



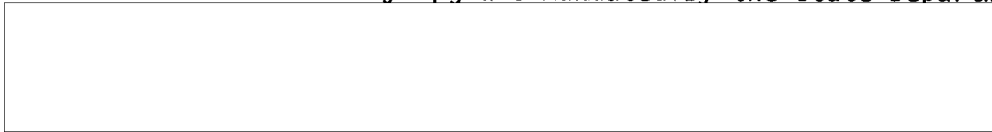
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- July 1987

I. GENERAL

A. In late July, the Embassy GSO began to organize and let contracts for a security upgrade mandated by the State Department



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Department cost. All work is to be at State

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The event that elicited by far the broadest press coverage in South Africa in July was the meeting in Dakar between a delegation of 50 prominent Afrikaners and high-ranking members of the outlawed ANC. The far right AWB threatened to "get" the liberal Afrikaners upon their return, but police escorted the delegation out a side entrance at the airport, and most of the arrests were among journalists trying to cover the event.

2. The debate over holding talks with the ANC took on a new dimension following the 30 July bomb blast in downtown Johannesburg, which injured 68 people and was described as the largest of the 11 bombings in South Africa this year. The bombing was condemned by all white political groups, including the leader of the delegation to the Dakar talks. The ANC has yet to claim credit for the blast, which came on the anniversary of the founding of the South African Communist Party. The RSA defense minister warned the Frontline States of possible retaliation. The blast came a few days after the Bureau for Information announced a dramatic 80-90 percent decline in unrest-related incidents in the first half of 1987.

3. On 9 July the board of inquiry into the plane crash that killed Mozambican President Samora Machel presented its findings, which blamed the crash on errors committed by the

plane's Russian crew. Mozambique and the USSR immediately rejected the findings of the board, convened by South Africa, and demanded further investigation of a false radio beacon, which they claim caused the crash.

4. Mozambique blamed the 18 July massacre of over 380 civilians in the town of Homoine on MNR rebels and on South Africa, which it claims continues to support the insurgents. South Africa and the MNR formally denied the accusation, blaming the deaths on a mutiny among government militia. Despite the accusations, both South Africa and Mozambique reaffirmed their commitment to the Nkomati Accord.

5. UNITA and the Angolan Government both reported initial successes in the opening clashes of the long-awaited offensive by Soviet and Cuban backed units of the Angolan Army against UNITA strongholds. Angola claimed to have inflicted a major defeat on South African Army units operating inside Angola in support of UNITA. South Africa said the claim was "not surprising."

6. On 9 July, unidentified gunmen, widely believed to be South Africans, ambushed a car near the palace of the King of Swaziland and killed its three occupants, two men and a woman. One of the men turned out to be a top official in the military wing of the ANC. The attack was the third fatal attack on reputed ANC members in Swaziland in the last 6 months.

B. Lateral Services/Cruising

1. Despite a full week of testing, the bureau was unable to monitor the new frequency announced by Dakar PANA press agency. The agency also continues to transmit on the old frequency, which is received at the bureau with fair to poor reception.

2. At BBC request, the bureau conducted a full 2-week cruising survey of the clandestine UNITA radio Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel. As in the past, the radio was heard only occasionally and reception was poor to unmonitorable. The bureau continues to run frequent checks on the radio and on rare occasions is able to process an item.

C. Technical

1. ADD supplied software was only partially successful in fixing damaged sectors in the hard disk in the bureau's IBM XT. ADD has pouched a second replacement hard disk after the first one apparently was lost in shipment through DHL.

2. Bureau continues to have problems with one of the UPS purchased and modified locally. The vendor has promised to have the problem fixed, but this will require seeking help from South Africa.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

A replacement monitor has been put into processing to fill the vacancy in the African Languages Section reported last month. Recruitment efforts continue to fill the vacancy in the Portuguese Section.

IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Bureau personnel and their families participated in the annual Embassy July 4th celebrations held this year at the residence of the deputy director of USAID (he has the largest yard). The winter weather was warm and sunny as a crowd of about 100 enjoyed the traditional flag ceremonies, chili dogs and hamburgers, and softball games.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

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ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	40290
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BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	3280
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English	0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	1440
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	0
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa	1140
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa	2550
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa	730

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MALAWI			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English	2160		
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			0
MOZAMBIQUE			
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	23310		
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	8230		
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			860
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			1650
SENEGAL			
Dakar PANA in English		4120	
Dakar PANA in French		2340	
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg International Service in English	3360		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	1480		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	19480		
Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans	10340		
Johannesburg Television in English	10070		

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Umtata Capital Radio in English	9100		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		148730	
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English			2510
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			0
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			3720
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			1280
Johannesburg NEW NATION in English			3460
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese			0
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			4450
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES English			2570
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			1630
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			2530
Johannesburg THE SUNDAY STAR in English			5170
Johannesburg THE WEEKLY MAIL in English			9410
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			0
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Papers			48820
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	0		
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	0		
Mbabane Television in English	940		
Mbabane Television in siSwati	0		

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Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			35
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			31
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			156
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	6040		
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Radio Freedom in English	0		
Lusaka Radio Freedom in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	9010		
Lusaka Voice of Namibia in English	0		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			39
ZIMBABWE			
Harare Domestic Service in English	21710		
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	0		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			
Harare THE HERALD in English			93
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			40