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8. SA/CD	10/27		Ent	
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10. C/AS	28 Oct		C	
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14. C/B&F			M	
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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

5 October 1987
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- September 1987

I. GENERAL

A. On 2 September, the Bureau Chief met with the Embassy GSO and the local building contractor to finalize arrangements for the major repairs and upgrades scheduled for the new editor's house. Work will begin after the rainy season and will include replacing the roof and completely remodeling the kitchen-laundry room area.

B. Swaziland is facing a growing problem of coping with the flood of refugees pouring into the country from war-torn Mozambique. Although many are sent back, they now number over 40,000 with hundreds more arriving daily.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Reaction to the major foreign policy statement on South Africa by Secretary of State Shultz was mixed and predictable. RSA President P.W. Botha noted that this "outside meddling" was motivated solely by U.S. self interest. Foreign Minister Pik Botha was also critical of Shultz's "preaching", but did note "positive statements" such as his opposition to sanctions. Several black political, religious, and trade union organizations called for the immediate imposition of comprehensive sanctions; and the ANC labeled the statement a "slap in the face for the people of southern Africa."

2. The most important domestic development in South Africa during the month was the long awaited President's Council report on the Group Areas Act. The report recommended the amendment of the act to allow multiracial or "open" areas and the repeal of the Separate Amenities Act. But the CP, PFP, and Labor Party members of the Council refused to sign the report and walked out during the Council debate. In his speech during the parliamentary debate on the report, President Botha accepted open residential areas "in principle" but rejected immediate repeal of the Separate Amenities Act and said careful consideration of all alternatives was necessary before any action could be taken. Labor Party leader Allan Hendrickse, whose party holds the

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majority in the colored House of Representatives, has threatened to block Botha's plan to delay elections by amending the constitution, unless these and other apartheid laws are scrapped.

3. An unusual four-way prisoner exchange took place on 7 September when an RSA officer captured by Angola 2 years ago was released in return for 133 Angolan soldiers held by UNITA. Also released were a Dutch citizen who had taken refuge in the Netherlands Embassy last year to avoid arrest by South Africa on terrorism charges and a French national jailed by the black homeland of Ciskei for alleged security violations. The exchange took place in a ceremony at Maputo Airport after lengthy negotiations involving six governments.

4. Angola continued its intensive efforts to find a settlement to the diplomatic stalemate over the issue of Namibian independence and the protracted civil war in Angola. New proposals on a Cuban troop withdrawal timetable brought U.S. envoy Chester Crocker back to Luanda for talks with President Dos Santos and the Angolan leadership. This was followed late in the month by a series of official visits to France, Belgium, Italy, and Portugal by an Angolan delegation headed by Dos Santos. His speeches and negotiations on military and economic agreements suggested a major effort to improve his country's ties with the West.

5. Angola's activity on the diplomatic front coincided with what is reported to be its biggest military offensive against the anti-government UNITA rebel movement. Although battle reports are sketchy and unreliable, the government has acknowledged that major fighting is going on around the strategic town of Mavinga and has accused South Africa of sending several brigades across the border and of providing air support for UNITA forces. In an unprecedented move, RSA Defense Minister Magnus Malan confirmed that the SADF was maintaining a "limited presence" in southern Angola. UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi held a press conference in Mavinga to dramatize the gravity of the situation from his perspective and to issue a plea for support from South Africa, the United States and other Western countries.

6. After months of speculation and rumors, Swaziland's King Mswati III dissolved Parliament on 28 September and set 5 November as the date for new elections. He gave no reason for the move, but it is assumed that he wants to replace his cabinet, all of whom also must be members of Parliament.

B. Cruising/Lateral Services

SWAPO announced on 12 September that it has established its own news agency to cover events in Namibia. The announcement was made at a conference of journalists from the Frontline States held in Tanzania. No details are available yet on how the agency is to disseminate its information.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. On 29 September, the regional State Department personnel officer from the embassy in Pretoria met with all interested FSN's to discuss the embassy pension plan, wage surveys, and other topics of interest to local employees. The Bureau Chief, section chiefs and several other FBIS local employees attended the meeting.

2. Communications operators [redacted] and [redacted] received PSI's on 14 September.

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3. New junior editor [redacted] arrived PCS on 9 September, and editor [redacted] completed her tour and departed PCS to Headquarters on 28 September.

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4. The bureau chief was on R&R travel to Amsterdam and Brussels from 4 to 22 September.

IV. VISITS

A. Paraguay Bureau Chief [redacted] visited the bureau on 23 September during her R&R travel in southern Africa. Unfortunately, her luggage arrived several days later.

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B. State regional personnel officer [redacted] visited the bureau on 30 September for a tour and follow-up discussions with the Bureau Chief on local personnel matters.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

Swaziland Bureau Production Report for SEPTEMBER 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	442790
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	19980
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1114

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	5415.00 min.	6090.00 min.	138.00 issues

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

ANGOLA Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	42490		
BOTSWANA Gaborone Domestic Service in English	1090		
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English			0
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	3310		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	3190		
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa		1700	
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa		2200	
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa		1140	
LESOTHO Maseru Domestic Service in English	670		
Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho	0		

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MALAWI

Blantyre Domestic Service in English	3150		
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			0

MOZAMBIQUE

Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	43390		
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	4270		
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			300
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			0
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			0

NAMIBIA

Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek THE NAMIBIAN in English			0
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			990

SENEGAL

Dakar PANA in English		5320	
Dakar PANA in French		530	

SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg International Service in English	3650		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	880		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	16530		
Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans	7180		
Johannesburg Television in English	9730		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Umtata Capital Radio in English	8720		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		171420	
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English			320
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			0
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			9580
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			230
Johannesburg NEW NATION in English			2130
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese			0
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			4040
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES English			350
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			0
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			3240
Johannesburg THE SUNDAY STAR in English			2550
Johannesburg THE WEEKLY MAIL in English			9270
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			0
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Papers			46790
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	430		
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	0		
Mbabane Television in English	0		
Mbabane Television in siSwati	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			210
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			0
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			0
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Afrikaans to Southern Africa	0		
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
Moscow in English to Southern Africa	0		
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	9400		
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Radio Freedom in English	0		
Lusaka Radio Freedom in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	9530		
Lusaka Voice of Namibia in English	0		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			1070
ZIMBABWE			
Harare Domestic Service in English	10850		
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	0		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			550
Harare THE HERALD in English			400
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			0