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

I. GENERAL

Deputy Bureau Chief [] and Arabic unit chief [] returned from their Cairo recruiting trip with a list of four good prospective Arabic monitor candidates. Although we now only have one slot open, we have placed two people in processing, the second as a hedge against the vagaries of the Cairo recruiting scene. Our first choice is again a MENA translator-editor. Last year, in the bureau's only previous recruiting foray into Egypt, we likewise turned up a highly qualified MENA candidate. However, she backed out at the last minute, reportedly because her employer refused to grant a leave of absence. Our number two candidate has a degree from Cairo University in economics and has spent two years at Cornell studying city planning.

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The Cairo trip also gave [] an opportunity to discuss with the Embassy political section the possibility of contracting with an Embassy spouse to record Cairo television. The political counselor was optimistic about finding someone willing and qualified and volunteered himself to look for the right person. The value of such an undertaking will be discussed at the forthcoming bureau chiefs conference.

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On the 17th, a coffee was held in the bureau conference room on the occasion of the presentation of length of service certificates to []
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 [] When the certificates were presented, it was noted that the recipients had a total of 140 years of service with FBIS.

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During the month, the editorial room was brightened with the arrival of a new editorial desk, the first of several changes planned to make the editors' work area more functional and attractive.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. At the request of the BBC, the bureau assumed coverage of Moscow in Greek to Greece broadcasts 9-13 March and again 26 March - 1 April.

B. Technical

- 1. On the 19th, [redacted] developed a problem with a transmit amplifier, forcing the bureau to open its backup circuit to Caversham. We are using the commercial circuit to send but are continuing to use our primary circuit for incoming traffic. At this writing, [redacted] does not know yet when a replacement amplifier will be available. STAT
- 2. On the 9th, Regional Engineer [redacted] Electronics Specialist [redacted] and Technical Assistant [redacted] visited the antenna site at Kili to replace a subgroup modem board in the Kili-Paphos [redacted] system. The new board did not solve the problem, and the order wire is still being used as a stopgap measure. During the same trip, antennas felled by recent high winds at Kili as well as at Pissouri were also worked on. STAT

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Visits

- 1. [redacted] returned on the 3d from a TDY at Jordan Bureau that began on 28 February. STAT
- 2. [redacted] returned from a recruiting trip to Cairo on the 4th. They had departed on the 27th of February. STAT
- 3. The Internet survey team of [redacted] and Collins/Rockwell's [redacted] TDY'ed at the bureau 13-16 March. STAT
- 4. Regional Cruiser [redacted] returned on the 23d from Austria. STAT
- 5. [redacted] TDY'ed at Gulf Bureau, 28-31 March. STAT
- 6. Kathleen Anderson of the Post Management Office in State's EUR/EA Branch, to the bureau on the 28th. STAT

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 Chief, FBIS Nicosia Bureau

Attachment:

- A. Production Report