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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Swaziland Bureau--May 1986

I. GENERAL

Falling Rand -- The South African economy, which enjoyed a short improvement earlier in the year, has continued to weaken, resulting in a further continuing fall in the rand. During the month the currency fell against the dollar from R2.05 to R2.32.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. On 19 May, SAPA carried a three-line announcement that South African forces had attacked "what is claimed to be ANC targets" in Botswana and Zimbabwe. Details of the raids followed and hours later, the South African Air Force announced it had carried out bombing missions in Zambia, the home of the ANC's headquarters. Coming as they did amid reports that the Commonwealth's Eminent Persons Group was close to reaching an agreement with the ANC on possible talks with the South African Government, the attacks provoked criticism from all sides--and the expulsion from the U.S. of the South African military attache. Both the U.S. and Britain strongly denounced the actions but still refused to endorse mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa, called for by the Frontline States foreign ministers who held an emergency session after the raids to discuss mutual defense. Besides considerable reportage and comment from South African sources, the bureau processed a large volume of reaction from the countries attacked, including a lengthy press conference by President Kaunda of Zambia.

2. On the 15th State President P. W. Botha addressed the president's council, announcing the formation of the long-promised National Statutory Council for black leaders, to include the heads of nonindependent homelands and urban black leaders. Most leaders greeted the proposal coolly, however.

Chief Buthelezi, whose possible participation is a key to any possible success of the council, said the council had "potential" but that his pre-conditions, including the release of Nelson Mandela, would have to be met for him to participate. The bureau receives all of Chief Buthelezi's many statements over the SAPA PR Wire Service.

3. The National Party (NP) is experiencing a serious, and embarrassing, backlash from white voters in the Transvaal, long a strong-hold for Boer conservatives. The Afrikaaner Resistance Movement (AWB), led by charismatic Eugene TerreBlanche has sworn to disrupt every public meeting to be addressed by an NP cabinet member. After a meeting addressed by Deputy Information Minister Louis Nel was interrupted by AWB supporters, the government threw down the gauntlet and Foreign Minister Pik Botha took on the AWB on 22 May in Pietersburg, vowing to speak despite the AWB's efforts. He lost convincingly. After the AWB completely disrupted the meeting, TerreBlanche addressed an AWB meeting at the local stadium, just as he had promised to do. Although government ministers subsequently successfully addressed several meetings, they did so only with heavy police protection.

4. In Angola, President Dos Santos traveled to the Soviet Union on the 5th to confer with Soviet leaders and presumably to seek additional aid. A Soviet-Angolan declaration on southern Africa was released denouncing the U.S. for its aid to UNITA and its support for South Africa, as was a joint communique on the visit. Unlike a previous visit, a comparison showed no difference in Angolan and Soviet media treatment of the key issues.

5. Mozambique President Machel visited Japan at the end of the month, reportedly to seek Japanese investment to enable the country to replace the exports Japan receives from South Africa. A fair amount of material was processed from Mozambique sources, which covered the visit considerably more thoroughly than did Japanese media.

6. With headquarters permission, the focus of the bureau's press review was changed during the month in an effort to reduce the considerable strain on limited bureau resources. The bureau has discontinued coverage of news from the papers and is concentrating on the editorial/column material, thereby reducing the pressure on harried bureau editors and reducing bureau overtime. The Press review had more than doubled since its inception as a result of consumer requests.

7. The bureau surveyed frequencies for Moscow English to Africa and Moscow English and Zulu to Southern Africa at the request of MOD.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Portuguese monitor-trainee [redacted] entered on duty 25 May. The bureau is now only one down on the t/o and is awaiting a clearance on an Afrikaans/Zulu monitorial applicant.

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2. Portuguese monitor [redacted] has legally changed
his name to [redacted] The change was effected in the Kenya Gazette
of 21 March.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

Swaziland Bureau Production Report for MAY 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	674850
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	16250
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1414

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	5715.00 min.	11310.00 min.	139.00 issues

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

ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	17440		
Luanda ANGOP in English		0	
Luanda ANGOP in French		0	
Luanda ANGOP in Spanish		0	

BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	4240		
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English			0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	0		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	0		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	0		
(Clandestine) Voice of Truth in Portuguese to Angola	0		
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa		150	
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa		300	

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa		230	
LESOTHO			
Maseru Domestic Service in English	710		
Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho	0		
Maseru MOCHOCHONONO in seSotho			0
Maseru NATION in English			0
Maseru THE COMET in English			0
MADAGASCAR			
Antananarivo Domestic Service in French	0		
MALAWI			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English	2050		
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			0
Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in English			0
MOZAMBIQUE			
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	12790		
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	4140		
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			1810
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			0
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			0
NAMIBIA			
Windhoek Domestic Service in Afrikaans	0		
Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			0

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			0
Windhoek WINDHOEK OBSERVER in English			0
SENEGAL			
Dakar PANA in English		5850	
Dakar PANA in French			0
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg International Service in English	9050		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	1860		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	29090		
Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans	12660		
Johannesburg Television in English	30690		
Umtata Capital Radio in English	15480		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		309500	
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			0
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English			0
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			0
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			600
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			0
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese			0
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			0
Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English			2980

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Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES English			2670
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			0
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			5050
Johannesburg WEEKLY MAIL in English			6060
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Papers			155700
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	710		
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	100		
Mbabane Television in English	140		
Mbabane Television in siSwati	0		
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			0
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			120
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			0
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	13140		
USSR			
Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	0		
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	890		
Moscow in Afrikaans to Southern Africa	0		
Moscow in English to Southern Africa	3980		
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	10920		
Lusaka Radio Freedom in English	5440		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Lusaka Radio Freedom in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
Lusaka Voice of Namibia English	0		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL in English			0
ZIMBABWE			
Harare Domestic Service in English	8080		
Harare Domestic Service in English	0		
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	230		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			0
Harare THE HERALD in English			0
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			0