

### ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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Monthly Report -- Panama Bureau

**FROM:**

Chief, Operations Group

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

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**FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE**  
**PANAMA BUREAU**  
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4 June 1987  
MPA-7009

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

I. GENERAL

A. Chief/Operations Group, [ ] visited the bureau 28-31 May on the second leg of his management visit to the three Latin American bureaus. Although Bob was able to spend only one day at the bureau, he met with several U.S. staffers individually and with everyone as a group to update us on current issues and gossip at headquarters. Social activities included a cocktail buffet at the bureau chief's residence, which allowed Bob to meet various embassy, military, and Program Development Group officers, and a Sunday picnic at the Albrook Air Force Base bohio, to which all bureau employees were invited.

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B. Just when we thought we had put the year-long frequency battles with the Panamanian Government behind us, the telecommunications section of the Panamanian Ministry of Government and Justice informed the embassy that the four frequencies we had been authorized to select for the bureau's microwave link to the embassy might interfere with already existing or reserved Panamanian frequencies. We are currently working directly with the telecommunications section to resolve the situation without having to change frequencies any more than absolutely necessary.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. During May, Central American rebel activities were the focus of much interest. In addition to the excitement in the region stirred by the Iran-Contra affair, rebel groups in El Salvador and Guatemala were also active.

In El Salvador, the FMLN-FDR issued a new 18-point proposal on 28 May to "humanize" the current civil strife in that country. Playing a hunch, the bureau opened an hour early on the day the proposal was broadcast, thus ensuring we received the entire proposal from the clandestine rebel radio station, Radio Venceremos.

In Guatemala, a new clandestine radio station began broadcasting on 22 May. Acting on information contained in a Guatemalan press item and in a Havana Radio Rebelde item, we were able to locate and monitor the inaugural broadcast of the new "La Voz Popular" radio station. We are currently filing program summaries of this weekly broadcast for headquarters evaluation.

2. During a Peruvian police strike the weekend of 15-17 May, the bureau, in coordination with Paraguay Bureau, assumed some Peruvian television coverage, including a 13,000-word speech by Peruvian President Alan Garcia.

3. A new Latin American Sunday television program, "Latino Americano," began appearing on Buenos Aires ATC Televisora Color Network (transmitted over the 27.5W Intelsat) on 17 May. The program is produced by the Latin American and Caribbean Broadcasting Union and contains generally low-level reports and reviews of the previous week's activities in Latin America. After covering the program for three weeks and reporting on its content, we decided the material was not of regular monitoring interest.

4. In response to a Focus Committee initiative to rationalize the workload of the three Latin American bureaus, we reviewed our workload and coverage capabilities. The issues involved in satellite monitoring (both pro and con) figured largely in our resulting paper, which focused on coverage of Mexico, Peru, and Chile. One major issue is whether satellite monitoring can provide the reliability and depth of coverage currently provided by more "conventional" means.

*This is a question we'll wrestle with for sometime.  
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#### B. Cruising

1. On 13 May we experienced a series of malfunctions with the Signal Analysis antenna's control system. We finally determined that the elevation drive motor, which replaced one that was found to be defective last December, was the problem. We manually positioned the antenna on the 24.5W Intelsat as we await the necessary parts from headquarters.

2. With the beginning of May came the semiannual Moscow Radio frequency changes. The bureau's cruising section spent the first week of May conducting the necessary round-the-clock observations. The results were filed in a three-take cruising report.

3. Following several weeks of round-the-clock observations, the bureau identified 10 regularly scheduled (Mon-Fri) television news feeds transmitted on the 24.5W Intelsat. We plan similar observations for the 18.5W and 34.5W Intelsats.

4. On 15 May we discovered a new video carrier on the 53.0W Intelsat that appears to be leased full time for television feeds. Feeds observed thus far have been identified as either "WTN London for TCN 9 LA Via BONDSAT" or "Channel Nine London for TCN 9 Sydney." Regularly scheduled feeds include transmissions of ITN London's "545 News" and the two-part "News Ten," which is featuring expanded coverage of the upcoming British elections.

5. Routine spotchecks of Havana's international service on 19-20 May indicated several changes in frequency use. As a result, we did a complete update of the broadcast schedule. In addition to the frequency changes, we also noted that the announced target areas for several beams had been changed and that two programs had been retimed.

#### C. Technical

1. The bureau's technical staff has completed installation of the following:

a. New cruising console for signal analysis room. All high-frequency cruising equipment has been transferred from old racks to new console.

b. New closed circuit television. New system completes recent bureau security upgrade.

c. Internet orderwire equipment. All equipment has been installed, except for extra phone in editorial room.

2. The following accountable property was transferred to headquarters: One Test Set, Portable, Hewlett Packard, Model HP3550B, Serial No. 0964A-09937, Unit Price \$2,037.00

3. The following accountable property was transferred with headquarters' approval to London Bureau: Two Stelma modems, Model 674(P), Serial Nos. 65 and 783, Unit Price \$710.00.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Editor [redacted] departed PCS 15 May for brief TDY at headquarters and lateral assignment to Okinawa Bureau.

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2. DAILY REPORT editor [redacted] arrived 18 May for her 12-week training TDY.

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3. Monitor [redacted] was promoted to FBN-07 effective 6 May.

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IV. VISITS

1. DAILY REPORT editor [redacted] to the bureau 2-8 May for an orientation TDY.

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2. Lockheed software engineers [redacted] and [redacted] 4-8 May for familiarization tour of bureau in preparation for FBA-1.

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3. Staff Sergeant Hartman from the 36th Ordnance Detachment, Explosive Disposal, Ft. Clayton, to the bureau on 7 May to deliver a bomb briefing to bureau personnel as part of bureau's security program.

4. Chief/FBIS Admin Staff [redacted] and C/FBIS Personnel [redacted] [redacted] to the bureau 12-15 May.

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5. General Manager of Intercomsa [redacted] to the bureau 12 May to discuss impending Internet operation.

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6. Chief/Operations Group [redacted] to the bureau 28-31 May.

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Chief, Panama Bureau

## Panama Bureau Production Report for MAY 1987

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	434770
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	30400
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	975

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	11845.00 min.	76590.00 min.	220.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

## ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires REUTER in  
Spanish

2750

## CHILE

Santiago Television Service in  
Spanish

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## CLANDESTINE

Clandestine La Voz Popular in  
Spanish to Guatemala 450  
Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in  
Spanish to El Salvador 2800  
Clandestine Radio Venceremos in  
Spanish to El Salvador 13060

## COLOMBIA

Bogota Cadena Radial Super in  
Spanish 170  
Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in  
Spanish 2360  
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1  
in Spanish 6130  
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2  
in Spanish 0  
Bogota Radio Sutatenza Network in  
Spanish 120  
Bogota EL SIGLO in  
Spanish

230

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish			4890
COSTA RICA			
San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	13760		
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish			2400
San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			740
San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			1270
San Jose LIBERTAD REVOLUCIONARIA in Spanish			810
San Jose LIBERTAD in Spanish			0
San Jose RUMBO in Spanish			0
CUBA			
Havana International Service in Quechua	250		
Havana International Service in Spanish	54060		
Havana EFE in Spanish		640	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in English		10890	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		20640	
ECUADOR			
Quito Radio Quito in Spanish	9300		
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	5260		
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Canal Doce Television in Spanish	4330		
San Salvador Canal Seis Television in Spanish	4330		
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish		0	
San Salvador La Voz Panamericana in Spanish	1260		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	3780		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	9590		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	4690		
San Salvador Radio Cuscatlan in Spanish	870		
San Salvador Television Nacional in Spanish	1880		
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			580
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			880
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			1880
San Salvador LA NOTICIA in Spanish			0
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			1490
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		0	
Paris AFP in Spanish		16110	
GERMANY			
Hamburg DPA in Spanish		4570	
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	3640		
Guatemala City Domestic Service in Spanish	2650		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	360		
Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish	2750		
Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish			1910
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			980



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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<b>HONDURAS</b>			
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	10730		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	3630		
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	12380		
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			1370
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			2580
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			2000
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			1060
<b>MEXICO</b>			
Mexico City Radio Felicidad in Spanish	260		
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	3230		
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	1630		
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	1110		
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish		700	
Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish			3580
Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish			2330
Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish			5010
Mexico City THE NEWS in English			320
Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish			4930
<b>NICARAGUA</b>			
Managua International Service in Spanish	160		
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	23190		
Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish	2760		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	17450		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	2470		
Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish		0	
Managua ANN in Spanish		6800	
Managua NOTISAL in Spanish		2410	
Managua NOTISAL-SALPRESS in Spanish		1440	
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana		1070	
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			6440
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			2670
<b>PANAMA</b>			
Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish	4300		
Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish	720		
Panama City Television Service in Spanish	0		
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	5540		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		16510	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			2180
Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish			0
Panama City EL SIGLO in Spanish			640
Panama City EXTRA in Spanish			2380
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			2230
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			3540
Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish			850
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			3220

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			2630
Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in Spanish			2420
Panama City STAR AND HERALD in English			480
Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English			0
Panama City EL SIGLO DOMINICAL in Spanish			0
PERU			
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	410		
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	0		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	23430		
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		10190	
VENEZUELA			
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	5890		
Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish			0
Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			1990

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COLOMBIA	
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	6,130
CUBA	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish	20,640
Havana EFE in Spanish	640
MEXICO	
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	1,630
Mexico City Red Nacional IMEVISION Television in Spanish	3,230
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	1,110
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish	700
NICARAGUA	
Managua ANN in Spanish	6,800
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana	1,070
Managua NOTISAL in Spanish	2,410
Managua NOTISAL-SALPRESS in Spanish	1,440
PERU	
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	23,430
SPAIN	
Madrid EFE in Spanish	590
VENEZUELA	
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	5,890
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TOTAL FOR MAY 1987	75,710