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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Swaziland Bureau -- March 1987

I. GENERAL

A. FBO regional representative Jim Derrick visited Mbabane 30-31 March and toured all Embassy-owned buildings, including the five houses turned over to FBO by FBIS. Both the bureau chief and deputy chief held discussions with Derrick, which enabled them to gain some insight into how FBO plans to handle the incorporation of the FBIS houses into the embassy housing scheme. The visit was also beneficial in that the Embassy GSO won Derrick's support for all planned repairs and improvements, including a major renovation of the house occupied by editor [redacted]

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B. Some improvements and repairs already have been completed, including new concrete slab floors in the den and dining room of the bureau chief's house. The old wooden floors were damaged by a large termite colony directly beneath the house. It required over 700 gallons of liquid insecticide to destroy the colony before repairs could begin. The deputy chief's house now has a new security fence, and plans for remodeling the kitchen have been approved.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The campaign for the 6 May elections to the white House of Assembly dominated press coverage in South Africa during March. By "Nomination Day" at the end of the month, a record 480 candidates had been nominated to fill the 166 seats. Defections from the ruling National Party continued to make headlines. Prominent Afrikaner newspaper executives Willem de Klerk and Dawid de Villiers resigned over disagreements with National Party policy. Another blow was the petition by 301 professors at Stellenbosch University, the intellectual heart of Afrikanerdom, rejecting party reform policies as slow and inadequate. NP fortunes received a boost late in the month from the collapse of efforts by the two major right-wing opposition parties to form an alliance. Despite defections to the right and left of the political spectrum, a 25 March poll showed 58 percent of the voters planned to vote for the National Party. Footnote: President P.W. Botha received a "Gold Record" for his propoganda single "Why You Should Vote NP." The president did not sing the campaign message.

2. In Zimbabwe, Prime Minister Robert Mugabe again pledged to join with Zambia in imposing sanctions against South Africa, but refused to set a date for their implementation. The Zimbabwean parliament suspended MP Ian Smith, former Rhodesian prime minister, for 1 year for his remarks to a South African audience on how to deal with sanctions.

3. Angola reacted sharply in two ANGOP editorials carried on Luanda Domestic Service to reports that the United States was interested in upgrading and leasing an air base in southern Zaire, which Angola claims is already being used by the CIA to supply arms to the UNITA rebels.

4. Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, at the head of a large delegation, paid a 3-day official visit to Angola, which culminated in the signing of a number of economic and technical exchange agreements.

5. Mozambique and the USSR exchanged high-level delegations to mark the 10th anniversary of their bilateral treaty of friendship and cooperation. In Moscow, the Mozambican delegation held talks with Andrey Gromyko and Petr Demichev, among others. In Maputo, President Chissano and People's Assembly Chairman Marcelino Dos Santos received CPSU Central Committee Politburo Candidate Member Nikolay Talyzin. In addition to the usual bilateral talks and dinner speeches, the CPSU and Frelimo signed a 2-year accord.

B. Coverage/Lateral Services

In an effort to make the RSA Press Review more representative of editorial comments, the bureau has discontinued coverage of the Afrikaans paper DIE VADERLAND and has added DIE BURGER, which has a much larger circulation and is reputed to be the Afrikaans mouthpiece for the ruling National Party. The bureau also is examining the possibility of adding another black newspaper, THE NEW NATION, to the two already on coverage.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

English/Afrikaans monitor [redacted] underwent successful heart bypass surgery in Pretoria early in the month to alleviate chronic circulatory problems. [redacted] has returned to Mbabane, where he continues to convalesce. Hopefully, he will return to work by the end of April.

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IV. VISITS

On 26 March, the Embassy political/consular officer, Lee Brudwig, and the new public affairs officer, Brooks Spector, toured the bureau and had a discussion with the deputy chief on how to handle press inquiries about the bureau and FBIS. The bureau chief drafted written guidance, based on standing FBIS guidelines, for the new PAO [redacted]

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

Swaziland Bureau Production Report for MARCH 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	446520
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	35570
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1097

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7024.00 min.	13980.00 min.	131.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	26500		
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BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	3740		
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English			0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	2790		
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	370		
(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Angola	700		
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa			0
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa		1070	
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa		1090	

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Maseru Domestic Service in English	670		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho	0		
MALAWI			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English	1230		
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			0
MOZAMBIQUE			
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	21200		
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	6550		
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			750
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 NAMIBIAN in English			360
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			300
SENEGAL			
Dakar FANA in English		9100	
Dakar FANA in French		230	
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg International Service in English	6020		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	420		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	23280		
Johannesburg Television in Afrikaans	26870		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	FUBLI- CATIONS
Johannesburg Television in English	18420		
Umtata Capital Radio in English	7670		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		159820	
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English			270
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			0
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			1760
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			520
Johannesburg DIE VADERLAND in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg O'SECULO in Portuguese			0
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			5760
Johannesburg SUNDAY STAR in English			3700
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES English			7990
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			6220
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			4480
Johannesburg WEEKLY MAIL in English			8110
Pretoria DIE TRANSVALER in Afrikaans			0
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Papers			54240
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	320		
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	150		
Mbabane Television in English	0		
Mbabane Television in siSwati	0		

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Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			0
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			370
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			0
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Ndebele to Zimbabwe	0		
Moscow in Afrikaans to Southern Africa	500		
Moscow in English to Southern Africa	0		
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	11790		
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Radio Freedom in English	0		
Lusaka Radio Freedom in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
Lusaka Voice of Namibia in English	5800		
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	0		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
ZIMBABWE			
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	0		
Harare Domestic Service in English	13350		
Harare Domestic Service in Ndebele	0		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			720
Harare THE HERALD in English			1320

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Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in
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