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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report — Panama Bureau — July 1985

I. GENERAL

The first major technical problem to afflict the ROSET's since April surfaced on 19 July. The servo system on the signals analysis antenna failed to operate because of blown fuses on the azimuth motor controller. The cause was found to be shorting in the rectifier assemblies on the motor controller, caused by accumulations of moisture and dirt. An engineer from Electrospace Systems, Inc., the servo system manufacturer, cleaned and rebuilt the rectifier, using new insulators which were coated to prevent the intrusion of moisture. To insure further that there will be no recurrence of the problem, we have begun installation of air conditioners in the bases of the two ROSET's; they will lower the humidity and prevent the entrance of dirt-laden air.

Despite technical difficulties, cruising and monitoring continued virtually uninterrupted. We found that the Mexican Morelos 1 satellite at 113.5 W became operational at the end of the month, and we have turned to it exclusively for coverage of Mexican television. We supplemented Paraguay Bureau's coverage of the Peruvian presidential inauguration, recording on 28 and 29 July 15 one-hour-long videotapes of the ceremonies and military parade. The most significant development in the cruising of press agencies on satellite was the identification, on the 34.5 W INTELSAT, of the Buenos Aires Reuter tributary circuit. The cast was the first FBIS coverage lost to satellite technology, in 1968, and we seem now to have recovered it.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Cuba was the focal point for coverage in July, with President Fidel Castro delivering speeches and holding press conferences practically non-stop. President Castro addressed graduating primary education teachers, the participants at a journalists congress in Havana, the persons attending the Latin American-Caribbean Trade Union Conference in Havana, a rally in Guantanamo to commemorate the 32nd anniversary of the assault on Moncada Barracks, and the participants at a Cuba-sponsored meeting on the Latin American debt. This last meeting, sponsored and organized by Cuba seemed to have been designed as a showcase for Castro's opinions on the foreign debt and as a vehicle to convey this opinion to the other countries in the hemisphere. To achieve this Radio Havana not only devoted all of its Spanish-service transmitters to live coverage of the event, but added an additional frequency for "listeners in South America" and a 4-hour early morning "special cast" to retransmit coverage of the events.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega delivered his 19 July anniversary day address within the framework of continuing military confrontations with bordering Costa Rica and Honduras, increased attacks by the Honduran-based Nicaraguan Democratic Force, FDN, and with Foreign Minister Miguel D'Escoto beginning his 13th day of a "fast for peace."

On the heels of an OAS investigation into an earlier Costa Rica-Nicaragua border incident, the two countries accused each other of airspace violations on 26 July, while cross-border attacks were charged in two incidents between Honduras and Nicaragua on 5 and 11 July.

The Honduras-based FDN stepped up its activities in July, with attacks on Esteli and La Penca early in the month, while the Costa Rican-based Democratic Revolutionary Alliance, ARDE, continued to break apart. Sixty-two of its members reportedly surrendered to the Sandinist Peoples Army (EPS) following heavy fighting with army troops last month; a leading commander, Adolfo Chamorro, announced that he was giving up the armed struggle, and Eden Pastora, ARDE's supreme commander, suffered minor injuries in a helicopter accident on 24 July.

The Contadora Group, in the interim, continued in vain to try to get the parties involved to come to some understanding, although it had obtained the support of the French Government for its most recent efforts.

In El Salvador the rebels continued their efforts to undermine the economy by disrupting vehicular traffic and attacking the country's power supply system. The most noteworthy attack during July was that on the Mariona prison, which allowed many prisoners to escape.

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B. Technical

During the month, the bureau received as accountable property one Motorola Receiver/Transmitter, Model H33BB3144-ASP45 Serial No. 330AKL0129. Requisition No. 0532-84275-500-1F. Unit Price: \$1,346.00.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

STAT [redacted] our new spanish monitor entered on duty 8 July.

STAT Chief Technician [redacted] received an Exceptional Accomplishment Award during July together with a \$2,500 check. The award was based primarily on his efforts to establish and maintain the valuable Central American remote system.

STAT Promotions effective 7 July were received by: [redacted]
STAT [redacted] Maintenance Clerk from FBN-1/2 to FBN-2/1; [redacted]
STAT Spanish Monitor from FBN-7/1 to FBN-8/1; [redacted] Spanish
STAT Monitor FBN-10/5 to Monitor Supervisor FBN-11/4; Mercedes Guardia, Admin
STAT Assistant from FBN-8/4 to FBN-9/3; [redacted] Spanish Monitor from
STAT FBN-7/1 to FBN-8/1; and [redacted] Spanish Monitor from FBN-7/2 to
STAT FBN-8/1.

STAT PSI's effective 7 July were received by: [redacted]
STAT Spanish Monitor from FBN-10/6 to FBN-10/7; and [redacted]
STAT Communications Operator from FBN-3/1 to FBN-3/2.

STAT Both [redacted] began
STAT their maternity leaves in July. [redacted] went on LWOP effective 22 July in
STAT order to take advantage of the maternity benefits offered by the Panama
STAT Social Security. [redacted] began her sick leave effective 29 July.

STAT [redacted] last day at the bureau was 19 July. A
STAT small ceremony was held in the Bureau Chief's office to wish her farewell
STAT and good luck.

B. Building and Grounds

STAT Construction work began during the month on the screened
STAT porches for the FBIS houses on Ft. Clayton. We anticipate the project
STAT will be completed by the contractor, [redacted] by the middle of
STAT August.

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IV. VISITS

The bureau chief returned on 7 July, after a month of annual leave and TDY in the United States.

STAT Deputy Chief [redacted] began an orientation/coordination TDY at Paraguay Bureau on 29 July.

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Visitors to the bureau during the month were Editor [redacted] and family, en route from Key West Bureau to Paraguay Bureau PCS, for TDY on 4 and 5 July; [redacted], C/CommCtr, for a review of bureau communications, on 10 and 11 July; UD's [redacted] on two-week military reserve duty with SOUTHCOM, on 13 July for a walkthrough and briefing on operations; and DRD Special Assistant [redacted] on his way back to Washington from a lengthy TDY in Paraguay, for Panama Bureau orientation and a review of the editorial training program, on 22 and 23 July.

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Chief, Panama Bureau, FBIS

Attachment:
Production Report

Panama Bureau Production Report for July 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	565580
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	21310
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1272

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	11100.00 min.	42300.00 min.	205.00 issues

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

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires LATIN in Spanish		1830	
Buenos Aires REUTER in Spanish		1830	

CLANDESTINES

Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in Spanish to El Salvador	11240		
Clandestine Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador	34110		
Clandestine Voice of Sandino in Spanish to Nicaragua	0		

COLOMBIA

Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish	970		
Bogota Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in Spanish	2350		
Bogota Radio Sutatenza Network in Spanish	600		
Bogota Television Service in Spanish	2230		
Bogota REUTER in English		270	
Bogota EL SIGLO in Spanish			7530
Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish			2190

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San Jose Radio Impacto in Spanish	9340		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	6720		
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish			6240
San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			500
San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			4090
San Jose LIBERTAD REVOLUCIONARIA in Spanish			450
San Jose LIBERTAD in Spanish			2770
San Jose RUMBO CENTROAMERICANO in Spanish			5850
CUBA			
Havana International Service in Quechua	1070		
Havana International Service in Spanish	78120		
Havana International Service in English	0		
Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	10450		
Havana PRELA in English		36230	
Havana PRELA in Spanish		5350	
Havana GRANMA in Spanish			440
Havana JUVENTUD REBELDE in Spanish			1500
ECUADOR			
Quito Radio Quito in Spanish	840		
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	4750		
Quito REUTER in Spanish		270	
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	5870		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	5590		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	11210		
San Salvador NOTISAL in Spanish		1530	
San Salvador SALPRESS in Spanish		390	
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			650
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			2840
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			2720
San Salvador EL TIEMPO in Spanish			0
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			2680
San Salvador PROCESO in Spanish			0
San Salvador THE NEWS GAZETTE in English			0
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		2670	
Paris AFP in Spanish		15880	
GERMANY			
Hamburg DPA in Spanish		6460	
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	2920		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo in Spanish	300		
Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish	3040		
Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish			750
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			2600
HONDURAS			
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	7430		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tegucigalpa Domestic Service in Spanish	2060		
Tegucigalpa Radio America in Spanish	3800		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	500		
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	1630		
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			1840
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			2970
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			0
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			1400
MEXICO			
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	6960		
Mexico City XHDF Television Network in Spanish	2670		
Mexico City REUTER in English		550	
Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish			410
Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish			480
Mexico City EL SOL DE MEXICO in Spanish			80
Mexico City EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			150
Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish			3230
Mexico City THE NEWS in English			520
Mexico City UNOMASUND in Spanish			700
NICARAGUA			
Managua International Service in Spanish	240		
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	41670		
Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish	3110		
Managua Radio Sandino Network in Spanish	13230		

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Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	38670		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	2360		
Managua ANN in Spanish		9680	
Managua ANN in English		9290	
Managua PRELA in Spanish		830	
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			11350
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			0
Managua LA PRENSA in Spanish			6380
PANAMA			
Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish	5070		
Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish	26840		
Panama City PANAVISION in Spanish	960		
Panama City Radio Continente in Spanish	1530		
Panama City Radio Mia Network in Spanish	230		
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	3330		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		10130	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			1260
Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish			0
Panama City EL SIGLO in Spanish			240
Panama City EXTRA in Spanish			250
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			4210
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			1580
Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish			0
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			1080

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			80
Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in Spanish			1110
Panama City STAR AND HERALD in English			610
Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English			0
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		11870	
VENEZUELA			
Caracas Domestic Service in Spanish	4180		
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	6080		
Caracas REUTER in English		440	
Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish			1650
Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			430

PANAMA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1985 -- ANNEX

TOTALS FRPM ROSET SOURCES:

COLOMBIA	
Bogota Television Service in Spanish	2,230
Bogota REUTER in English	270
CUBA	
Havana PRELA in Spanish	5,350
ECUADOR	
Quito REUTER in Spanish	270
EL SALVADOR	
San Salvador NOTISAL in Spanish	1,530
San Salvador SALPRESS in Spanish	390
MEXICO	
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	6,960
Mexico City XHDF Television Network in Spanish	2,670
Mexico City REUTER in English	550
NICARAGUA	
Managua ANN in English	9,290
Managua ANN in Spanish	9,680
Managua PRELA in Spanish	830
SPAIN	
Madrid EFE in Spanish	1,330
VENEZUELA	
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	6,080
Caracas REUTER in English	440
TOTAL FOR JULY 1985	47,870