

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET



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Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau

FROM:

Chief, Operations Group

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November 1987

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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
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1. C/Ops	24 Dec		B	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
2.				
3. AC/E&PS	24 Dec		AW	
4. DD/FBIS				
5. D/FBIS	29 Dec 87		B	
6.				
7. PO/RA	12/24		Om	
8. SA/CD	12/28		Ent	
9. DD/FBIS	12/29		Ep	
10. C/AS	29 Dec		CD	
11. C/E&PS	1/Jan		F	
12. C/AG	5/1		me	
13. Admin Staff			Om	
14. C/B&F			<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>	
15. Exec. Reg.				

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4 December 87

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Nicosia Bureau -- November

I. GENERAL

Nicosia Bureau made it into the news again, but in a way we would rather do without when it was featured in two paragraphs of a 600-word story on Middle East monitoring activities published in a London-based, English-language magazine entitled THE MIDDLE EAST. The bureau was described as one of the "key" "openly secret installations" in Cyprus devoted to monitoring area media. The report noted that FBIS was "CIA financed," a subtle distinction there that I hope non-friendly readers will recognize. A request by the reporter prior to the story's publication for an interview and tour of the bureau was refused. So far there has been no adverse fall out over the story here in Cyprus. A fuller report on the reporter's request for an interview has been forwarded to Headquarters.

The final accountings for the bureau's construction costs got underway this month after the contractor submitted his final claims. It will be several weeks before the architect and quantity surveyors have completed their analyses of the claims, but hopefully everything will be wrapped up early in the new year.

An organizational security survey of the new office spaces late in the month resulted in several recommendations, many of which have been implemented by month's end. Several recommended security hardware items are being procured by headquarters.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Headquarters cruising officer spent 2 and 1/2 weeks at the bureau surveying the coverage potential and reception quality of the recently installed Associate ROSET dishes and providing training and familiarization for the Chief Monitor and other employees in using the satellite monitoring equipment. Although it produced no surprises, the survey provided confirmation of our anticipated extensive coverage capabilities. The Ku-band dish is now fully committed to covering Iranian television, and the Arabic Section is continuing to survey details of the content and schedules of available TV, radio, and news agency teletype signals on Arabsat and other satellites transmitting in C-band.

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2. In early November Tehran Domestic Service rescheduled the broadcast time of its Friday prayers from 1230 GMT to approximately 1500 GMT. As the later broadcast is on a frequency inaudible at London Bureau, Nicosia on 6 November assumed coverage of that day's sermons delivered by President 'Ali Khamene'i. The bureau's sole Persian monitor on duty processed both sermons, which were filed in 13 takes by bureau close of business. Subsequent Friday prayers have been phonepatched to the BBC for processing.

3. Beirut Domestic Service, a major Lebanese source for the bureau, was unheard for extended periods from 12 through 16 November due to reported power outages and electrical problems.

4. Upon the release of two French hostages in West Beirut on 27 November and their subsequent transit through Larnaca Airport in Cyprus, the duty editor contacted the Embassy political officer to keep her apprised of developments.

5. Cypriot President Spiros Kiprianou, who is in the midst of an election campaign due to culminate in February 1988, was hospitalized on 27 November after suffering a "heart infarction." The Embassy political officer was advised of reports on his prognosis and recovery, which was said to be "progressing satisfactorily."

6. For the third time in a year, the Egyptian Government presented a "government statement" to the People's Assembly. The statement, delivered by Prime Minister Sidqi on 16 November, was filed in 29 takes, including a 3-take out-of-turn excerpt.

7. Nicosia took over coverage of Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope radio from Jordan Bureau, effective 25 November.

8. With Nicosia Bureau's sole Turkic-languages monitor on leave, Tel Aviv Bureau assumed backstop coverage of the two primary Turkish daily papers from 21 November to 12 December. Coverage of Baku in Azeri, Tashkent in Uzbek, and Tehran in Turkish radios has been suspended during this period.

B. Communications

The bureau lost all three communications circuits, including Telex, simultaneously for 2 hours on 9 November, due apparently to three separate unrelated faults. Telephone communications remained stable, however, and we had no urgent copy to move before the Telex, and later the primary circuit, were restored.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Regional Engineer traveled to Tel Aviv (16-20 November) to assist with FBA installation there.

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IV. VISITS

1. MDD cruising officer [redacted] visited the bureau 4-21 November for satellite survey. STAT

2. The regional security officer, based in Athens, conducted a survey of the new bureau building and some residences 16-20 November.

3. FEB Engineer [redacted] was on TDY at the bureau 22-26 November en route back to Washington from Tel Aviv Bureau. STAT

4. Spanish monitor [redacted] from Panama Bureau, who was in the area on private travel, visited the bureau on 3 November. STAT

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Bureau Chief
Nicosia Bureau

ATTACHMENT: Production Report

Nicosia Bureau Production Report for November 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	357780
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	111960
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1028

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	9990.00 min.	22260.00 min.	118.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

CHINA

Beijing in

Persian to Iran

0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Radio Free Lebanon in
Arabic

17700

(Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in
Arabic

0

(Clandestine) Voice of the Mountain in
Arabic

12070

(Clandestine) Voice of the People in
Arabic

1610

CYPRUS

Nicosia Domestic Service in
Greek

7820

Nicosia Television Service in
English

560

Nicosia Television Service in
Greek

230

Nicosia AL-NASR in
Arabic

600

Nicosia CYPRUS MAIL in
English

1220

Nicosia ELEVThERIA TIS GNOMIS in
Greek

2340

Nicosia ELEVTherOTIPIA TIS
DHEFTERAS in
Greek

0

Nicosia ELEVTherOTIPIA in
Greek

2110

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Nicosia I SIMERINI TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek			0
Nicosia I SIMERINI in Greek			700
Nicosia KHARAVYI DHEFTERAS in Greek			870
Nicosia KHARAVYI in Greek			1820
Nicosia O AGON in Greek			1080
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS TIS DHEFTERAS in Greek			270
Nicosia O FILELEVTHEROS in Greek			3850
EGYPT			
Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic	29150		
Cairo Voice of the Arabs in Arabic	2000		
Cairo MENA in Arabic		57120	
Cairo MENA in English		8480	
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		12480	
GREECE			
Athens Domestic Service in Greek	24160		
Athens ATHENS NEWS in English			2810
Athens ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			1720
Athens ETHNOS TIS KIRIAKIS in Greek			1020
Athens I KATHIMERINI in Greek			3030
Athens KIRIAKATI KI ELEVTHEROTIPIA in Greek			420
Athens KIRIAKATIKOS RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			370
Athens RIZOSPASTIS in Greek			1000

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
IRAN			
Tehran International Service in Arabic	2140		
Tehran Domestic Service in Persian	37240		
Tehran Television Service in Arabic	480		
Tehran Television Service in Persian	10900		
LEBANON			
Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic	22960		
Beirut Domestic Service in English	880		
Beirut Voice of Lebanon in Arabic	18890		
Beirut Voice of National Resistance in Arabic	180		
Beirut AL-NAHAR AL-'ARABI WA AL-DUWALI in Arabic			6600
Beirut AL-NAHAR in Arabic			1480
Beirut AL-SAFIR in Arabic			5520
Beirut AL-SHIRA' in Arabic			3240
Beirut MONDAY MORNING in English			4480
LIBYA			
Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic	0		
Tripoli Voice of Greater Arab Homeland in Arabic	0		
TURKEY			
Ankara YANKI in Turkish			1100
Istanbul BULVAR in Turkish			460
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			3680

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Istanbul DUNYA in Turkish			0
Istanbul GUNAYDIN in Turkish			640
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			16580
Istanbul MILLIYET in Turkish			10350
Istanbul TERCUMAN in Turkish			5690
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Persian	2340		
Moscow in Greek to Cyprus	0		
Moscow in Greek to Greece	0		
Moscow in Persian to Iran	1770		
Baku Domestic Service in Azeri	590		
Tashkent Domestic Service in Uzbek	980		