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SUBJECT: (Optional) Monthly Report -- Panama Bureau				
FROM: Chief, Operations Group		EXTENSION	NO.	STAT
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4 December 1987
MPA-7030

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Panama Bureau -- November 1987

I. GENERAL

Street protests in Panama were minimal during November. The government continued to tightly control the situation. U.S.-Panamanian relations continued to deteriorate. With the unannounced passage of a U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee resolution cutting all military and economic aid to Panama, the embassy braced for an outpouring of rhetoric and retaliatory measures. Initial official reaction was milder than expected. General Noriega publicly shrugged off the resolution, noting that U.S. aid to Panama was minimal. But reaction picked up as the month progressed. On 24 November, the Legislative Assembly surfaced a resolution (these are non-binding) calling on the GOP to take measures to restrict the U.S. military presence in Panama. At the end of the month the GOP delivered a diplomatic note to the embassy giving all U.S. AID employees 7 days to leave the country. The government is also having domestic problems. Public squabbles between members of its various factions point to a weakening of political unity. And the deteriorating economy has resulted in organized strikes by public utility employees against the government. The general mood is that things will probably get worse before they get better.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. November was a busy month. As the November 5 deadline for

compliance with the Esquipulas deadline drew near, the various Central American governments were busily reporting the results of their efforts. There was also extensive coverage of Fidel Castro's and Daniel Ortega's visits to Moscow for the 70th Great October Socialist Revolution festivities. These events, together with the Acapulco summit of eight Latin American presidents, several appearances by both Castro and Ortega, and the publication of the Mexican ruling party's platform for 1988 and beyond produced a spate of speeches, news conferences, decrees, and communiques that necessitated lengthy watches, running summaries, and high-precedence processing. On several occasions the bureau was forced to stay open well past its midnight COB.

2. One event resulting in special interest among consumers was Daniel Ortega's 5 November speech in which he announced that Nicaragua would talk with the contras through an intermediary. This announcement sparked an unusual Headquarters request from a "high-level consumer" for the bureau to provide the entire Spanish transcript of the speech.

B. Lateral Services

In early November we received a hand-written note from Deputy Chief of Mission [redacted] expressing "many thanks and kudos for a job well done" in our processing of an interview given by Panamanian Vice President Esquivel during which he criticized government policy. Mr. [redacted] added in his note that the translation was "fast, accurate, and of tremendous use both here and in Washington."

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C. Technical

1. As part of the bureau's renovation effort, all press agency extel machines have been moved to the newly created press agency room.

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3. The following accountable property was transferred to headquarters:

- Two B-Mac Encoder, System 525-1, Series 9700, Serial Nos: 70510061 and 705170062
- Two Dolby Digital Audio Encoder, Model DP85, Serial Nos. 330 and 346.
- Two digital NTSC Decoder/Synchronyzer, Model 9740, Serial Nos: 70560058 and 70560059.
- Two Electronic Racks. Total price: \$133,000
- One Sony, Video Recorder, Model U-Matic, Serial No. 26842. Unit price: \$2,390.

IV. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. [] who is the bureau's first logistics specialist, entered on duty 9 November. STAT

2. Editor [] was promoted to GS-9 effective 8 November. STAT

3. Monitor [] was promoted to the shift supervisor grade of FBN-11 effective 8 November. STAT

4. Radio Technician [] was promoted to FBN-4 retroactive to 11 October. STAT

5. A dog the bureau had been grooming to become the compound hound was killed by a garbage truck on the nearby road. A visit to the U.S. military pound for a replacement resulted in our acquiring three dogs, plus one of the dog's puppies, that were slated to be put down. We found a home for puppy. Two days later one of the other dogs surprised all by giving birth to 5 puppies. Fortunately, the bureau still is under T/O and can carry them on our records until they are ready to be placed in homes.

B. Building and Grounds

1. Renovation of the monitorial booths, editorial room and bureau offices was completed by month's end. The renovation included the creation of a shift supervisor's booth adjacent to the slot editor and the relocation of the press agency machines. Partitions to accommodate computer workstations were also set up in the communications room. The renovation is aimed at facilitating procedural changes and FBA operation scheduled for early next year.

2. Construction of an attached storage warehouse and additional fencing also continued and are nearing completion.

IV. VISITS

1. On 11 November, New U.S. Army Informations Systems commander Colonel Robert Von Steenburg and civilian contractor Richard Stumvoll paid a courtesy call on the bureau chief and received a briefing and orientation.

2. Editor [redacted] visited London Bureau on 2 November while on personal travel in the United Kingdom.

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3. Monitor [redacted] spent a day each visiting Nicosia and Tel Aviv Bureaus in early November while on personal travel to the Middle East.

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Chief, Panama Bureau

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

According to diplomatic sources here in Panama, the bureau chief was seen wearing a COAT and TIE on the night of 8 November at the U.S. Marine Corps Ball held at the Marriott Hotel. This unusual attire was apparently part of an unsuccessful attempt to avoid being recognized as the U.S. embassy's oldest marine during the birthday celebration held as part of the Marine Ball festivities.

We need a photo!

Panama Bureau Production Report for NOVEMBER 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	402240
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	44910
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	582

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	14892.00 min.	74700.00 min.	220.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires REUTER in Spanish		3390	
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CLANDESTINES

Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in Spanish to El Salvador	120		
Clandestine Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador	11330		

COLOMBIA

Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish	850		
Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in Spanish	1940		
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	3360		
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2 in Spanish	470		
Bogota EL SIGLO in Spanish			900
Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish			3210

COSTA RICA

San Jose Radio Impacto in Spanish	2360		
San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	1720		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Jose ADELANTE in Spanish			480
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish			1310
San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			0
San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			2560
San Jose LIBERTAD REVOLUCIONARIA in Spanish			0
San Jose LIBERTAD in Spanish			0
San Jose RUMBO in Spanish			0
CUBA			
Havana International Service in Quechua	350		
Havana International Service in Spanish	26290		
Havana CUBAVISION Television in Spanish	3810		
Havana EFE to EFE Madrid in Spanish		840	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in English		0	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		4600	
ECUADOR			
Quito Radio Quito in Spanish	970		
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	1110		
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Canal Doce Television in Spanish	11490		
San Salvador Canal Seis Television in Spanish	8550		
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	4330		
San Salvador La Voz Panamericana in Spanish	0		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	4390		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	7120		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	5660		
San Salvador TCS Television in Spanish	270		
San Salvador Television Nacional in Spanish	1680		
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			0
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			0
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			1750
San Salvador LA NOTICIA in Spanish			0
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			760
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in Spanish		17060	
GERMANY			
Hamburg DPA in Spanish		1480	
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	1050		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	280		
Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish	640		
Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish			1100
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			1450
HONDURAS			
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	1970		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	0		
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	3760		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			0
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			0
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			620
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			450
MEXICO			
Mexico City Cadena RASA-IMER in Spanish	0		
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	21950		
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	4620		
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	330		
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish		380	
Mexico City ENFOPRENSA in Spanish		690	
Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish			2400
Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish			19530
Mexico City EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			60
Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish			9010
Mexico City THE NEWS in English			1160
Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish			2420
NICARAGUA			
Managua International Service in Spanish	120		
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	60880		
Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish	0		
Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	35430		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	5460		

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Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish		0	
Managua ANN in Spanish		3070	
Managua NOTISAL in Spanish		0	
Managua NOTISAL-SALPRESS in Spanish		0	
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana		110	
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			5880
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			2190
Managua LA PRENSA in Spanish			2300
PANAMA			
Panama City Cadena Exitosa in Spanish	5660		
Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish	7230		
Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish	4460		
Panama City Panavision Television in Spanish	7380		
Panama City Radio Exitosa in Spanish	2860		
Panama City Telemetro Television in Spanish	950		
Panama City Television Service in Spanish	2330		
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	1860		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		9030	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			1900
Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish			0
Panama City EL SIGLO in Spanish			0
Panama City EXTRA in Spanish			0
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			6490
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish			2480
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			0
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			1530
Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in Spanish			0
Panama City STAR AND HERALD in English			0
Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English			0
Panama City EL SIGLO DOMINICAL in Spanish			0
PERU			
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	500		
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	1790		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	8720		
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		6720	
USSR			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish	740		
Moscow Television Feed in Spanish	920		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	560		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	780		
VENEZUELA			
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	1530		
Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish			0
Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			0

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COLOMBIA	
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	3,360
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2 in Spanish	470
CUBA	
Havana CUBAVISION Television in Spanish	3,810
Havana EFE to EFE Madrid in Spanish	840
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish	4,600
MEXICO	
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	21,950
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	4,620
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	330
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish	380
Mexico City ENFOPRENSA in Spanish	690
NICARAGUA	
Managua ANN in Spanish	3,070
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana	110
PERU	
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	500
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	1,790
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	8,720

USSR	
Moscow Television Feed in Spanish	920
VENEZUELA	
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	1,530
TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER 1987	<u>57,690</u>