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Monthly Report -- Key West Bureau

FROM:

Chief, Operations Group

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November 1987

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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Key West Bureau--November 1987

I. GENERAL

The month ended spectacularly as Haiti was engulfed in widespread violence that prompted the government to cancel the presidential elections on 29 November and call for the removal of the leaders of the Provisional Electoral Council. Although the turmoil and disruption prevented our contractor, [redacted] from running the gauntlet to the embassy that Sunday afternoon to monitor the radios, she was able to get to work on the last day of the month--in the same car as the ambassador--and provide full texts of a government communique and a speech by General Namphy that she monitored the day before at home. Our best laid plans also went astray since we had opened the bureau on Sunday to receive the material, but had been unable to maintain telephonic contact with [redacted] due to disruptions on the international lines. To add to the difficulties, we lost several of our radio sources--including the influential church-affiliated Radio Soleil and the highly regarded Radio Lumiere--after armed marauders damaged the station transmitters and towers. At month's end, a stunned Port-au-Prince was hesitantly returning to life as the opposing players began to plot the next scene in this drama.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Our lunchtime monitoring of Havana's Radio Reloj Network on 20 November had extra bite when we picked up Cuba's surprise announcement that it had resumed the immigration agreement with the U.S. and agreed to continue talks on radio broadcasts between the two countries. Later, we were able to provide timely Cuban reaction to the rioting in U.S. prisons by many of the Mariel detainees who not so surprisingly balked at the thought of returning involuntarily to Cuba under one of the conditions of the agreement (see accompanying cartoon).

2. A busy four weeks listening to a multitude of formal Castro speeches and a variety of his more relaxed ramblings on subjects ranging from economics to child care contributed to another swollen monthly word count. One especially amusing moment emerged from the midst of all this verbiage when Fidel described how he had

to fall back on his school-boy English when he was wedged against Tovarisch Gorbachev in Moscow in mid-month without an interpreter nearby. Unfortunately, we were not privy to the text of the exchange, only that they had no problem understanding each other.

3. In other news highlights of the month, our radio sources also reported on the landslide victory of the opposition in Suriname's National Assembly vote, a victory heralded in the media as a return to democracy and a rejection of the current military rule.

B. Communications

The bureau's [] circuit was down over the weekend from 1800 on 14 November, to 1345 on 16 November because of in-house problems at the Miami RRF following a program change on 14 November. Three messages were sent via our Autodin altroute prior to restoration of the circuit on Monday.

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C. Technical

1. Bureau Engineer [] spent considerable time obtaining data on formats and codes used by the Caribbean News Agency (CANA) and the Agencia Mexicana de Noticias (NOTIMEX)--the two press agencies received by the bureau via landlines. This information was requested in an LEC-sponsored memo from ADD's []

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2. The small enrollment fee (HQs funded) for a local community college computer course for our monitor [] paid for itself almost immediately. After the first class, [] had learned how to streamline our daily computer-to-computer hookup with our contractor in Port-au-Prince by bypassing the use of the DOS disk and going directly to our Procomm software.

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3. Our fax machine again proved its versatility this month when [] in Port-au-Prince used it on several successive days when her direct phone line was out. Refusing to be stymied, [] lugged the machine upstairs in the Embassy to the Political Section where she plugged everything back in and transmitted her daily take.

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D. Cruising

1. We filed our extensive observations of Moscow's secondary changes to the fall/winter broadcasting schedules which were introduced on the first of the month. Included was a complete rundown of Radio Moscow's Cuba-based shortwave and medium-wave transmitter operation. The latter is not normally heard as well at other monitoring sites.

2. We also were the first to report on observations of new western Africa-based shortwave relays of certain broadcasts by Radio Beijing aimed at the Americas, as well as Africa, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Confirming that good things come to people who wait, the bureau started the month off right with the arrival of our new full-time staffer, [redacted] who comes to us following 4 years in the Marine Corps, looks forward eventually to becoming our official liaison contact with some of our military colleagues.

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2. Although our primary teleops candidate washed out this month, we remain cautiously optimistic that our other candidate, [redacted] will get by the security/medical hurdles and join us in the near future.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

1. By month's end, we believed we had broken through several Navy Public Works Department logjams that had been holding up a couple of our projects. As a result, we now hope to get a contractor in soon to put a permanent patch on the bureau's roof to keep future rain water out. We also worked our way through the byzantine bureaucracy here to get an aging work request for a new concrete block storage shed out of the paper shuffling stage and up for bids.

2. Our outdoor security lighting was completed this month. All those dark shadows where all kinds of critters could lurk outside our houses have now been banished.

IV. VISITS

To the bureau:

[redacted] O/B&F, 9 Nov.

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Chief, Key West Bureau

Attachments:

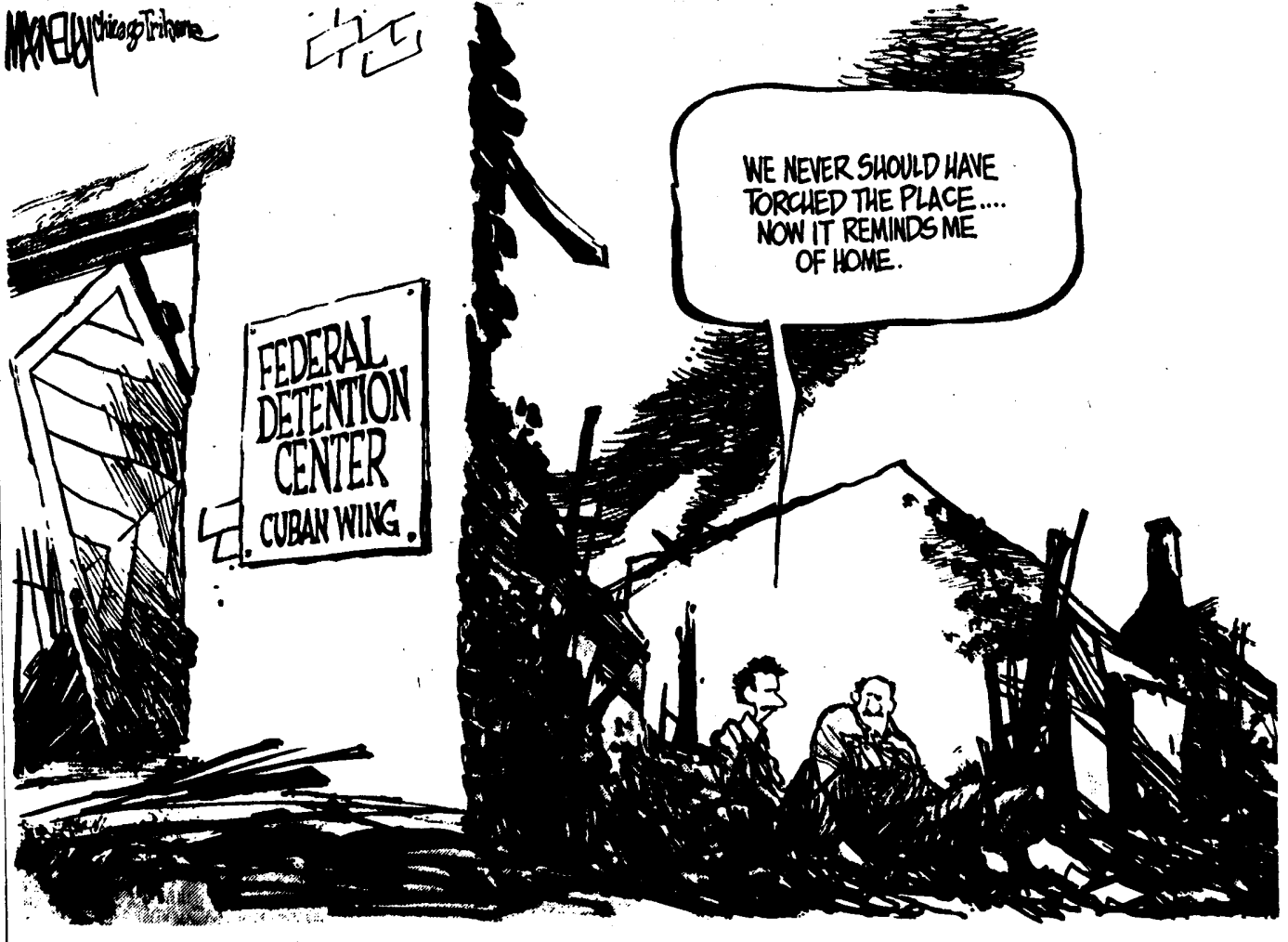
- Editorial Cartoon
- Production Report
- Nonexpendable Property Report

CC: C/Panama Bureau, C/Paraguay Bureau

AN ADDED VIEW

Chicago Tribune

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KEY WEST BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 187,750

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 45,867

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 623

	BROADCAST	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2,575	14,700	21
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER WEEK	MIN	MIN	ISSUES

 III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
 (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHAMAS

Nassau Domestic Service in English	<u>-0-</u>		
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Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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BARBADOS

Bridgetown CANA in English		<u>45,660</u>	
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Bridgetown ADVOCATE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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Bridgetown SUNDAY ADVOCATE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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BELIZE

Belize City Domestic Service in English or Spanish	<u>-0-</u>		
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Belize Times in English			<u>-0-</u>
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Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish	<u>3,610</u>		
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Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish	<u>15,070</u>		
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Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>6,980</u>		
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Havana Radio Periodico Del Aire in Spanish	<u>800</u>		
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Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	<u>6,920</u>
Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>40,740</u>
Havana Television Cubana Network in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
Havana Television Service in Spanish	<u>10,890</u>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Santo Domingo Cadena Brea Pena in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>
Santo Domingo Radio Mil Network in Spanish	<u>3,480</u>
Santo Domingo LISTIN DIARIO in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>

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Port-au-Prince Radio Nationale in Creole	<u>10,480</u>
Port-au-Prince Radio Nationale in French	<u>3,860</u>
Port-au-Prince Radio Antilles Internationales in French	<u>490</u>
Port-au-Prince Radio Haiti-Inter in Creole	<u>2,600</u>
Port-au-Prince Radio Haiti-Inter in French	<u>1,250</u>
Port-au-Prince Radio Lumiere Network in Creole	<u>-0-</u>
Port-au-Prince Radio Metropole in Creole	<u>1,270</u>

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Port-au-Prince Radio Metropole in French	<u>7,800</u>	
Port-au-Prince Radio Soleil in Creole	<u>9,770</u>	
Port-au-Prince LE NOUVELLISTE in French		<u>910</u>
JAMAICA		
Kingston Domestic Service in English	<u>-0-</u>	
Kingston DAILY GLEANER in English		<u>-0-</u>
Kingston SUNDAY GLEANER in English		<u>-0-</u>
MEXICO		
Mexico City NOTINEX in Spanish		<u>4,110</u>
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES		
Bonaire Trans World Radio in English	<u>1,350</u>	
THE NETHERLANDS		
Hilversum International Service in English	<u>130</u>	
SURINAME		
Paramaribo International Service in English	<u>9,490</u>	
OTHER SOURCES:		
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		
Santo Domingo Radio Popular in Spanish	<u>90</u>	