

3 February 1987

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

I. GENERAL

A. At month's end we received word from the U.S. Embassy that the Panamanian Minister of Government and Justice had "reconsidered" his position on at least one of the bureau's two frequency requests. The embassy relayed that "the request for frequencies" would be approved and that the official approval note would be forwarded to the embassy during the first week of February. Until we receive the note, however, we cannot be sure if approval covers both the microwave and Internet frequency requests or just the previously rejected microwave request.

B. In an effort to upgrade bureau security, all bureau employees were supplied with U.S. Embassy badges. These badges allow local personnel access to embassy buildings as well as to the bureau compound. ID checks will begin the second week of February, and access to the bureau compound will become more strictly controlled.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. On 16 January Ecuadoran president Leon Febres Cordero was abducted by Air Force personnel seeking the release of jailed General Frank Vargas Pazzos, who had led coup attempts in March 1986. In response to this bizarre incident, the bureau kept an open speaker watch on Ecuadoran radio stations until late in the evening and was able to cover the release of both Febres and Vargas.

2. The inauguration of the Nicaraguan constitution was prominently featured in Managua media. In addition to the actual 9 January inauguration ceremony and accompanying speeches by Daniel Ortega and Peru's Alan Garcia, the bureau translated the 30,000-word text of the constitution later in the month.

1 B. Communications

On 6 January ACAN-EFE mistakenly instructed the Panamanian telecommunications office to redirect the ACAN-EFE circuit to the embassy. It took two weeks before the necessary paperwork and bureaucracy allowed the service to be reconnected to the bureau. The bureau compensated for the loss in coverage by monitoring EFE via satellite and having ACAN-EFE deliver its file twice daily so it could be scanned on a delayed basis.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Communications operator [redacted] was promoted to STAT FBN-4/1 effective 4 January.

2. Communications operator [redacted] was promoted STAT to FBN-4/2 effective 4 January.

3. Monitor [redacted] was promoted to FBN-7/1 effective 4 STAT January.

4. Monitor [redacted] was promoted to FBN-9/1 effective 4 STAT January.

5. Assistant Chief Technician [redacted] attended a course STAT entitled "Interpersonal Communications for Supervisors" from 26 to 30 January at the Corozal Training Center.

IV. VISITS

TO THE BUREAU:

1. Captain Bruce Beane, Air Force/Electronic Systems Division, and [redacted] Mitre Corporation, on 14 January for a discussion of STAT internet.

2. Lt. Col. Henry Mioduski, Captain Wilmya Hardy, Capt. William Rynecki, Lt. George Alicea-Ruiz, Lt. Barry Trueblood, SMSGT Lindey Misner, and NM-7 Larry Soriano from the Intelligence Division/USAF Southern Air Division on 23 January for an orientation and tour.

FROM THE BUREAU:

Deputy Chief [redacted] and Chief Editor [redacted] to the Southern Command Network studios on Ft. Clayton on 27 January for an orientation and familiarization with SCN satellite operations. STAT

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The bureau's 1987 Social Activities Committee was announced on 27 January, and Chief Monitor [redacted] was named committee chairman. Under embassy auspices, we have opened a special account with the military commissary and can now purchase the majority of the bureau store's supplies from the commissary. It is expected that this purchasing system will provide bureau employees with a better quality and more varied selection of foods while also providing a better profit base for the committee. STAT 1?

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Chief, Panama Bureau, FBIS

Panama Bureau Production Report for January 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	405110
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	18850
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	821

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	12005.00 min.	76590.00 min.	212.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires REUTER in
Spanish

3730

CHILE

Santiago Television Service in
Spanish

0

CLANDESTINES

Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in
Spanish to El Salvador

0

Clandestine Radio Venceremos in
Spanish to El Salvador

12670

COLOMBIA

Bogota Cadena Radial Super in
Spanish

790

Bogota Domestic Service in
Spanish

0

Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in
Spanish

1490

Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1
in

6770

Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in
Spanish

830

Bogota EL SIGLO in
Spanish

2570

Bogota EL TIEMPO in
Spanish

1730

COSTA RICA

San Jose Radio Reloj in
Spanish

3010

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish			110
San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			520
San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			2250
San Jose LIBERTAD REVOLUCIONARIA in Spanish			440
San Jose LIBERTAD in Spanish			0
San Jose RUMBO in Spanish			0
CUBA			
Havana International Service in Quechua	1610		
Havana International Service in Spanish	44480		
Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	13940		
Havana EFE in Spanish		380	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in English		4390	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		3020	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in French		160	
ECUADOR			
Quito Radio Quito in Spanish	16820		
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	4870		
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Canal Doce Television in Spanish	12710		
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	2450		
San Salvador La Voz Panamericana in Spanish	690		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	7390		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	14890		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	1480		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Salvador Television Educativa in Spanish	1150		
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			0
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			470
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			510
San Salvador LA NOTICIA in Spanish			0
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			1480
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English		0	
Paris AFP in Spanish		21760	
GERMANY			
Hamburg DPA in Spanish		9230	
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	550		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	550		
Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish	7680		
Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish			840
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			2520
HONDURAS			
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	5070		
Tegucigalpa Domestic Service in Spanish	1750		
Tegucigalpa Radio America in Spanish	5430		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	2130		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	12950		
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			100
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			960
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			3650
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			2650
MEXICO			
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	1750		
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	19930		
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish		590	
Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish			2340
Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish			1150
Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish			2760
Mexico City THE NEWS in English			2300
Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish			4300
NICARAGUA			
Managua International Service in Spanish	1990		
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	25190		
Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish	0		
Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	7180		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	1590		
Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish			0
Managua ANN in Spanish		3870	
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		1950	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Managua SALPRESS-NOTISAL in Spanish		0	
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			9630
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			4160
Managua LA GACETA in Spanish			14890
PANAMA			
Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish	750		
Panama City Television Service in Spanish	0		
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	760		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		16860	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			900
Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish			2200
Panama City EL SIGLO in Spanish			860
Panama City EXTRA in Spanish			1880
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			740
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			4490
Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish			0
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			1830
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			810
Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in Spanish			0
Panama City STAR AND HERALD in English			0
Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English			0
PERU			
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	0		

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Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	0		
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SPAIN

Madrid EFE in Spanish		13810	
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VENEZUELA

Caracas Television Service in Spanish	5510		
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Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish			520
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Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			0
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PANAMA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1987 -- ANNEXTOTALS FROM ROSET SOURCES

COLOMBIA	
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	6,770
CUBA	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish	3,020
Havana PRENSA LATINA in French	160
Havana EFE in Spanish	380
MEXICO	
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	19,930
Mexico City Red Nacional IMEVISION Television in Spanish	1,750
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish	590
NICARAGUA	
Managua ANN in Spanish	3,870
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish	1,950
SPAIN	
Madrid EFE in Spanish	1,440
VENEZUELA	
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	5,510
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TOTAL FOR DECEMBER 1986	45,370