

MNC-6144
2 November 1986

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

I. GENERAL

A. The news of the month with regard to our new site is that the construction firm submitted a formal letter on 29 October claiming that delays in the work, for which it is not responsible, require that it be granted an extension of 123 days to complete the contract. This figure is clearly excessive, given the contractor's stated justifications, and will be the subject of negotiations. It is becoming ever more clear that the contractor has no intention of meeting his mid-January project completion date. As a result, we probably will not be able to move into our new premises until late February or early March.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau placed monitored Lebanese media on open watch following Lebanese claims that an Israeli airplane had been shot down during a 16 October air raid on Fatah targets south of Sidon in retaliation for a grenade attack on IDF recruits in Jerusalem the previous day. Conflicting reports emerged as to the fate of the two Israelis aboard the plane, although the Amal Movement was reported to have captured at least one of them. Despite the fact that Israeli aircraft continued to fly over the area and Israeli gunboats cruised offshore, the bombardment of Lebanese targets concluded by late evening. As there were no indications of further planned Israeli activity, the bureau concluded its watch at its COB.

2. A labor dispute at the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) disrupted Nicosia radio and television several times during the month. Work stoppages announced by the trade unions representing CBC personnel interrupted transmissions on 4 October, 18 October, 19 October, 24 October, 25 October and 26 October, for a total of 47 hours.

3. We have placed on coverage a new Egyptian anti-Libyan commentary program aired by the Cairo Voice of the Arabs radio entitled "Voice of the Libyan People." The tenor of the program was exemplified by a commentary broadcast on 7 October appealing to Libyan Army personnel to rise up and overthrow Colonel Al-Qadhafi, or to dispatch him "to his destiny."

4. Following a week's sampling of new casts beamed to Iran in Persian and Azeri by Moscow Radio Peace and Progress, the bureau has added the RPP Persian cast to coverage as a Class D listing program. The radio's Azeri cast was demonstrated to be a substantive repeat of the earlier Persian cast, and regular coverage was not deemed necessary.

5. The initiation of winter flight schedules has had an effect on the bureau's press receipts; the mainland Turkish press is now being received a day later than was previously the case, while mainland Greek papers are being received on a delayed basis on Sundays and Thursdays.

B. Technical

1. All of the bureau's old ITT 2300/5 Arabic printers and Extel AF-11 RO printers have now been replaced with new Creed Comscribe IIIC teleprinters.

2. The bureau's circuits to the Cypriot Foreign Ministry and to the Cypriot Public Information Office have been upgraded from 75 baud to 150 baud.

3. The landlord of the building housing our offices has given permission for the installation of a passive reflector on the roof for use in our microwave link to the Embassy when we move to the new site. As a result, a previous request that CYTA permit installation of the reflector on one of its stations has been cancelled.

4. Equipment received:

-- One MagnaSync/Moviola 10-channel audio tape recorder/reproducer Model 1-R/O-P/O-10, from Headquarters.

5. Equipment sent to other bureaus:

-- One multisystem JVC TV/monitor Model AV-20ME was purchased locally and pouched to Swaziland Bureau.

-- Two Extel AF-11R printers and related spare parts were sent to Okinawa Bureau.

-- Two Extel AF-11R printers were sent to Paraguay Bureau.

-- One Extel AF-11R printer was sent to Florida Bureau.

6. Three ITT 2300/5 Arabic printers have been disposed of through the local Embassy.

III. ADMINISTRATION

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A. Personnel

1. Editor [redacted] arrived PCS 22 October to replace Senior Editor [redacted] scheduled to depart 3 November PCS to Key West. STAT

B. Visitors

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1. [redacted] deputy chief of [redacted] visited the bureau on 2 October to conduct a security survey.

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Bureau Chief
Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHMENT: Production Report

Nicosia Bureau Production Report for October 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	297340
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	121140
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1024

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	9180.00 min.	22260.00 min.	117.00 issues

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

CHINA			
Beijing in			
Persian to Iran	0		
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in			
Arabic	20100		
(Clandestine) Radio Iran in			
Persian	0		
(Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in			
Arabic	9780		
CYPRUS			
Nicosia Domestic Service in			
Greek	6700		
Nicosia Domestic Service in			
English	110		
Nicosia Television Service in			
Greek	120		
Nicosia Cyprus MAIL in			
English			1330
Nicosia ELEVETHEROTIPIA in			
Greek			750
Nicosia ELEVETHEROTIPIA tis DHEFTERAS			
in			
Greek			0
Nicosia I SIMERINI in			
Greek			0
Nicosia I SIMERINI tis DHEFTERAS in			
Greek			0
Nicosia KHARAVYI in			
Greek			2090

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Nicosia KHARAVYI tis DHEFTERAS in Greek			0
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS in Greek			1180
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS tis DHEFTERAS in Greek			0
Nicosia TA NEA in Greek			690
Nicosia THE CYPRUS WEEKLY in English			460
EGYPT			
Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic	19090		
Cairo Voice of the Arabs in Arabic	1590		
Cairo MENA in Arabic		48840	
Cairo MENA in English		4000	
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		22740	
GREECE			
Athens Domestic Service in Greek	16780		
Athens ATHENS NEWS in English			4040
Athens ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			8710
Athens I KATHIMERINI in Greek			630
Athens KIRIAKATI KI ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			0
Athens RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			980
IRAN			
Tehran International Service in French	240		
Tehran Domestic Service in Persian	20150		
IRAQ			
Baghdad in Persian to Iran	0		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
LEBANON			
Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic	36410		
Beirut Domestic Service in English	570		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic	24180		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in English	240		
Beirut Voice of National Resistance in Arabic	5010		
Beirut Ihdin Radio of Free & Unified Lebanon in Arabic	320		
Beirut AL_NAHAR in Arabic			0
Beirut AL_SAFIR in Arabic			1100
Beirut MONDAY MORNING in English			0
LIBYA			
Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic	2670		
QATAR			
Doha Domestic Service in Arabic	300		
TURKEY			
Ankara YANKI in Turkish			0
Istanbul BULVAR in Turkish			1420
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			4500
Istanbul DUNYA in Turkish			0
Istanbul GUNAYDIN in Turkish			680
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			9580
Istanbul MILLIYET in Turkish			1870

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Istanbul TERCUMAN in Turkish			8000
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Persian	3500		
Moscow in Greek to Cyprus	0		
Moscow in Persian to Iran	3410		
Baku Domestic Service in Azeri	470		
Tashkent Domestic Service in Uzbek	450		
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			
Dubayy Domestic Service in Arabic	1560		