

3 March 1987

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

I. GENERAL

A. Key West Bureau Chief [] visited the bureau 11-13 February STAT to discuss Panama Bureau's experiences in handling remote monitoring operations. This factfinding tour was to assist Key West in setting up its first remote operation in Haiti later this year.

The visit also led to temporary resolution of Key West's aggravating personnel shortages. Panama Bureau will provide Key West with TDY monitors and teletypists until at least mid-August or until Key West is able to hire needed personnel. The TDY's are to last six weeks and should benefit Panama Bureau as well by allowing our monitors and teletypists to gain experience in a more automated environment. The first monitorial TDYer arrived in Key West 20 February. The first TDY teletypist is scheduled to arrive in Key West 9 March.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. February was a frustrating month for the bureau in covering Central America. We experienced periodic outages in all four remote lines, and the Nicaragua line is still not fully operational. Although the embassy in Managua finally received a replacement for a defective circuit board, problems apparently remain in the line, affecting both our operations in Managua and San Salvador. We must now depend on the Nicaraguan national telecommunications organization, TELCOR, to resolve the problem.

2. Maintaining monitorable reception of the Salvadoran rebel radio station, Radio Venceremos, also proved a challenge during the month. Monitors and boardmen have been forced to follow, and sometimes search for, changing radio frequencies during newscasts as the station tries to avoid apparent jamming.

3. The bureau began an experiment in "open-cluster monitoring" during February in an attempt to encourage cooperation and dialogue among monitors. A secondary goal is to see if such a configuration would lend itself better to the installation of personal computer workstations, scheduled for late this year. After reviewing monitorial feedback, we will decide if such a configuration on a permanent basis would be in the bureau's best interest.

B. Communications

On 23 February the bureau inaugurated its new 150-baud [] STAT communications circuit. This circuit has replaced the bureau's 75-baud autodin circuit as the bureau's primary circuit, although the bureau still sends and receives some traffic over the autodin circuit to avoid confusion at the Pentagon switch and to keep the autodin circuit active. With the new circuit, the bureau now enjoys both more efficient communications capability and reliable backup communications.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Editor [] was promoted to GS-10 effective 1 February. She was also married to DAILY REPORT editor [] on 20 February in Oaxaca, Mexico. We are uncertain at the moment whether the latter action should be regarded as another promotion or a periodic step increase. The only thing we do know is that time in grade is not a factor. STAT
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2. Monitor Supervisor [] was awarded a Quality Step Increase, effective 5 January, for sustained superior performance. Among [] recent accomplishments were her work in the hiring and training of new monitors and her work in overseeing the compilation of a comprehensive glossary of Spanish legal and difficult-to-translate terms. STAT
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B. Building and Grounds

1. The bureau's emergency generator failed on 19 February, and the Army's Department of Engineering and Housing diagnosed the problem as a faulty voltage regulator. The voltage regulator was mailed to Headquarters for repair on 26 February. In the meantime, the Army has been kind enough to allow the bureau to use of one of its spare generators.

2. As part of the bureau's effort to increase security, new signs and road markings were created to assist bureau guards in controlling and monitoring access to the bureau compound.

IV. VISITS

TO THE BUREAU:

1. Key West Bureau Chief [redacted] from 11-13 February. Because Dave was only in Panama a short time, he was allowed access to a special running of the world-renowned Mario Talavera Night-Time Tour of Panama, usually reserved for only the highest-level visitors. The bureau plans to upgrade the tour this year by issuing anti-AIDS T-shirts to those who complete it successfully.

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Look out, N/FBI

FROM THE BUREAU:

The bureau chief and Chief Technician [redacted] to Managua, Tegucigalpa, Guatemala City, and San Salvador 23 February to 4 March to visit bureau remote monitoring operations and hold discussions with embassy personnel.

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. The bureau elected its first Bus Committee during the week of 9 February to deal with issues related to the operation of the bureau-supplied bus service. The committee, comprised of [redacted]

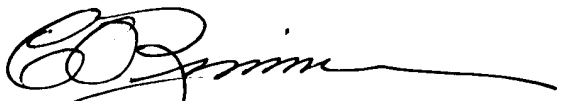
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[redacted] is first tasked with revising the current bus routes.

2. [redacted] won the championship trophies in the annual U.S. Mission mixed doubles tennis tournament held 8 February. Aggressive and varied foreplay, particularly at the net, was a key factor in many of their victories. Also representing FBIS well in the tournament was TDY editor [redacted] who, with his partner, finished fourth in the round robin competition.

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Panama Bureau Production Report for February 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	336890
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	14570
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	847

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	11345.00 min.	76590.00 min.	219.00 issues

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

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires REUTER in
Spanish

1440

CHILE

Santiago Television Service in
Spanish

0

CLANDESTINES

Clandestine Radio Venceremos in
Spanish to El Salvador

8420

COLOMBIA

Bogota Cadena Radial Super in
Spanish

810

Bogota Domestic Service in
Spanish

0

Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in
Spanish

2630

Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1
in

3410

Spanish

Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2
in

890

Spanish

Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in
Spanish

550

Bogota EL SIGLO in
Spanish

1910

Bogota EL TIEMPO in
Spanish

5460

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
COSTA RICA			
San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	13150		
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish			1100
San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			1140
San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			4010
San Jose LIBERTAD REVOLUCIONARIA in Spanish			1330
San Jose LIBERTAD in Spanish			0
San Jose RUMBO in Spanish			1480
CUBA			
Havana International Service in Quechua	1640		
Havana International Service in Spanish	44180		
Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	7910		
Havana EFE in Spanish		1500	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in English		5130	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		4580	
Havana RESUMEN SEMANAL GRANMA in Spanish			4210
ECUADOR			
Quito Cadena Ecuador Radio in Spanish	850		
Quito Radio Quito in Spanish	1180		
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	4130		
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Canal Doce Television in Spanish	7400		
San Salvador Channel 4 Television in Spanish	1070		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
San Salvador La Voz Panamericana in Spanish	2200		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	4170		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	9760		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	960		
San Salvador Television Educativa in Spanish	2220		
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			0
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			1510
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			0
San Salvador LA NOTICIA in Spanish			580
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			880
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		0	
Paris AFP in Spanish		17210	
GERMANY			
Hamburg DPA in Spanish		9820	
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	3360		
Guatemala City Domestic Service in Spanish	1390		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	690		
Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish	6530		
Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish			2540

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			1820
HONDURAS			
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	1430		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	0		
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	2240		
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			670
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			3660
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			900
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			2470
MEXICO			
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	4970		
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	6090		
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish		1360	
Mexico City ENFOPRENSA in Spanish		240	
Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish			1080
Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish			1050
Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish			4920
Mexico City THE NEWS in English			150
Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish			2320
NICARAGUA			
Managua International Service in Spanish	3310		
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	17500		
Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	5510		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	11200		
Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish		0	
Managua ANN in Spanish		4180	
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana		1050	
Managua SALPRESS-NOTISAL in Spanish		0	
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			20780
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			2950
PANAMA			
Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish	280		
Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish	330		
Panama City Television Service in Spanish	0		
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	1530		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		16880	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			1280
Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish			0
Panama City EL SIGLO in Spanish			1260
Panama City EXTRA in Spanish			1410
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			1250
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			290
Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish			0
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			3580
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			550

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in Spanish			970
Panama City STAR AND HERALD in English			0
Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English			0
PERU			
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	0		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	1870		
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		6620	
VENEZUELA			
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	2430		
Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish			430
Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			810

PANAMA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1987 -- ANNEX**TOTALS FROM ROSET SOURCES****COLOMBIA**

Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	3,410
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2 in Spanish	890

CUBA

Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish	4,560
Havana EFE in Spanish	1,500

MEXICO

Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	6,090
Mexico City Red Nacional IMEVISION Television in Spanish	4,970
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish	1,360
Mexico City ENFOPRENSA in Spanish	240

NICARAGUA

Managua ANN in Spanish	4,160
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana	1,050

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Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	1,870
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SPAIN

Madrid EFE in Spanish	690
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VENEZUELA

Caracas Television Service in Spanish	2,430
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TOTAL FOR FEBRUARY 1987	33,220
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