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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--April 1986

## I. GENERAL

Bahrain and the Embassy here were abuzz in early April with the official visit to the island by Vice President George Bush from 7 to 9 April. The vice president maintained a tight schedule, with local media giving wide coverage to Mr. Bush's various official functions, as well as Mrs. Bush's visits to local cultural and educational establishments. On the morning of 8 April Mr. Bush visited the embassy. After a brief address to embassy employees on the lawn, Mr. Bush proceeded to mingle with employees, posing for numerous photographs. FBIS was well represented, with most employees and dependents attending, talking with the vice president and having photographs with him taken. It was a memorable occasion for all.

During the Embassy's country team meeting on 20 April, the ambassador stressed the importance of FBIS traffic, specially referring to FBIS' wide coverage of the U.S. raid on Libya and the resulting reaction in the Arab world, urging more Embassy officers to read and use our product. In order to make FBIS copy more accessible to Embassy staffers in response to the ambassador's concern, CPU has created a special FBIS reading file.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. The vice president's visit to the Arabian Gulf region 5-12 April was given blanket coverage by the bureau. Numerous reports on Mr. Bush's activities and media comment were filed. Media reaction to the visit to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, and the YAR was generally favorable. The bureau provided rapid translations of several local newspaper comments on the visit for the embassy's USIS office.

2. Bahrain was further in the news when on 26 April foreign news reports said that Qatari helicopters had landed on a shoal (Fasht al-Dibal) situated between Bahrain and Qatar and claimed by both and that shots had been fired. The Qatari forces took 29 foreign

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workers off the shoal and, as of report time, they are still being detained in Qatar. Negotiations for their release are underway. Saudi mediation began almost immediately with the second deputy prime minister, minister of defense and aviation, and inspector general traveling to both Qatar and Bahrain. So far the situation has been contained and no clashes between Bahraini and Qatari forces have been reported, although both sides are said to be in a state of alert.

3. For the second time in as many months the bureau was called upon by LD/BBC to provide assistance and assume certain Arabic coverage to alleviate the load on the latter in the wake of coverage of the U.S. raid on Libya. On 15 April the bureau assumed coverage of the Kuwait Domestic Arabic 1700 GMT cast, Moscow Arabic 1600 GMT cast, Riyadh Domestic Arabic 2000 and 2230 GMT casts, and Riyadh SPA Arabic from 2000 GMT until sign-off at approximately 2300 GMT. The assumption of the latter required extension of bureau operating hours by approximately 3 hours per day. On 26 April the BBC assumed flash coverage of the Riyadh Domestic 2230 GMT cast and Riyadh SPA from 2030 GMT, thus allowing the bureau to observe near normal COB and eliminating overtime. LD/BBC resumed coverage of the Kuwait Domestic Arabic cast and Moscow Arabic cast effective 1 May.

4. On 18 April, at the request of headquarters, Gulf implemented its emergency backstop plan for Nicosia Bureau. In addition to its assigned backstop coverage, the bureau also assumed backstop coverage of Beijing Persian for Tel Aviv, whose sole Persian monitor was on leave. Backstop was discontinued on 22 April with Nicosia resuming full coverage.

5. Aden VOP in Arabic was monitored on 3 April for the first time since the evening of 12 January. The station had not been monitored since the coup attempt in the PDRY on 13 January. It is being broadcast in its previous time slot of 1820 GMT daily.

6. At the request of Tel Aviv Bureau, Gulf assumed coverage of the National Voice of Iran in Persian from 19-28 April during their Persian monitor's leave.

#### B. Communications

1. FBIS coverage of events surrounding the U.S. raid on Libya on 15 April resulted in a massive commo backlog for the bureau. At one point on 16 April immediate precedence items were backlogged up to 10 hours. [redacted] came to the rescue on 17 April and took a fastcast of all the bureau's backlogged incoming traffic.

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III. VISITS

From the bureau:

1. Bureau Chief  to Bureau Chiefs Conference  
6-22 April.

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To the bureau:

1. Embassy Marine Security Guard Detachment on 30 April  
for familiarization briefing and tour of bureau facilities.

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CHIEF, GULF BUREAU

ATT: MONTHLY PRODUCTION REPORT

**GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT**  
**FOR APRIL 1986**

**I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:**

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	307,000
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	114,570
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH	:	867

	BROAD CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<b>II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</b> (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	14,799	14,900	184.5

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**III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:**  
 (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)  
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**AFGHANISTAN**

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
KABUL IN ENGLISH TO SOUTH ASIA	-0-

**BAHRAIN**

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	1,790	
MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-	
MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	550	
MANAMA WAKH IN ARABIC		27,840
MANAMA WAKH IN ENGLISH		9,380
MANAMA AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ IN ARABIC		1,830
MANAMA AL-ADWA' IN ARABIC		960
MANAMA AL-MAWAQIF IN ARABIC		1,300
MANAMA SADA AL-USBU' IN ARABIC		700
MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS IN ENGLISH		2,790
MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN ENGLISH		-0-

**CLANDESTINE**

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN DARI	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN PASHTO	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	-0-

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(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	250
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF MOJAHED IN PERSIAN	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN PERSIAN	4,850
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF THE LIBERATION OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	5,350
(CLANDESTINE) NATIONAL VOICE OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	320

IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	16,800	
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-	
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-	
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TURKISH	4,880	
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN DARI	-0-	
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PASHTO	-0-	
TABRIZ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	2,280	
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	22,700	
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	1,430	
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-	
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	340	
BANDAR 'ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	1,910	
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	540	
ESFAHAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-	
MASHHAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-	
SHIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	170	
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARMENIAN	-0-	
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN AZERI	-0-	
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-	
ZAHEDAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TEHRAN IRNA IN ARABIC	-0-	-0-
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID IN ARABIC		-0-
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI IN ARABIC		-0-

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TEHRAN JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN PERSIAN	3,740

IRAQ

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	190

KUWAIT

KUWAIT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	1,690
KUWAIT AL-ANBA' IN ARABIC	8,100
KUWAIT AL-QABAS IN ARABIC	3,000
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM IN ARABIC	5,400
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN ARABIC	3,510
KUWAIT AL-WATAN IN ARABIC	5,030
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN ENGLISH	7,910

OMAN

MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	3,150
SALALAH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	1,360
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN ARABIC	-0-
MUSCAT 'UMMAN AL-USBU'I IN ARABIC	-0-
MUSCAT ONA IN ARABIC	650

PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM IN ENGLISH	2,230
KARACHI DAWN IN ENGLISH	3,010
KARACHI JASARAT IN URDU	1,370
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN URDU	380

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KARACHI NAWA-E WAQT IN URDU		2,220
LAHORE JANG IN URDU		1,850
RAWALPINDI HAIDAR IN URDU		1,350
RAWALPINDI THE PAKISTAN TIMES IN ENGLISH		1,020

QATAR

DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	4,650	
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-	
DOHA QNA IN ARABIC		8,460

SAUDI ARABIA

JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	1,600	
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	8,560	
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	2,070	
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-	
RIYADH SPA IN ARABIC		13,760
AL-DAMMAM AL-YAWM IN ARABIC		-0-
JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN ARABIC		-0-
RIYADH AL-RIYAD IN ARABIC		830

SUDAN

OMDURMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-	
KHARTOUM SUNA IN ARABIC		480

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO IRAN	-0-	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN AZERI	4,640	
DUSHANBE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN UIGHUR	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN UZBEK	630	
YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARMENIAN	130	
ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	550	

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ASHKHABAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	1,180	
ASHKHABAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN TURKMEN	-0-	
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN AZERI	5,430	
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-	
DUSHANBE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN RUSSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN UZBEK	9,860	
YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARMENIAN	390	

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	4,030	
DUBAYY DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-	
ABU DHABI WAM IN ARABIC		8,530
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD IN ARABIC		2,310
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I IN ARABIC		430
AL-SHARIQAH AL-KHALIJ IN ARABIC		2,160
DUBAYY AL-BAYAN IN ARABIC		3,450
DUBAYY KHALEEJ TIMES IN ENGLISH		3,220

UNITED KINGDOM

LONDON AL-MAJALIS IN ARABIC		620
LONDON ASGHAR AQA IN PERSIAN		-0-
LONDON KEYHAN IN PERSIAN		8,290

PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
OF YEMEN (PDRY)

ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	22,570	
ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE IN ARABIC	3,250	
ADEN ANA IN ARABIC		-0-
ADEN ANA IN ENGLISH		-0-

YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)

SANAA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	17,530	
SANAA VOICE OF PALESTINE IN ARABIC	1,270	
SANAA AL-THAWRAH IN ARABIC		-0-