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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- April 1986

I. GENERAL

New Swazi King -- On the 25th and 26th nation-wide ceremonies were held to celebrate the crowning of the new Swazi king, Mswati III. South African President P. W. Botha and Foreign Minister Pik Botha attended, as did Mozambican President Samora Machel. Kenyan President Moi declined to attend at the last minute, reportedly because of the presence of the South Africans, and Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda excused his presence by allowing that it was up to the Swazis to invite who they wanted. The U.S. delegation, making up in numbers what it lacked in eminence, was led by Maureen Reagan. Country team members attended a dinner held by the ambassador for the delegation on the 25th and also accompanied the delegation to the ceremonies at Lobamba stadium on the 26th, at which the new king and President Kaunda, among others, spoke. The bureau chief helped chauffeur the delegation to Matsapha Airport for their midnight flight back to the States on the 26th.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. For the fourth month in a row, the bureau set a new wordage record, producing 558,280 words.

2. As always South Africa accounted for by far the largest portion of the total. During the month, the government announced changes which would have been viewed as monumental only a few years ago, but now were largely greeted with yawns. On 2 April, Mrs. Winnie Mandela's banning order was lifted officially, although she had been openly ignoring it for a long period. On 8 April, SAPA reported that the government had quietly gazetted a law lifting all racial restrictions on hotels, restaurants, and other establishments covered by the Liquor Board. On the 18th, the president announced the end of enforcement of the hated pass laws, which he had already said would be scrapped in July, thus adding some urgency to the reform effort by bringing forward the date. Finally, on the 23rd, the bill on uniform

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identity documents to replace the pass books for blacks was introduced. Although the pass law change evoked some praise, for the most part the black community reacted with only mild enthusiasm, which media observers attributed to a long wait and heightened expectations.

3. During the month, the violence in Alexandra, a township of deteriorating shacks neighboring the pools and tennis courts of northern Johannesburg, continued to flare, with the height of violence coming on the 23rd. One new aspect to the violence was charges from the Progressive Federal Party and others that off-duty policemen had been involved in vigilante raids on Alexandra activists at the end of the month, and the police agreed to an official investigation. Recurring charges of police vigilante sympathies were reported in the media from various locations, but particularly in the Transvaal.

4. A major area of conflict was the northern Transvaal homeland of Lebowa where the death of United Democratic Front Official Peter Nchabaleng in police custody evoked world-wide protest, including from the State Department. Several other activists similarly died in police hands. Although police claimed Nchabaleng died of a heart attack, the official post mortem questioned this finding, and the black press in particular quoted a person arrested with him as saying that torture was administered before Nchabaleng's death.

5. In Angola, the heads of state of the Frontline States met in Luanda on 8 April and the heads of state of the five Portuguese-speaking African countries met there 28-29 April. The communiques and speeches on both occasions carried by Luanda radio and also reported by other media condemned U.S. aid to UNITA and its policy of constructive engagement toward South Africa.

6. Cruising was done of both Antananarivo Domestic and Moscow to southern Africa during the month. Although Antananarivo had not been heard carrying its normal evening French cast for many months, bureau discovered it being carried on another frequency, enabling coverage to be resumed, albeit with very poor reception. Moscow changed its time for its normal Zulu cast from 1800 GMT to 1830 GMT and inserted an English language cast at earlier time period, which the bureau added to coverage.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. The bureau's part-time associate editor, [redacted] resigned effective 23 April.

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2. Afrikaans monitor [redacted] and teletypist [redacted] entered on duty 27 and 13 April respectively.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

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## Swaziland Bureau Production Report for April 1986

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	588280
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	14810
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1297

	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	15070		
Luanda ANGOP in English		420	
Luanda ANGOP in French		0	
Luanda ANGOP in Spanish		0	
BOTSWANA			
Gaborone Domestic Service in English	6000		
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		80	
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa		0	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa			260
<b>LESOTHO</b>			
Maseru Domestic Service in English	2590		
Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho	0		
Maseru MOCHOCHONONO in seSotho			0
Maseru NATION in English			0
Maseru THE COMET in English			0
<b>MADAGASCAR</b>			
Antananarivo Domestic Service in French	0		
<b>MALAWI</b>			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English	840		
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			0
Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in English			0
<b>MOZAMBIQUE</b>			
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	7010		
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	2260		
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			0
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			0
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			0
<b>NAMIBIA</b>			
Windhoek Domestic Service in Afrikaans	0		
Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			0

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	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		6730	
Dakar PANA in French			0
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg International Service in English	5710		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	1270		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	24480		
Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans	24750		
Johannesburg Television in English	7440		
Umtata Capital Radio in English	14800		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		265130	
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			0
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English			820
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			0
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			0
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			0
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese			0
Johannesburg RAPFORT in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			1340
Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES English			0
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			1810
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			3030
Johannesburg WEEKLY MAIL in English			5310
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Papers			150020
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	370		
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	360		
Mbabane Television in English	290		
Mbabane Television in siSwati	0		
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			0
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			0
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			300
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	16980		
USSR			
Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	0		
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	4460		
Moscow in Afrikaans to Southern Africa	710		
Moscow in English to Southern Africa	800		
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	4710		
Lusaka Radio Freedom in English	1920		

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	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	9090		
Harare Domestic Service in English	0		
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	0		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			0
Harare THE HERALD in English			1120
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			0