

MTA-7005

1 July 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- June 1985

I. OPERATIONAL

A. Monitorial/Editorial

HEBREW SECTION

It was another busy month for the Hebrew section. Picking up where last month left off, this month began with Israeli concern over U.S. moves in the direction of talks with a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation. On the 10th, Peres in a "political announcement" to the Knesset addressed the question of peace and the way to achieve it.

Earlier in the month Israel twice declared that it had completed the withdrawal from Lebanon except for backup forces in certain places and it was still proclaiming what in effect is a right of hot pursuit into Lebanon.

The Israeli-backed army of southern Lebanon came in for a good deal of attention (and embarrassment for Israel) when it seized 24 Finnish UNIFIL troops on 7 June, accusing them of disarming 11 ASL members and handing them over to the rival Shi'ite Muslim militia. It released the last of the Finns after the Red Cross interviewed the 11 deserters, who all stated they did not wish to return to the ASL.

Israel's mounting economic problems, reflected in brief but effective strikes for higher wages by taxi drivers, truckers and garbage collectors, were overshadowed by the hijacking of a TWA airplane by Muslim extremists based in Lebanon. From the 14th to the 23d the bureau operated around the clock, filing an occasional Gurdus scoop on events in Beirut and Israeli leaders' reactions to the hijackers' demands for the release of the 'Atlit prisoners, and acting as a watch office for the charge and the embassy's political and security sections. From the 23d until the end of the month, the bureau's operating hours were extended to cover Jerusalem radio's sign on to sign off.

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With the winding down of the hostage crisis, Israel once again took a critical look at its serious economic problems in a marathon Cabinet session on the 30th.

TURKISH SECTION

The Turkish section was kept busy with the presidential and parliamentary elections in northern Cyprus, Turkish President Evren's visit to Bucharest and surprisingly, Turkey's enhancement of the powers of the police. Turkey was stung by the EEC accusation that the new law constituted martial law without martial law, and eased up on the wide-ranging authority of the police.

The Turkish Unit monitors are transferring the unit's massive glossary to diskettes in order to be able in the future to update entries without having to retype individual pages. A copy of the glossary will be forwarded to Headquarters when the project is completed.

B. Lateral Services

At the Country Team meeting Charge Flaten once again singled out FBIS reporting as the best and most reliable source of information on the TWA hijacking. He expressed appreciation for our standing 24-hour watch and providing him and other key individuals in the embassy with the most current reporting on the situation.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Bureau FBN employees received increases in the transportation allowances and adjustable benefits portions of their pay, retroactive 26 May.

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Senior editor [redacted] arrived 3 June.

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Nicosia Bureau Chief [redacted] conducted an official visit of the bureau on 6-11 June to inspect new office site and conduct consultations.

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Senior editor [redacted] departed 9 June.

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London Teletypist [redacted] departed 11 June on completion of his TDY to assist during a staffing shortage.

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Teletypist [redacted] EOD'd on 23 June.

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[redacted] entry brings the Communications Sections up to strength for the first time in several months.

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CRW trainer [] visited the bureau from 20 to 22 June to train selected persons on the use of tailored applications such as the FSR and inventory control.

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Electronic Technician [] was called to reserve duty for the period 30 June - 23 July. Efforts to defer the call-up to a later date that would not conflict with the ongoing technical preparations at the new office site were unsuccessful

B. Building and Grounds

The room on the Embassy roof to house the new Bureau's microwave equipment was 75% complete by the end of the month. Work remaining includes wiring and boring of anchor holes for the MW dish. The front entrance security door at the new office was successfully hung without any major hitches, and, following application of a second coat of paint, work began on attaching the ceiling frames. All the cable trays are now in place, a fact which should lead to acceleration of the running of antenna leads. Two new dipole antennas have been fabricated for use at the new office, and new units to house the monitorial recorders and transcribers have been constructed.

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for JUNE 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	265690
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	70720
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	835

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6298.00 min.	10520.00 min.	51.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bavrak Radio in Turkish	13680		
Clandestine Bavrak Radio in English	540		
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian	7570		
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	1240		
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish	9300		
CYPRUS Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish			0
ISRAEL Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	80720		
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	12870		
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	11770		
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	290		
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	19990		
Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew		5600	
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			1710

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			13240
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			6820
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			650
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			8940
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			22460
Tel Aviv HA'DLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			1950
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			360
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			10560
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			3860
SOVIET UNION			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew		0	
Moscow in Dari		3960	
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	19730		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		1180	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		5500	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		130	
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	1070		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR JUNE 1985 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 265,690 (236,550)
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 70,720 (64,410)
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 11,214 (9,708)
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 16,450 on 14 June
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 2,620 on 1 June

2. ~~OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT~~ TOTALED 5.5 HOURS, 1.11 PERCENT.
~~OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT~~ TOTALED 5.5 HOURS, 1.11 PERCENT.
OUTAGES: 1 June - local transmitter failure
9 June - local TCU problem
13 June - scheduled outage for maintenance work on the circuit

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 530

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.