR IN ARABIC	9,300
BEIRUT MONDAY MORNING IN ENGLISH	7,600

LIBYA
TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
ARABIC

300

TURKEY
ANKARA YANKI IN
TURKISH
ISTANBUL BULVAR IN
TURKISH
ISTANBUL CUMHURİYET IN
TURKISH
ISTANBUL DUNYA IN
TURKISH
ISTANBUL GUNAYDIN IN
TURKISH
ISTANBUL GUNES IN
TURKISH
ISTANBUL HURRIYET IN
TURKISH
ISTANBUL MILLIYET IN
TURKISH
ISTANBUL TERCUMAN IN
TURKISH

0

500

1,100

0

1,800

2,400

3,900

2,500

4,700

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
MOSCOW IN
GREEK TO CYPRUS
MOSCOW IN
PERSIAN TO IRAN

6,600

13,400