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SUBJECT: (Optional) VCR Recording of News Broadcasts ("12 Cities" Project)				
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1. Deputy Director for Science and Technology Room 6E45, Headquarters				The attached is an FBIS recommendation to proceed with VCR recordings of newscasts and special events on television in 12 major foreign cities specified in a memorandum from the DDI to the DDCI. FBIS proposes to accomplish this by using FBIS bureaus, contractors, and priority air cargo shipment. Videotapes will be converted at FBIS and delivered to OCR.
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3. Deputy Director for Intelligence Room 7E47, Headquarters				
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5. Executive Registry Room 7E12, Headquarters				
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FBIS-0045/85
30 January 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Executive Director

FROM: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: VCR Recording of News Broadcasts ("12 Cities" Project)

REFERENCE: Memo for DDCI fm DDI, Subj: Candidate Cities for VCR Recording of News Broadcasts, dtd 11 Jan 85

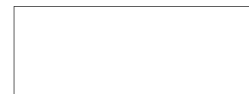
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1. We are prepared to move ahead rapidly to provide the Directorate of Intelligence with VCR tapes of newscasts from the 12 major foreign cities that have been specified and I am alerting our field bureaus to make preparations to move ahead on this project. (To differentiate from the live monitoring of foreign television at Langley and regular FBIS coverage of foreign television with selective items, FBIS will refer to this as the "12 cities" project.)

2. In the four instances where one of our field bureaus already has access to TV broadcasts (Havana, Jerusalem, Tokyo, and Beijing), service will be started by the bureau itself. For the other eight target cities, personnel from the nearest FBIS bureau will visit the site to hire and train contract personnel, arrange for equipment, and provide for transportation of the recordings. This will be done in coordination with U.S. mission personnel on the scene.

3. We plan to begin with the main evening newscast and special events at each site. This collection pattern can be altered or enlarged as experience dictates. The personnel who do the actual monitoring and recording--whether bureau personnel or contractor--will arrange for daily priority air shipment of the recorded tapes. This will normally be done under contract with air cargo forwarding firms, the fastest method short of electronic transmission. The tapes will be sent to FBIS Headquarters in Key Building where they will be converted to U.S. broadcast standard and then forwarded to OCR's Graphic Services Branch.

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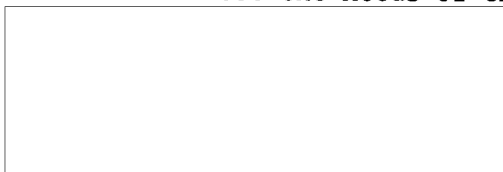
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4. I believe we can begin supplying recordings from bureaus where we already have access to the target TV signal within 30 days. For the locations where it will be necessary to hire contractors, service should begin within 90 days. We plan to purchase equipment in the field to shorten the start-up time. Backup equipment will be provided at each site to ensure uninterrupted service.

5. Estimated start-up costs will be \$255,600, with annual recurring costs of about \$534,200 (breakdown is at TAB A). Thus first year costs will be an estimated \$789,800. This is unfunded, but I recommend we proceed with this project at this time to meet the needs of the DI.



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Attachments:

- A. Cost Estimates - "12 Cities" Project
- B. FBIS TV Activities - Overview
- C. Schedule of Current Regular FBIS TV Coverage

CONCUR:

Deputy Director for Science and Technology _____ Date

Deputy Director for Intelligence _____ Date

Executive Director _____ Date

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Deputy Director of Central Intelligence _____ Date

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TAB A

COST ESTIMATE--"12-CITIES" TV PROJECTStart-Up Costs

EQUIPMENT, FBIS HEADQUARTERS	
2 TV Standards Converters (AVS 6500)	\$130,000
2 TV Receiver/Monitors, Quad-Standard, Color	2,500
2 TV Monitors, U.S.-Standard, Color	2,000
2 VCRs, Tri-Standard U-Matic (Sony 5630)	6,000
2 VCRs, U.S.-Standard U-Matic (Sony 5600)	5,000
Equipment Racks, Patch Panels, Cabinets	9,000
VEHICLE, FBIS HEADQUARTERS (Dodge Caravan)	10,000
EQUIPMENT, OVERSEAS	
24 VCRs, Foreign-Standard U-Matic (equivalent to Sony 5600, at \$2350 each)	56,400
24 TV Receiver/Monitors, Foreign-Standard, Color (at \$1,060)	25,500
8 Antenna Systems	2,000
30-day Supply of U-Matic Videotapes	7,200

<u>Est Total Start-Up Costs</u>	\$255,600

Annual Costs

PERSONNEL, FBIS HEADQUARTERS	
2 TV Center Assistants (GS-7)	35,700
1 Clerk/Driver (GS-3)	11,500
PERSONNEL, OVERSEAS	
8 TV Recording Specialists (Contract) (\$3.60/hr x 4hr/da x 365 da/yr)	42,000
SERVICES, OVERSEAS	
Air Express Cargo Fees (\$100/da x 12 x 365)	438,000
MISCELLANEOUS	
Office Supplies, Electrical Supplies	5,000
Tape Replacement	2,000

<u>*Est Annual Cost, First Year (Without Repair, Replacement of TV Equipment)</u>	\$534,200

<u>TOTAL, FIRST YEAR</u>	\$789,800

*Subsequent annual costs approximately the same

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TAB B

FBIS TELEVISION ACTIVITIES--AN OVERVIEW

FBIS is the major producer of foreign video material in the government. Public television broadcasts of 21 countries are already being monitored in response to consumer requirements. FBIS field bureaus report to Headquarters by teletype and later forward the videotapes. Contact with DI consumers is centralized in OCR Graphics Services Branch.

1. SOURCES MONITORED

FBIS bureaus already regularly cover 310 hours of television a week from 21 countries. This includes 27 hours a week from the USSR and 35 hours from China. The bureaus also provide ad hoc coverage of special events from more than 10 additional countries not monitored on a regular basis.

The bureaus use three principal means:

- Normal terrestrial antennas, which require a location close to the transmitter,
- Reception by agencies of other governments, which record the target signals (from North Korea and East Germany) and pass them to FBIS; and
- Reception from satellite relays (mainly for Soviet and Philippine TV, and for a number of countries covered ad hoc in case of crises).

Soviet TV is monitored at London Bureau--in cooperation with the BBC--and at Okinawa bureau by means of Receive-Only Satellite Earth Terminal (ROSET) installations. Chinese TV is monitored at Hong Kong by terrestrial antennas. The programs that the bureaus cover are determined in advance and listed in a "coverage schedule."

A third ROSET installation has just gone into operation in Panama, which will provide increased coverage not only of Latin America, but also the Middle East and Europe.

2. BUREAU PROCEDURES

The bureaus select over 30 programs a week to report to Headquarters consumers in messages known as Video Selection Lists (VSLs). A foreign-national monitor (translator) views the program at the same time

it is being recorded noting program content. Next a U.S. staff editor decides which programs or items to offer to consumers in VSLs, drawing in part on the monitor's expertise and familiarity with the media. The finished VSL is transmitted to Headquarters and to other U.S. consumer offices overseas and in the United States. Most of the important political and news material has usually been processed by FBIS from radio or news agencies before it is broadcast on television. Therefore there is usually little need for extensive translation from TV, and the VSL concentrates on describing the video content. When a broadcast item is uniquely important, reports may be passed on to consumers rapidly by the FBIS Wire Service or the Daily Report.

3. CONSUMERS, AND SELECTION FROM VSLs

The VSLs transmitted by the bureaus are entered electronically into the SAFE system at Headquarters and distributed by the Cable Dissemination Section, as well as being routed electronically to several consumers in other agencies. A consumer who finds an item of interest in these lists can obtain the tape by requesting it from OCR Graphics Services Branch.

CIA offices which are major consumers of VSLs include OGI, OSWR, SOVA, EURA, DDI/NESA, NPIC, DDO, OCR, OTE, OS, and the DDI TV Center. Outside agencies that are major consumers include DIA, the Army Foreign Science and Technology Center, and the Air Force Intelligence Service. Consumers outside of CIA which receive VSLs electronically include DOE, NSA, State Dept INR, USIA, and 12 military commands.

4. HANDLING OF VIDEOTAPES

When a consumer notifies OCR/GSB that a given video tape is wanted for viewing, the request is passed to FBIS Headquarters, which in turn requests the tape from the field bureau. The tape is normally sent to FBIS Headquarters by mail or pouch. It is passed to OCR and should reach the first consumer office within two weeks of the request date.

However, selected important tapes are sent by special airline courier services and are available to consumers within 1 or 2 days of the original broadcast. The most important items of all are relayed to Washington by international commercial satellite hookups and are provided to analysts within 1 or 2 hours of the original broadcast time. Three Moscow broadcasts last year, including Chernenko's reappearance in September after being out of sight for a time, and the Beijing transmission of China's National Day Parade, were relayed by satellite.

5. ACTION OFFICES INVOLVED

OCR/GSB is the main contact point for most consumers of FBIS video tapes.

TAB C

SCHEDULE OF CURRENT REGULAR FBIS TV COVERAGE1. Regular Coverage, Video and Audio

<u>Time--GMT</u>	<u>Days Covered</u>	<u>Bureau</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Notes</u>
ARGENTINA				
Buenos Aires 0000-0130	Argentina TWTFS	Telesor Paraguay	Color Network Spanish	News: "30 Milliones"
AUSTRIA				
1830-1900	MTWTF	Austria	German	News
BAHRAIN				
1600-1625	irreg	Gulf	English	News
1700-1725	"	"	Arabic	News
CHINA				
1100-1400	daily	Hong Kong	Mandarin	News and Program
CUBA				
1200-1400	MTWTF	Key West	Spanish	News and Commentary "Revista de la Manana"
1800-1830	MTWTFS	" "	"	Tele Rebelde Network News
(Other programs 1400-0300 kept on watch, Main Network and Rebelde) (Sun programs kept on watch 1200-2207)				
CZECHOSLOVAKIA				
Bratislava 1940-2005	Television Service irreg	Austria	Slovak	News
Prague 1830-1900	Television Service daily	Austria	Czech, Slovak	News, Prague I
2030-2120	Tu	"	" "	Military: "Azimut"
(Additional programs on coverage, audio only)				
HUNGARY				
1900-1930	irreg	Austria	Hungarian	Newsreel
(Additional programs on coverage, audio only)				
IRAN				
0930-1015	daily	Gulf	Arabic	News and Features
1700-1800	"	"	Persian	News
1099-1915	"	"	"	"
IRAQ				
0930-1045	daily	Gulf	Persian	News, Commentary, Review of Iran Oppo- sition Press, Features

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JAPAN				
Tokyo NHK	Television Network			
0300-0320	daily	Okinawa	Japanese	News
1000-1020	"	"	"	"
1200-1240	MTWFS	"	"	"
JORDAN				
1800-1830	daily	Jordan	Arabic	News
2000-2030	"	"	English	"
N. KOREA				
0100-0400	irreg	Seoul	Korean	News, Features
0600-1430	"	"	"	" "
PANAMA				
Panama City	Circuito RPC Television			
1730-1800	MTWFS	Panama	Spanish	News: "Dia a Dia"
Panama City	Telemetro Television			
0100-0120	irreg	Panama	"	News: "Telemetro Reporta"
Panama City	Televisora Nacional			
0000-0030	daily	Panama	"	News: "Tevedos Informa"
PARAGUAY				
Asuncion Cerro Cora	Sistema Nacional Television			
1500-1600	irreg	Paraguay	Spanish	News: "Division Noticias"
2300-2400	"	"	"	News: "Hora 20"
Asuncion Red Privada	de Teledifusora Paraguaya			
1500-1600	MTWFS	Paraguay	Spanish	News: "Noticiero 13"
2300-2400	MTWTF	"	"	"Noticiero 13," 2d edition
PHILIPPINES				
Quezon City	RPN Television Network			
0930-1000	Sun	Okinawa	English, from satellite	News
1100-1130	MTWFS	"	"	" " "Newswatch"
QUATAR				
1730-1800	irreg	Gulf	Arabic	News, Commentary
SAUDI ARABIA				
1645-1700	irreg	Gulf	Arabic	Press Review
1830-1900	daily	"	"	News
SYRIA				
1730-1800	daily	Jordan	Arabic	News

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USSR				
0100-0200	Sun	Okinawa	Russian	Military: "I Serve the Soviet Union"
0230-0245	MTWTF	"	" News: "Morning Signoff"	Orbita 2
0400-0445	monthly	"	" Space: "Man, Earth, Universe"	
0415-0445	Sun	"	" Feature: "Our Correspondents Report"	
0750-0850	monthly	"	" Int'natl Affairs: "Studio 9"	
0800-0830	Mon	"	" Feature: "Affairs and People"	
0800-0830	Sat	"	" Commentary by "Political Observer"	
0845-0915	weekly	"	" Feature: "Science and Life"	
0845-0915	Thu	"	" News: "Vremya," Orbita 2	
0930-1005	MTWTFS	"	" News: "Vremya," Orbita 1	
1130-1145	"	London	" News: "Novosti," Moscow I	
1130-1205	irreg	Okinawa	" News: "Vremya," Orbita 2	
1315-1325	daily	London	" News, Moscow I	
1315-1345	irreg	"	" Defense: "On the Land, at Sea, in the Sky"	
1345-1400	MTWTF	Okinawa	" News: "World Today," Orbita 2	
1400-1430	irreg	London	" Feature: "Community"	
1415-1430	Sat	"	" "Intermatoinal Review"	
1500-1530	MTWTF	Okinawa	" News: "Novosti," Moscow II	
1500-1545	Sun	London	" Feature: "International Panorama"	
1530-1605	irreg	"	" Yuriy Zhokov Commentary	
1530-1610	daily	"	" News: "Vremya," Moscow II	
1545-1600	MTWTF	"	" Feature: "World Today"	
1600-1640	irreg	"	" Feature: "The World and Young People"	
1630-1640	irreg	"	" News: "Novosti," Moscow I	
1630-1700	irreg	"	" Feature: "Modern World and Workers Movement"	
1800-1830	daily	"	" News: "Vremya," Moscow I	
1800-1840	irreg	Okinawa	" News: "Vremya," Orbita 2	
1905-1920	MTWTF	London	" Feature: "World Today"	
UK				
London BBC	1 Television Network			
2010-2100	Mon	London	English	Current Affairs: "Panorama"
YUGOSLAVIA				
1830-1900	daily	Austria	Serbo-Croatian	News
2100-2130	"	"	" "	News

2. Only TV Audio Now Being Covered

(Video Is Covered Ad Hoc)

Cyprus
East Germany
Hong Kong
Israel

(Video Not Now Available)

Guatemala
Honduras
Kenya
Nicaragua
Peru
Poland
South Africa
Swaziland

3. Ad Hoc Coverage Available

(By Terrestrial Antenna)

Egypt (seasonal)
Lebanon
S. Korea
Thailand
Turkey
W. Germany

(Sometimes Possible--Satellite)

Algeria	Morocco
Australia	Niger
Bangladesh	Nigeria
Brunei	Oman
Canada	Pakistan
France	Portugal
India	Singapore
Indonesia	Sudan
Kuwait	United Arab
Libya	Emirates
Malaysia	Zaire

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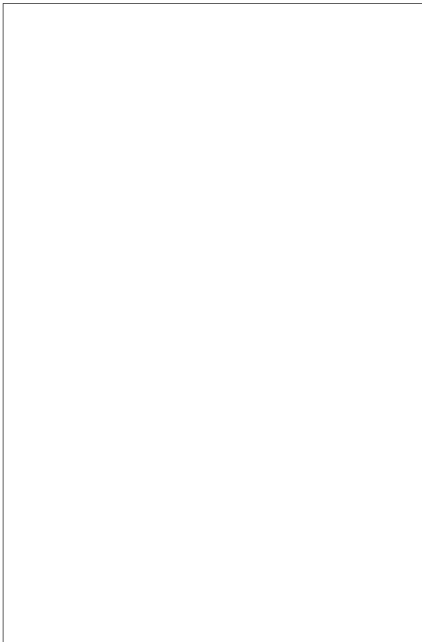
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11 January 1985

NOTE TO: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT: Candidate Cities for VCR Recording of News Broadcasts

In response to our discussion last Monday night and your tasking, I list below the twelve cities the offices would regard as their top priorities for getting video cassette recordings of news programs. They are listed in priority order.

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Obviously, the sooner we could get the recordings after the broadcast the more useful they would be. There is considerable diversity of opinion in the Directorate about the value of such recordings, but all agree that an experiment such as this would help us move beyond speculation and opinion stage to having some actual experience. My guess is there will be considerable variation in utility, with some being of considerable value and others not worth the effort.



Robert M. Gates

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