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Monthly Report -- Panama Bureau				
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11. Chief, Admin Staff	16 Sep		L	
12. Chief, Analysis Group	15 Sep		J	
13. Admin Staff			J	
14. Chief, B&F			J	
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6 August 1987
MPA-7014

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

I. GENERAL

A. Unrest in Panama continued for a 2d month along with opposition to Panamanian Defense Forces (PDF) commander General Manuel Noriega. Although there has been relatively little violence thus far, almost daily demonstrations and frequent confrontations between protesters and riot police have made for a tense atmosphere. Early in the month, several hundred people, including close relatives of bureau personnel, were arrested by riot police, and many bureau employees have been affected in some way by the current situation. Adverse Panamanian Government reaction to U.S. Embassy statements on the situation has added to the tension.

B. On 30 July, the U.S. Embassy in Panama City received a diplomatic note from the Panamanian Foreign Ministry advising the embassy that further "legal and constitutional formalities must be complied with" before FBIS may use the Intelsat frequencies necessary for Internet operation. As the Panamanian Government had made no previous mention of such "formalities" in the 15-month effort to get Internet operational, it appears that Internet has once again become a hostage in the current strained relations between the U.S. and Panamanian Governments. In addition to the Internet frequencies, the Panamanian Ministry of Government and Justice has put a hold on the frequencies it had approved in March for the bureau's microwave communications system.

C. In a related development, bureau personnel awoke on the morning of 29 July to find a banner headline in the government-operated newspaper, CRITICA, exclaiming "U.S. Violates Panamanian Sovereignty." The subject of the article was a U.S. "space base" that had recently and mysteriously arisen in Chiva Chiva. Chiva Chiva, coincidentally, is where the bureau is located. Two days of somewhat unflattering media

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coverage -- mostly in CRITICA -- followed, causing the bureau to take additional security precautions in anticipation of possible demonstrations. Fortunately, by month's end media coverage had ended, and our only visitors had been two locally based reporters who were referred to the embassy's Public Affairs Office.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Despite an effort to tighten selection to ease headquarters' workload during the move to Reston, bureau output for July approached the 600,000-word mark. In addition to the current Panama situation, major speeches by Daniel Ortega, Fidel Castro, and Peru's Alan Garcia helped account for the bureau's heavy July output. Throughout the month, the bureau's operating hours often had to be extended past the normal midnight COB because of the amount of priority material that needed to be processed.

2. On 1 July, the bureau assumed daily coverage of 3 1/2 hours of Moscow Spanish radio broadcasts. The bureau is currently covering and providing commentary lists for two Moscow in Spanish casts, a Moscow to Cuba cast, and two Radio Peace and Progress casts.

3. To check Key West's ability to backstop Central American coverage, phonepatch links between the bureau's Central American remote sites and Key West Bureau were tested on 2 July. All tests between bureau contractors and Key West Bureau were successful. In addition, we supplied Key West Bureau with a package of information on Panama Bureau's contractors that included necessary phone numbers and procedures.

B. Communications

From 20 to 27 July, the bureau experienced an extended outage on its autodin communications circuit. Problems with recently installed equipment at the Ft. Detrick switching center were cited as the cause of the outage.

C. Cruising

1. In view of the current situation in Panama, the bureau's cruising section continued close daily scrutiny of Panamanian radio and television behavior. Early in the month, cruising, editorial, and main radio personnel combined to provide a comprehensive rundown of radio and television station ownership and affiliation in Panama.

2. In view of indications of changes in Cubavision's program schedule, the cruising section began a detailed survey in mid-July of Cubavision's program content. Cubavision's transmission times changed on 1 August, however, and the survey will now continue through 9 August.

D. Technical

1. The bureau's technical section has begun a training program for all main radio operators and electronics technicians on personal computer software and maintenance. The training course includes familiarization with all aspects of the personal computer but concentrates on DOS and Write Now software. In addition, the bureau's electronics technicians have completed the first two units of the Heathkit computer maintenance course.

2. Contractor [redacted] completed the cleaning of the bureau's air conditioning exhaust ducts and ventilation system. STAT

3. On 17 July, the bureau received the bulk of the equipment necessary for installation of the microwave communications system. Four items of equipment on the requisition have yet to be received: Three are expected in early August, and the last item (a ring inverter and talk battery for the telephones) is expected in January. We are currently storing the equipment in the bureau carport and lounge areas until specific frequency approval is provided by the Panamanian Government.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. The Key West TDY assistance program continued in July with communications section chief [redacted] and senior monitor [redacted] as the latest Panama Bureau contributions to good interbureau karma. STAT

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Chief, Panama Bureau

Panama Bureau Production Report for July 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	594490
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	36080
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1193

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	13765.00 min.	76590.00 min.	220.00 issues

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

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires REUTER in
Spanish

8500

CHILE

Santiago Television Service in
Spanish

260

CLANDESTINE

Clandestine La Voz Popular in
Spanish to Guatemala

0

Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in
Spanish to El Salvador

590

Clandestine Radio Venceremos in
Spanish to El Salvador

10350

COLOMBIA

Bogota Cadena Radial Super in
Spanish

530

Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in
Spanish

3790

Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1
in

Spanish

5120

Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2
in

Spanish

0

Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in
Spanish

180

Bogota Television Service in
Spanish

11430

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Bogota EL SIGLO in Spanish			3540
Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish			930
COSTA RICA			
San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	5260		
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish			0
San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			0
San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			1310
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	1800		
Havana International Service in Spanish	49760		
Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	8860		
Havana PRENSA LATINA in English		2880	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		16910	
ECUADOR			
Quito Radio Quito in Spanish	1310		
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	2210		
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Canal Doce Television in Spanish	4580		
San Salvador Canal Seis Television in Spanish	2300		
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Salvador La Voz Panamericana in Spanish	3290		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	2440		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	5880		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	2990		
San Salvador Television Educativa in Spanish	1770		
San Salvador Television Nacional in Spanish	0		
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			500
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			230
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			1040
San Salvador LA NOTICIA in Spanish			0
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			550
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		370	
Paris AFP in Spanish		37490	
GERMANY			
Hamburg DPA in Spanish		5890	
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	940		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	170		
Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish	1410		
Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish			1940
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			360

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
HONDURAS			
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	1860		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	200		
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	3640		
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			1280
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			3920
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			870
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			380
MEXICO			
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	1090		
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	1190		
Mexico City XHDF Television in Spanish	1020		
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	1930		
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish		640	
Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish			6710
Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish			2540
Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish			7140
Mexico City THE NEWS in English			0
Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish			1980
NICARAGUA			
Managua International Service in Spanish	2490		
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	34400		
Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish	1090		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	14940		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	1410		
Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish		470	
Managua ANN in Spanish		12270	
Managua NOTISAL in Spanish		0	
Managua NOTISAL-SALPRESS in Spanish		0	
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana		450	
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			6170
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			1880
PANAMA			
Panama City Cadena Exitosa in Spanish	2910		
Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish	10730		
Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish	22720		
Panama City Panavision Television in Spanish	15920		
Panama City Radio America in Spanish	540		
Panama City Radio Exitosa in Spanish	4780		
Panama City Radio Mundial in Spanish	2340		
Panama City Radio Uno Soberana in Spanish	370		
Panama City Telemetro Television in Spanish	5820		
Panama City Television Service in Spanish	600		
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	13220		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		42390	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			12740

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish			0
Panama City EL SIGLO in Spanish			11080
Panama City EXTRA in Spanish			8010
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			11260
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			29780
Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish			12150
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			6710
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			5350
Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in Spanish			1630
Panama City STAR AND HERALD in English			1170
Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English			0
Panama City EL SIGLO DOMINICAL in Spanish			0
PERU			
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	21370		
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish		1270	
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	12460		
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		9860	
USSR			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish	130		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	1390		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	0		
VENEZUELA			
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	3830		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish			250
Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			90

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CHILE	
Santiago Television Service in Spanish	260
COLOMBIA	
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	5,120
Bogota Television Service in Spanish	11,430
CUBA	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish	16,910
MEXICO	
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	1,190
Mexico City Red Nacional IMEVISION Television in Spanish	1,090
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	1,930
Mexico City XHDF Television in Spanish	1,020
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish	640
NICARAGUA	
Managua ANN in Spanish	12,270
Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish	470
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana	450
PERU	
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	12,460
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	1,270
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	21,370

VENEZUELA	
Caracas Television Service in	
Spanish	3,830
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TOTAL FOR JULY 1987	91,710