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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Swaziland Bureau--April 1988

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial\Editorial

1. As the month ended, both RSA and Angolan officials confirmed that preparations were underway for a 4-party conference in London to include Angola, South Africa, Cuba and the United States. The purpose of the negotiations is to achieve a regional settlement that would end Angola's 12-year-old civil war, and result in the withdrawal of Cuban and South African troops from Angola.

2. The South African Government yielded to mounting public pressure for details of RSA involvement in the fighting in Angola and held a briefing for military correspondents in which SADF Chief Geldenhuys admitted to the loss of three tanks and 31 men, while claiming that Angola had lost 94 tanks, 22 aircraft, and almost 5,000 men in the fighting since May of 1987. General Geldenhuys claimed that there had never been more than 3,000 RSA troops in Angola at any given time and that the current number was "considerably less." He estimated that the failed offensive against UNITA had cost the Angolans the entire military budget for the year.

3. In his annual budget speech in Parliament, RSA President P.W. Botha proposed constitutional changes that he claimed would allow for limited black participation in government through the President's Council. He also called for the restoration of the post of prime minister and promised to introduce legislation to amend the Group Areas Act to allow for integrated or "gray" urban areas. The proposals were rejected by conservative whites as a "dangerous speech" which threatened to lead to black power. Liberal whites and most black leaders such as Archbishop Tutu and Chief Buthelezi found the proposals "disappointing" in that they fell short of political representation in Parliament for blacks.

4. In Zimbabwe, special congresses of the ruling ZANU-PF and opposition ZAPU political parties endorsed the proposed unity agreement that will lead to the formation of a single party headed by President Mugabe. The government also hopes that the agreement will end the persistent unrest and banditry in the ZAPU stronghold of Matabeleland. On 19 April, President Mugabe announced a general amnesty, which included dissidents who lay down their arms. But within 12 hours of the announcement, dissidents killed a Catholic missionary and seriously injured another in the troubled province.

B. Communications

The chronic difficulties with the communications circuit lessened somewhat during the month. But outages on 3-4, 6-7, 8, 18, and 21 April totaled 37 hours. In addition, during the last 2 weeks of the month the incoming circuit experienced persistent garbling. Troubleshooting apparently isolated the problem in the [redacted] computer and the garbling cleared temporarily on 26-27 April, but inexplicably resurfaced on the 28th.

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C. Technical

1. The bureau received a pouch from ESG containing the Telebit Trailblazer modem for use as a backup commo system. Efforts are underway to install and test the equipment.

2. Reception of Lusaka, Harare, and Blantyre Domestic Services, which generally is weak, has worsened considerably in recent weeks, possibly due to seasonal reception conditions. Also, Luanda Domestic Service disappeared completely on 28 April. Monitors suspect an electrical or equipment failure in Luanda.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Afrikaans monitor trainee [redacted] entered on duty on 25 April, bringing the African Languages Section to full strength.

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2. A recruiting trip to Pretoria by the deputy bureau chief and the chief Portuguese monitor identified several promising candidates to fill the remaining vacancy in that section.

B. Building and Grounds

The bureau has installed an infra-red alarm system, which is designed to alert the night guards to unauthorized entry after operating hours.

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Chief, Swaziland Bureau

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Swaziland Bureau Production Report for APRIL 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	326830
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	18590
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	928

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6253.00 min.	14470.00 min.	109.00 issues

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

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	700		
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa		4210	
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa		0	
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa		0	

ANGOLA

Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	28120		
Luanda ANGOP in English		240	
Luanda ANGOP in French		220	
Luanda ANGOP in Portuguese		370	

BOTSWANA

Gaborone Domestic Service in English	5150		
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English			0

LESOTHO

Maseru Domestic Service in English	1940		
Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
MALAWI			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English	320		
MOZAMBIQUE			
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	2400		
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	29520		
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			5410
Maputo DOMINGO in Portuguese			0
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			2230
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			0
NAMIBIA			
Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek THE NAMIBIAN in English			620
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			280
SENEGAL			
Dakar PANA in English		2700	
Dakar PANA in French			0
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg International Service in English	3500		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	1050		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	15070		
Johannesburg Television Service in Afrikaans	1960		
Johannesburg Television Service in English	5810		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Umtata Capital Radio in English	5130		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		89440	
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English			0
Cape Town DIE BURGER in Afrikaans			0
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			400
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			7610
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			490
Johannesburg DIE VADERLAND in Afrikaans			1570
Johannesburg NEW NATION in English			0
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			2770
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES in English			3160
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			3700
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			7700
Johannesburg THE SUNDAY STAR in English			7980
Johannesburg THE WEEKLY MAIL in English			14810
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Press			34810
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	0		
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	0		
Mbabane Television Service in English	0		
Mbabane Television Service in siSwati	0		
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			0
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			550
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Afrikaans to Southern Africa	0		
Moscow in English to Southern Africa	0		
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	9860		
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	1580		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			0
ZIMBABWE			
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	2240		
Harare Domestic Service in English	20510		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			240
Harare THE HERALD in English			460
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			0