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

I. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. On 4 March, South African President P. W. Botha addressed the three houses of parliament and unexpectedly announced the lifting of the state of emergency throughout the country. SAPA carried reports on the highlights of the speech and then the speech text, which was relatively short. SABC radio and television only carried short excerpts of the highlights. Some observers expressed concern that the government planned simply to incorporate all the emergency powers into the Police Act, thus giving the police powers which had been conferred under special circumstances.
2. On the 7th, SAPA announced that three CBS television journalists were to be expelled from the country because CBS had used a film clip from a funeral in Alexandra which had been acquired illegally, according to South African authorities, who had banned television cameramen from the occasion. CBS sent out a representative from Washington for consultations, and on the 11th it was announced that the journalists would be allowed to remain, apparently after CBS capitulated to certain South African demands.
3. On the 17th RSA Finance Minister Barend du Plessis gave the country's budget speech, which lasted more than two hours. SAPA provided extensive coverage of the main features of the budget and the bureau processed virtually all of SAPA's items, thus providing adequate coverage. A considerable amount of reaction to and analysis of the budget has also been processed, particularly from press sources included in the bureau's press review.
4. The lifting of the state of emergency in the RSA has done nothing to reduce violence. The steady stream of black deaths continued unabated, and just before Easter a total of 28 black died in just 30 hours. Major fires were set at the University of Natal, destroying the work of one of the country's best-known political scientists, and two white policemen were

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killed in Crossroads, near Cape Town. On the 28th, a Johannesburg International Commentary warned that the ANC had threatened an escalation of violence into white cities and towns and said if the black communities were unable to "put the barbarous radicals in their place, the government will sooner or later be forced to use its might to assist the vast majority of moderate blacks to end the unrest."

5. Numerous media predict a major battle between Angolan government forces and UNITA at the end of the rainy season in Angola. The Angolan Government continues its heavy criticism of the U.S. for its support of UNITA. On the 8th, Luanda Radio carried a statement by the government condemning "the policy of interference and direct involvement of the U.S. Government in the domestic affairs" of the country. Because of continuing reception problems, the statement had to be processed as a summary from poor reception, requiring considerable effort by Portuguese monitors. And on the 22nd, the bureau remained open two hours late to process the text of the message by President Dos Santos to UN Secretary General Perez de Cuellar. At the end of the month, UNITA claimed to have mounted an attack against the Gulf Oil facilities in Cabinda, but Gulf's spokesman and the Angolan Government denied that any attack had been carried out.

6. Amid South African and other press reports that the Mozambican Government's position vis a vis the MNR was rapidly deteriorating, the government moved to reestablish the leading role of the party in the running of the state, giving sweeping powers to various political bureau members in a shakeup announced on the 28th, the same day that President Machel announced he was visiting Moscow.

7. The bureau began receiving the Cape Town CAPE TIMES from its newspaper distributor in Johannesburg. The paper has been added to regular coverage and has proved very productive for the South African press review.

B. Lateral Services

On the 19th, Political Officer Tim Carney asked that bureau reports on the meeting between RSA Foreign Minister Pik Botha and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Frank Wisner be refiled to Wisner at the American Consulate in Frankfurt.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The bureau let go teletypist [redacted] who had been on contract since August awaiting security and medical clearances. Numerous bureaucratic foul-ups at the embassy had delayed the clearance, but in the end her work proved unsatisfactory and her contract was terminated.

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[redacted] was hired to replace her on 17 March. Another teletypist, [redacted] was brought in on contract on 30 March, again awaiting security and medical clearances. When she is brought formally on board, the teletype section will be up to t/o.

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2. [redacted] the bureau's new contract associate editor, has gone on maternity leave in Johannesburg until mid-May awaiting the birth of her first child. Bureau editors and the bureau chief have had to assume authorship of the South African press review, which has been averaging 6-7 takes daily. [redacted] who is formally resigning as associate editor 26 April, will return from LWOP on 7 April to write the press review during the bureau chief's absence at the bureau chief's conference.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

Swaziland Bureau Production Report for March 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:			
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:			524010
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:			15710
			1174

	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)	134250	237900	151860

ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in
Portuguese

13160

Luanda ANGOP in
EnglishLuanda ANGOP in
French

0

Luanda ANGOP in
Spanish

0

360

BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in
English

4600

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

180

(Clandestine) KUP in
English to Southern and Central
Africa

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa		790	
LESOTHO			
Maseru Domestic Service in English	6070		
Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho	1080		
Maseru MOCHOCHONONO in seSotho			
Maseru NATION in English			0
Maseru THE COMET in English			0
MADAGASCAR			
Antananarivo Domestic Service in French			0
MALAWI			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English			0
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			0
Blantyre MALAWI NEWS in English			0
MOZAMBIQUE			
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	8920		
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	3880		
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			0
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

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			0
Windhoek WINDHOEK OBSERVER in English			0
			0
SENEGAL			
Dakar PANA in English			
Dakar PANA in French		4860	
		3300	
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg International Service in English	5800		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	1350		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	22050		
Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans	7610		
Johannesburg Television in English	11940		
Umtata Capital Radio in English	18820		
Johannesburg SAFA in English		228410	
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			0
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			0
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			580
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			1770
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			0
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES English			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			0
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			1150
Johannesburg WEEKLY MAIL in English			5640
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Papers			142720
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	490		
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	120		
Mbabane Television in English	0		
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			0
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	11550		
USSR			
Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe			0
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	8240		
Moscow in Afrikaans to Southern Africa			0
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	2780		
Lusaka Radio Freedom in English	1330		
Lusaka Radio Freedom in Zulu to Southern Africa			0
Lusaka Voice of Namibia English	450		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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	4010		
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			0
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			0