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

I. GENERAL

On 6 August, an "unknown gunman" killed two suspected members of the ANC in Mbabane, Swaziland, bringing to 11 the number of ANC members who have been killed in the country this year by what are widely believed to be RSA squads. The American community has not noticed an increased level of threat to the community, though Swazi Police appeared on the streets armed for about a week after the incident.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Most of the approximately 300,000 South African miners who had been participating in the largest and longest strike in RSA mining history started returning to work on 31 August, exactly 3 weeks after the strike began. Neither side claimed victory, as the miners failed to win their demanded wage increase, but did receive increased benefits. The cost was high with 9 miners dead, 500 injured, and 400 detained in strike related violence. About 30,000 miners were dismissed, and it is still not clear how many will be rehired. The financial cost in lost production and wages was put at \$125 million.

2. In a series of five speeches as part of the House of Assembly debate on the RSA budget, South African President P.W. Botha made a number of important domestic and foreign policy statements. He announced a plan to amend the constitution to delay national elections until 1992. He condemned talks in Dakar between a delegation of Afrikaners and the ANC, and warned of measures to restrict the activities and funding of such "extra-parliamentary" groups. He also promised to maintain the state of emergency as long as necessary. He pledged to continue observing the Nkomati Accord, but warned Mozambique of the consequences of violating its provisions. Finally, he reiterated RSA policy on Namibia and affirmed his country's readiness to hold talks with Angola on resolving the issue.

3. At the end of the month, the RSA home affairs minister announced still more restrictions on the press, designed to curb the

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alternative or "revolution-supporting" media. These would allow the government to ban for up to 3 months publications that, in its view, promote revolution and uprising in the country.

4. Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano made his first official visit to the Soviet Union from 3 to 6 August. He was followed on 24 August by Defense Minister Chipande, who also visited the GDR. Analysts commenting on the visits suggested that the USSR was willing to continue military assistance but apparently was reluctant to increase economic aid to the hard-pressed Mozambican regime.

5. In a joint communique on the visit by Angolan President Dos Santos to Cuba on 3 August, both countries indicated a more flexible stand on the Namibia issue. On 5 August the Angolan Foreign Ministry disclosed that the government has presented a new proposal to the United States on the same issue, which it claimed would bring lasting peace to southern African.

6. On 6 August, Angolan President Dos Santos announced a new economic program designed to rehabilitate the country's ailing economy by increasing the role of the private sector. However, a subsequent radio commentary rejected the idea that this was in any way a repudiation of Angola's commitment to socialism.

#### B. Communications

1. The Bureau experienced an unusual number of circuit and Telex outages during the month. The longest lasted 4 days and was attributed to a major cable break in the TDM at Johannesburg PTT.

2. The Bureau received and installed the replacement hard disk for the IBM XT, which was pouched by ADD. There have been no recurrences of earlier problems attributed to bad sectors on the original hard disk.

#### C. Cruising/Lateral Services

The Bureau's continuing efforts to monitor the UNITA clandestine Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel met with some success during the month, as the Portuguese section was able to process five commentaries and communiques from very poor reception. Checks continue on a daily basis, but reception is not reliable enough to place the radio on regular coverage.

#### D. Technical

Five lightning arresters have been installed on Bureau power lines in anticipation of the impending rainy season electrical storms.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

African languages Monitor Trainee  tendered his resignation effective 12 September. A second candidate from the recruiting effort to fill the other vacancy in the section has accepted a job offer, and there are now two candidates in processing. Recruiting efforts for the vacancy in the Portuguese section have identified two candidates, who are completing the personal history forms.

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#### B. Building and Grounds

The Bureau garage doors and all antenna poles on the grounds have received a fresh coat of paint.

### IV. VISITS

The new Embassy Administrative Officer, Joe Schreiber, accompanied by GSO Gerald Hanisch, visited the Bureau and were given an orientation tour on 28 August.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

## Swaziland Bureau Production Report for AUGUST 1987

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	443349
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	21230
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1134

	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	28630		
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## BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	5120		
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English			0

## CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	2000		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	230		
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa		860	
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa		3290	
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa		990	

## LESOTHO

Maseru Domestic Service in English	1890		
Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<b>MALAWI</b>			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English	820		
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			0
<b>MOZAMBIQUE</b>			
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	24950		
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	4910		
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			1690
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			0
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			0
<b>NAMIBIA</b>			
Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek THE NAMIBIAN in English			3670
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			0
<b>SENEGAL</b>			
Dakar PANA in English		6579	
Dakar PANA in French			0
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>			
Johannesburg International Service in English	3400		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	540		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	16830		
Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans	8960		
Johannesburg Television in English	11200		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Umtata Capital Radio in English	9100		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		188890	
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English			1740
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			0
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			3380
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			2240
Johannesburg NEW NATION in English			1170
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese			0
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			2180
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES English			1140
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			600
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			3930
Johannesburg THE SUNDAY STAR in English			3810
Johannesburg THE WEEKLY MAIL in English			9870
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			0
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Papers			50110
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	250		
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	0		
Mbabane Television in English	320		
Mbabane Television in siSwati	0		

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Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			0
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			0
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			380
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Afrikaans to Southern Africa	830		
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
Moscow in English to Southern Africa	0		
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	14820		
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Radio Freedom in English	0		
Lusaka Radio Freedom in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	7780		
Lusaka Voice of Namibia in English	0		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			1230
ZIMBABWE			
Harare Domestic Service in English	11650		
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	0		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			750
Harare THE HERALD in English			620
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			0