

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Panama Bureau -- April 1987

I. GENERAL

A. During the week of 27 April Satellite Technology Systems (STS) engineer [] conducted a training course for the Intercomsa people who will be operating the Internet antenna dish. Contractors from STS, Comsat, and Intercomsa will be working at the bureau over the next month in the effort to get Internet operational. Internet inauguration at the bureau is scheduled for late May.

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B. A two-man team from the Inspector General's audit staff visited the bureau 8-9 April. Although we have not seen the final report, we were told that we passed.

C. A headquarters safety officer spent a day at the bureau reviewing our physical plant and safety procedures. She found some minor things, like outlets that were not properly grounded, but indicated that overall our safety program was quite satisfactory. We have not received the final report yet.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. April's major coverage event for the bureau was the Cuban Union of Young Communists Congress held 1-4 April. The coverage, which was coordinated throughout with Key West Bureau, included the bureau's processing of Fidel Castro's speech to the congress. Fidel's speech was processed from Cuba's satellite television channel, Cubavision, a source that now appears to be carrying most major Cuban events and speeches.

2. In an effort to increase communication between bureau editors and Central American contractors, a program was begun during the month that has editors providing feedback, selection guidance, and

instructions directly to the individual contractors. Each editor has responsibility for a particular Central American country and provides written feedback and instruction weekly over the bureau's facsimile equipment. Through this program, we hope to keep the contractors current on our selection requirements and provide feedback on contractor performance.

3. In preparation for FBA-1, we have begun a systematic training program for monitors and editors on translating and editing on computer. Using the FBA-1 word processing software, Write Now, we have now begun to translate and edit items on disk. As of 1 May, all editors and most monitors had received at least enough training to perform all basic operations necessary for translating and editing. Following monitor training, we plan to expand familiarization training to teletypists, technicians, and cruisers. Acceptance and enthusiasm have been high, and our only limitation is the number of available PC's: one for monitors and one for editors.

B. Communications

With the decision to cut bureau dependence on autodin by the end of the year, the requirement to be placed on the Army's new Mode I 300-baud circuit was officially dropped. Some of the Mode I equipment will be kept at the bureau, and the remainder will either go back to headquarters or London Bureau.

C. Lateral Services

1. Relations between Panama and the United States were exacerbated in April as a result of the symbolic Senate vote to cut aid to Panama because of alleged inaction against narcotics smuggling. As a result, embassy requests for translations of Panamanian press reaction increased during the month. One political officer expressed appreciation for the quick and accurate translations that save the embassy substantial time in its own reporting.

2. Because of a number of minor addressee changes that had accumulated over the last several months, we conducted our annual recapitulation of the three Latin American AIG's about two months early.

D. Technical

1. The bureau's technical staff completed installation of a new intercom system.

2. The console and racks that will house the bureau's high-frequency radio equipment and Internet equipment arrived during the month. The cruising console will be located in the signal analysis room, and the Internet racks will be located in Main Radio. The switch from the old receiver racks to the new cruising console will take place over the coming weeks.

3. The following accountable property was transferred to headquarters:

- A. One Digitech analyzer generator, model 2652-02, Serial No. 1536.
- B. One Fluke digital multimeter, model 8000A, Serial No. 89568.
- C. One Hewlett-Packard, model HP-355-B portable test set-oscillator, serial no. 0964A-09425.

4. The following accountable property was received from headquarters:

- A. One Digitech analyzer generator, model 2652-14, serial no. 2081.
- B. One Valhalla multimeter, model 4440, serial no. 74973.
- C. One HF Cruising Console, price \$6,730.00.
- D. Four cabinets, vertical, 19" Panel Width. OPTIMA. P/N R-771930, cost each \$630.00.
- E. Four cabinets, vertical, 19" Panel Width. OPTIMA, w/door, vented, OPTIMA P/N D-6119-TV-LH, cost each \$110.00.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

- 1. Editor arrived to begin his PCS tour on 27 April. STAT
- 2. TDY assistance to Key West Bureau continued with the arrival in Key West of teletypist on 14 April. STAT
- 3. Deputy Chief Technician attended Phase I of the management course, Supervisory Development Program, at the Corozal Training Center 20 April - 1 May. STAT

B. Building and Grounds

The Army continued to work on upgrading the electrical power cable from Ft. Clayton to the bureau. The construction work is now in full swing and has forced bureau personnel to park outside the bureau compound until the laying of the portion of cable transiting bureau grounds is complete.

IV. VISITS

1. Headquarters auditors [redacted] to the bureau on 8-9 April. STAT
2. Headquarters safety officer [redacted] to the bureau on 21 April. STAT
3. DAILY REPORT editors [redacted] to the bureau 27 April - 2 May for an orientation TDY. STAT

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Chief, Panama Bureau

Panama Bureau Production Report for April 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	403970
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	15080
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	886

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	11915.00 min.	78590.00 min.	220.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires REUTER in Spanish		1120	
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CHILE

Santiago Television Service in Spanish	0		
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CLANDESTINES

Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in Spanish to El Salvador	2350		
Clandestine Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador	12640		

COLOMBIA

Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish	380		
Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in Spanish	1220		
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	5670		
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2 in Spanish	610		
Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in Spanish	530		
Bogota EL SIGLO in Spanish			3630
Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish			4230

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
COSTA RICA			
San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	4220		
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish			1310
San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			60
San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			1400
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	860		
Havana International Service in Spanish	48420		
Havana CUBAVISION Television in Spanish	13080		
Havana PRENSA LATINA in English		3220	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		11710	
ECUADOR			
Quito Radio Quito in Spanish	2220		
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	6630		
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Canal Doce Television in Spanish	6870		
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
San Salvador La Voz Panamericana in Spanish	1610		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	1840		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	5420		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	2490		
San Salvador Television Educativa in Spanish	1290		
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			310
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			610
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			2140
San Salvador LA NOTICIA in Spanish			360
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			3210
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		0	
Paris AFP in Spanish		14850	
GERMANY			
Hamburg DPA in Spanish		6910	
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	1940		
Guatemala City Domestic Service in Spanish	2630		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	540		
Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish	5800		
Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish			1290
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			4170
HONDURAS			
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	4920		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	1620		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	4550		
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			880
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			2840
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			710
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			70
MEXICO			
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	6670		
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	1290		
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish		930	
Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish			3160
Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish			4230
Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish			6450
Mexico City THE NEWS in English			1100
Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish			3800
NICARAGUA			
Managua International Service in Spanish	140		
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	30590		
Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish	4240		
Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	15930		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	2090		
Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish			0
Managua ANN in Spanish		5340	
Managua NOTISAL in Spanish		940	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Managua NOTISAL-SALPRESS in Spanish		0	
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana		3100	
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			23960
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			7470
PANAMA			
Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish	11010		
Panama City PANAVISION Television in Spanish	1630		
Panama City Television Service in Spanish	590		
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	4040		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		14540	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			2620
Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish			250
Panama City EL SIGLO in Spanish			2060
Panama City EXTRA in Spanish			330
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			4150
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			10360
Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish			2680
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			4110
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			3870
Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in Spanish			0
Panama City STAR AND HERALD in English			110
Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English			0
Panama City EL SIGLO DOMINICAL in Spanish			0
PERU			
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish		0	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	0		
SPAIN Madrid EFE in Spanish		10040	
VENEZUELA Caracas Television Service in Spanish	3090		
Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish			1260
Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			420

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

COLOMBIA

Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	5,670
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2 in Spanish	610

CUBA

Havana CUBAVISION Television in Spanish	13,080
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish	11,710

GERMANY

Hamburg DPA in Spanish	530
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MEXICO

Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	1,290
Mexico City Red Nacional IMEVISION Television in Spanish	6,670
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish	930

NICARAGUA

Managua ANN in Spanish	5,340
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana	3,100
Managua NOTISAL in Spanish	940

SPAIN

Madrid EFE in Spanish	470
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VENEZUELA

Caracas Television Service in Spanish	3,090
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TOTAL FOR APRIL 1987	53,430
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