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SUBJECT: (Optional) Monthly Report -- Panama Bureau				
FROM: Chief, Operations Group		EXTENSION	NO.	DATE October 1987
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3 November 1987
MPA-7026

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

I. GENERAL

1. A large opposition demonstration scheduled for 22 October proved to be a non-event. The Panamanian Government put large numbers of troops on the street and conducted a roundup of suspected opposition activists during the night of 21-22 October. One of the bureau's local employees and his family were caught on the streets and summarily sentenced to 180 days in prison. Fortunately, thanks in part to a protest by the ambassador and intervention with the necessary authorities by the employee's relatives and friends, our employee and his family were freed after a day and a half of confinement.

2. In general, local unrest continues with no end in sight, and U.S.-Panamanian relations are at their lowest point in 20 years. The last month saw increased harassment of U.S. personnel, including the arrest of several military people on TDY who were walking along Balboa Avenue to their hotel. Thus far, the bureau's U.S. employees have not encountered such problems.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. The bureau remained open for a midnight shift on 6 October to cover a long session of talks between the Salvadoran Government and rebels. Although the rebels showed the good sense to hold their news conference the following day, the late-night talks were followed by broadcasts of a joint government-rebel communique and a news conference by President Duarte.

2. The August Esquipulas II agreement increased interest in statements by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, particularly those that might shed light on Nicaraguan intentions concerning compliance with the agreement. For example, the bureau was informed that the Ortega UN speech covered and processed on 8 October was of "highest-level consumer interest."

B. Communications

We recommended to headquarters on 30 October that the bureau remain on autodin into 1988 to backup our communications system. The determining factors in this recommendation are the current stalemate in the bureau's efforts to obtain a permanent microwave link to the embassy and the unsettled political situation in Panama City. The bureau is now scheduled to be removed from autodin on 1 January.

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C. Lateral Services

Following the bureau's priority processing of a 26 October radio interview with Panamanian Vice President Roderick Esquivel that was critical of the government, the USIS director in Panama called the bureau to say he was "most impressed" and "most appreciative" of the speed and quality with which we processed the interview. He added that the ambassador, whose office had expressed interest in the item, also greatly appreciated having the translation of Esquivel's remarks on his desk first thing that morning.

D. Technical

1. A nationwide power outage on 19 October burned out the bureau generator's automatic power switch mechanism, causing a 1-hour loss of all electrical power and telephone service. The generator was quickly fixed and a temporary switching mechanism was provided by the U. S. Army. A new transformer and motor for the transfer switch have been ordered. A special maintenance check of the temporary mechanism was made by the army at month's end to minimize the chances of another burnout.

2. The following accountable property was received from headquarters:

One Victor Computer CPU VPCII, Model 2620-1, S/N 612011699;
one monitor, Model DM14, S/N V3000262-G; one keyboard, Model VPCII KB, S/N 610000839. Cost: \$1,790.00

3. The following accountable property was purchased locally (September 1987):

- A. One GE washing machine. Cost: \$425.00
- B. One Whirlpool dishwasher, Model GDP6000XRP1-MN, S/N F70910303. Cost: \$390.00
- C. Two Fedders air conditioners, 8,000 BTU. Cost: \$680.00.
- D. Two Fedders air conditioners, 14,000 BTU, Model ASL14E2J, S/N BY1535340447. Cost: \$880.00.
- E. One Epson FX86E printer, Model P82AA, S/N 08010718. Cost: \$369.00.
- F. Four Hitachi videorecorders, multisystem VHS, Model VT-168EM. S/N's 70737819, 70737866, 70737560, and 70737703. Cost: \$2,856.00II.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The Panamanian Government's detainment of a bureau employee during the month brought home the need for updated emergency locator information for bureau employees. All bureau employees provided emergency contact information, which will be kept in their 201 files.

2. Senior communications operator [redacted] departed Panama 29 October for TDY at Key West Bureau. Communications deputy chief [redacted] returned from TDY at Key West on 31 October.

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B. Building and Grounds

1. Bureau renovation continued throughout October. As of 1 November, one monitorial bay, the library, deputy chief's office, and editorial room have been completed. The remaining monitorial bay and storage room addition should be completed by the end of November.

2. Contractor [redacted] completed painting the outside of the building and parking area structures.

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IV. VISITS

1. U.S. embassy political officer Barbara Stephenson visited the bureau on 8 October for a briefing and tour. During a change-of-shift

wine and cheese party, she gave a talk and conducted a discussion with bureau employees on the current local situation.

2. [redacted], the USIS director in Panama, and [redacted] the USIS desk officer for Central America, visited the bureau for a briefing and tour on 14 October.

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3. Bureau chief technician [redacted] and his deputy, [redacted] visited Managua 19-21 October to modify the fax machine at the contractor site so the contractor can transmit easily to both the bureau and Key West.

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4. Headquarters visitors: [redacted] 23-28 October; [redacted] 25-28 October.

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Chief, Panama Bureau

Panama Bureau Production Report for OCTOBER 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	436150
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	45540
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	831

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	14962.00 min.	74700.00 min.	220.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires REUTER in
Spanish

4690

CHILE

Santiago Television Nacional de Chile
Network in
Spanish

0

CLANDESTINES

Clandestine La Voz Popular in
Spanish to Guatemala

0

Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in
Spanish to El Salvador

0

Clandestine Radio Venceremos in
Spanish to El Salvador

16640

COLOMBIA

Bogota Cadena Radial Super in
Spanish

380

Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in
Spanish

3030

Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1
in

Spanish

3870

Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2
in

Spanish

1020

Bogota Radio Sutatenza Network in
Spanish

190

Bogota EL SIGLO in
Spanish

440

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish			4390
COSTA RICA			
San Jose Radio Impacto in Spanish	1780		
San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	4890		
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish			750
San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			0
San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			500
San Jose LIBERTAD REVOLUCIONARIA in Spanish			0
San Jose LIBERTAD in Spanish			1920
San Jose RUMBO in Spanish			1210
CUBA			
Havana International Service in Quechua	1170		
Havana International Service in Spanish	8430		
Havana CUBAVISION Television in Spanish	0		
Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	4740		
Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	24190		
Havana PRENSA LATINA in English		2350	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		11960	
ECUADOR			
Quito Cadena Ecuador Radio in Spanish	410		
Quito Radio Quito in Spanish	890		
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	2530		
Quito Domestic Service in Spanish			390
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Canal Doce Television in Spanish	4410		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
San Salvador La Voz Panamericana in Spanish	1200		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	0		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	6010		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	15550		
San Salvador Television Nacional in Spanish	570		
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			310
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			700
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			4580
San Salvador LA NOTICIA in Spanish			0
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			1170
San Salvador Radio El Mundo in Spanish			880
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in Spanish		19800	
GERMANY			
Hamburg DPA in Spanish		7710	
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	1140		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	1210		
Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish	1780		
Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish			890
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			1680

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
HONDURAS			
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	6850		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	0		
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	3790		
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			0
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			2750
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			1000
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			400
MEXICO			
Mexico City Cadena RASA-IMER in Spanish	90		
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	990		
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	6700		
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	460		
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish		0	
Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish			2850
Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish			2630
Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish			760
Mexico City THE NEWS in English			190
Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish			950
NICARAGUA			
Managua International Service in Spanish	650		
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	46820		
Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish	2890		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	13370		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	1910		
Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish		0	
Managua ANN in Spanish		4400	
Managua NOTISAL in Spanish		0	
Managua NOTISAL-SALPRESS in Spanish		0	
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana		1220	
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			5620
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			6580
Managua LA PRENSA in Spanish			8510
PANAMA			
Panama City Cadena Exitosa in Spanish	11880		
Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish	6870		
Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish	4330		
Panama City Panavision Television in Spanish	1440		
Panama City Radio America in Spanish	1800		
Panama City Radio Exitosa in Spanish	200		
Panama City Telemetro Television in Spanish	2870		
Panama City Television Service in Spanish	700		
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	6400		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		16070	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			21510
Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Panama City EL SIGLO in Spanish			0
Panama City EXTRA in Spanish			0
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			10600
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			0
Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish			15970
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			3410
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			3850
Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in Spanish			0
Panama City STAR AND HERALD in English			1330
Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English			0
Panama City EL SIGLO DOMINICAL in Spanish			0
PERU			
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	1670		
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	3360		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	10400		
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		7700	
USSR			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish	670		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	2390		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	1030		
VENEZUELA			
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	3360		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish			440
Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			1170

PANAMA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1987 -- ANNEXTOTALS FROM ROSET SOURCES

COLOMBIA

Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	3,870
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2 in Spanish	1,020

CUBA

Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	24,190
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish	11,960

MEXICO

Mexico City Red Nacional 13 INRAVISION Television in Spanish	990
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	6,700
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	460
Mexico City Cadena RASA-IMER in Spanish	90

NICARAGUA

Managua ANN in Spanish	4,400
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana	1,220

PERU

Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	1,670
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	3,360
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	10,400

VENEZUELA	
Caracas Television Service in	
Spanish	3,360
TOTAL FOR OCTOBER 1987	<u>73,690</u>