

7 October 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- September 1986

I. GENERAL

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1. Operations Group Deputy Chief [] visited the bureau 11-14 September. During his visit, he met with American and local personnel and with senior embassy officers, including the Ambassador and DCM.

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2. The bureau chief used the occasion of [] visit to hold a formal open house for the bureau's new premises on the 15th floor of the [] blocks from the embassy. Invited were: all embassy officers and staff, representatives of the contractors involved in the construction of the building and the bureau, and representatives of the diplomatic missions and companies located in the building. The bureau believes the open house was a great success, with some 125 visitors showing up for the wine and cheese buffet. (See below for the steadfastness and discipline which the bureau staff demonstrated despite the carryings-on of the open house around them.)

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Daylight savings time ended in Israel on 7 September; local time is once again GMT plus 2 hours.

2. Israel and Egypt approved the Tabah arbitral compromise on 10 September, opening the way for a hasty summit meeting between Peres and Mubarak that began the next day. The bureau stayed open 2 hours beyond normal COB on the 10th, awaiting confirmation that the compromise had been approved and the summit would proceed. Despite the news blackout imposed during the summit, Israeli media carried extensive reportage and comment, which culminated with Peres' return to Israel and his airport statement and news conference, both of which came at the peak of the bureau's open house, described above. Despite the commotion around them, editor [] monitors [] and teletypists [] were unfazed, processing both items in an expeditious manner that prompted a complimentary message from the managing editor.

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3. The bureau stayed open through the night on 29 September to cover the parliamentary by-elections in Turkey, the first electoral test since the 1983 general elections for Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's government. The voting results may indicate a shift to the right with Ozal's Motherland Party winning 6 Parliamentary seats and 32% of the overall vote, down from 45% in 1983. The more conservative Right Way Party won 4 seats and 24% of the vote.

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B. Lateral Services

1. In the wake of the 5 September hijacking of the PanAm 747 in Karachi, several Embassy components, including the front office and the Regional Security Office, asked to be kept informed on all developments. Embassy interest was heightened by reports that the hijackers wished to be flown to Cyprus and had demanded the release of terrorists jailed there last year for murdering three Israelis aboard a yacht in Larnaca harbor. The bureau requested drop copies of all items on the hijacking from the other bureaus involved and provided frequent updates to embassy officers. All recipients expressed their appreciation for the service. An overnight watch planned by the bureau and coordinated with the DCM and other embassy officers was called off following the assault on the plane and the release of the passengers.

2. The bureau on 16 September replaced the Extel RO serving the ponyline in the embassy Political Section with a new Comscribe.

3. The bureau on 17 September provided a rush translation for the embassy Political Section of a Jerusalem Domestic Service report on Israel's granting of a license for a branch of the Cairo-Amman bank in Nabulus. The requesting officer indicated that the report was needed for a cable to be sent by the charge that afternoon.

C. Technical

1. Nine new Extel Comscribe RO's were received during the month, including 2 "triple font" units capable of printing Arabic.

2. Bureau technicians installed a new high-gain UHF antenna on the roof of the bureau building. The new antenna will be used for television cruising, primarily Cairo Television. Results will be forwarded.

3. The bureau engineer and technicians completed a comprehensive physical inventory, a major project requiring extensive time and effort. It is the first comprehensive update since the move to the bureau's new quarters and was done in time to make the annual dollar report on bureau accountable property.

III. ADMINISTRATION**A. Personnel**

1. Teletypist [redacted] entered on duty 14 September. [redacted] will replace [redacted], who is resigning on 11 October to resume her education.

2. During his brief visit to the bureau, Operations Group Deputy Chief [redacted] announced that cash awards had been approved for Communications Section Supervisor [redacted] and teletypists [redacted] for their efforts and personal sacrifices to keep the Communications Section manned during a very trying time of high personnel turnover during the past year.

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B. Building and Grounds

The engineer and technicians cleared out the bureau warehouse in Yafo in line with the decision to let the warehouse lease expire at the end of the month. The items stored at the site were either disposed of or transported to the bureau, where ample storage space has been created by some minor remodeling and the purchase of some additional furniture. The cancellation of the warehouse lease saves \$5,000 annually and provides the proper storage environment for supplies such as telecommunications paper.

IV. VISITS

1. Ops Group Deputy Chief [redacted] to the bureau TDY 11-14 September. STAT

2. Nicosia Bureau Administrative Assistant [redacted] to the bureau TDY 14-18 September. [redacted] worked closely with bureau admin assistant [redacted] reviewing bureau budgetary and administrative practices. His assistance was greatly appreciated. STAT
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3. Deputy Chief [redacted] to the U.S. on R&R 28 September. STAT

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

cc: JN, NC

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for September 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	7445
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	223360
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	60930
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7643.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues

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

Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish	6030		
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in English	1550		
Clandestine Free Voice of Iran in Persian	200		
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian	0		
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	0		
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	5690		
Clandestine Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian	840		
CYPRUS Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish		0	
GREECE Athens in English to South Africa	0		
Athens in English to Australia	0		
ISRAEL Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	55190		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	14560		
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	8130		
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	0		
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	10610		
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic			7250
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English			870
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic			600
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			4600
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			2220
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic			680
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Spanish			0
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			370
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			29940
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			5810
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			6760
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			14100
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			3580
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			670
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			9890
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			5950
SOVIET UNION Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	710		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Moscow in Turkish	0		
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TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	17050		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		960	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		8550	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		0	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			0
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	0		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR SEPT. 1986 ATTACHMENT B

- 1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 223,360 (182,780)
- TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 60,930 (58,390)
- DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 9,476 (7,780)
- HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 14,860 on 11 September 1986
- LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 4,110 on 13 September 1986

- 2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 13.5 HOURS, 2.7 PERCENT.
- OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 13.5 HOURS, 2.7 PERCENT.

OUTAGES: 13 September - Scheduled outage for work at

21 September - Scheduled outage at

25 September - Computer work at

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- 3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 1,760

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.