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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--October 1985

I. GENERAL

A. The Embassy continues to maintain a low public profile in response to the numerous potentially incendiary developments in the region recently, and this month in particular. Several community functions were canceled, and the need for increased general vigilance was reemphasized. So far, fortunately, no untoward incidents have occurred, and the general mood of the mission has remained upbeat.

B. The FBO architectural design team led by FBO architect Anne Eggertson visited Amman from 16 to 22 October to unveil the plans for the new Embassy compound. The team gave a general overview briefing on the 17th, and then met with the various Embassy sections individually to work out specific design problems.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau opened early on the morning of the 11th in anticipation of harsh Arab world reaction to the diversion of the Egyptian airliner carrying the "Achille Lauro" hijackers by U.S. Navy fighter planes. Editors kept in constant touch with the Embassy throughout the day to keep them informed of monitored reaction, especially from Jordan.

2. The Jordanian-Palestinian relationship was the focus of attention in the wake of the latest round of "terrorist" incidents during the month. Talks in Amman between King Husayn and PLO leader Yasir Arafat ostensibly solved the problems that arose in the relationship, particularly as a result of the cancellation of a scheduled meeting in London between British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

3. Syrian-Jordanian relations continued to take a turn for the better. After several high-level contacts during the month, King Husayn, speaking on "Meet the Press," said that Syria and Jordan "are trying to embark on a new beginning." Jordanian Prime Minister al-Rifa'i will reportedly be visiting Damascus soon.

B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of AG, all program summaries from Amman, Baghdad and Damascus radios currently being wirefiled to the Middle East & South Asia Review writer in London are also being wirefiled to Headquarters.

2. In the ongoing effort to ease the load on our primary circuit, the bureau has undertaken a systematic review of our lateral service (drop copy) requirements. Embassy consumers are also being canvassed to update their formal requirements.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

STAT 1. Bureau electronic technician [redacted] was presented an Exceptional Accomplishment Award, and a \$500 check, on the 22d in recognition of his work in upgrading the bureau's primary communication circuit.

STAT 2. Monitor specialist [redacted] received a PSI effective 13 October.

B. Buildings and Grounds

STAT 1. Bureau Chief [redacted] and bureau technician [redacted] met with the FBO design team on the 21st to discuss their preliminary space allocation/floorplan for FBIS [redacted]

STAT building. We presented the design team with an alternative floorplan which would break up our somewhat long and narrow space into three separate modules: administration, technical and operational. The design team was quite amenable to our suggestions and said they will try to work them into the next, "final," design phase.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

ATT: Monthly Production Report

JORDAN BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	247,210
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	49,800
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	978

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
----- (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	6570	13470	73

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ)			
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN ARABIC	0		
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	0		
BAHRAIN			
MANAMA WAQH IN ARABIC		0	
FRANCE			
PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN ARABIC	17090		
PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN ARABIC			270
PARIS AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI IN ARABIC			4530
IRAQ			
BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN ARABIC	22170		
BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN ARABIC	31690		
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	2730		
BAGHDAD INA IN ARABIC		21390	
BAGHDAD INA IN ENGLISH		310	
BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN ARABIC			0
BAGHDAD AL-TAWARRAH IN ARABIC			0

JERUSALEM IN		
ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD	1100	
JERUSALEM AL-FATR IN		560
ARABIC		
JERUSALEM AL-HITHAQ IN		0
ARABIC		
JERUSALEM AL-QUDS IN		1610
ARABIC		
JERUSALEM AL-SHA'B IN		1210
ARABIC		
JERUSALEM AL-TALI'AH IN		540
ARABIC		
JORDAN		
AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	10480	
AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	4900	
AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN		
ENGLISH	770	
AMMAN PETRA-JNA IN		
ARABIC		2960
AMMAN AL-DUSTUR IN		
ARABIC		7800
AMMAN AKHBAR AL-USBU' IN		
ARABIC		290
AMMAN AL-RAY'Y IN		
ARABIC		7800
AMMAN THE JERUSALEM STAR IN		
ENGLISH		0
AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		4240
AMMAN SAWT AL-SHA' B IN		
ARABIC		11930
LEBANON		
NARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN		
ARABIC	1950	
SUDAN		
KHARTOUM SUNA IN		
ARABIC		24120
KHARTOUM SUNA IN		
ENGLISH		14200
SYRIA		
DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	34040	
DAMASCUS TELEVISION SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	7590	
DAMASCUS SANA IN		
ARABIC		8860