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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
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I. GENERAL

On 29 February, the new Embassy Health Unit opened for business. The unit, which is funded proportionally by all Embassy components, was created in response to the demand for medical services which was more than the Peace Corps nurse could handle. It is staffed by two registered nurses and an administrative assistant and is open to all U.S. personnel during regular business hours for routine medical complaints and tests.

II. OPERATIONAL

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The South African Government took another step against antiapartheid opposition groups in the country on 24 February when it banned or restricted 18 organizations. The affected groups include the United Democratic Front, an umbrella organization including most of the legal extra-parliamentary opposition, and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the largest labor organization. The orders effectively prohibit the organizations from carrying on any activities other than administrative functions. The move aroused vociferous condemnation and vows of defiance from virtually all opposition to the left of the National Party and from most foreign governments. The main opposition Conservative Party, on the other hand, said the bans did not go far enough. At least four of the affected groups intend to fight the restrictions in court. A large group of religious leaders, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu, were arrested and briefly detained when they tried to present a petition protesting the move to President P.W. Botha.

2. An attempted coup against the government of the homeland of Bophuthatswana was quickly thwarted by South African troops on 10 February. In a virtually bloodless assault, RSA forces routed the small group of rebel soldiers and rescued the president, Lucas Mangope. In a show of solidarity, RSA President P.W. Botha, along with the foreign and defense ministers, visited Mangope and pledged full support for the homeland government.

3. On 19 February, a bomb destroyed a bank in the Namibian

town of Oshakati, killing 26 people and injuring many more, making it the worst such disaster ever in Namibia. Although the Namibian rebel group SWAPO denied responsibility, RSA aircraft conducted retaliatory attacks on SWAPO training bases in neighboring Angola on 20 and 21 February.

4. After apparently accepting the principle of a total Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola, during talks with Chester Crocker at the end of January, the Angolan Government sought to distance itself from this concession by correcting U.S. "disinformation" on the subject. In a series of communiques and speeches by various officials, including President Dos Santos, the Angolans raised the possibility of direct negotiations with the RSA if that government rejected U.S. mediation. The Angolans continued to insist that any Cuban withdrawal was conditional on the cessation of all support for UNITA and steadfastly refused to consider negotiations with the rebel group.

5. Meanwhile, the fighting around the strategic Angolan town of Cuito Cuanavale intensified. The Angolans claimed a new offensive by 7,000 RSA troops backed by tanks and artillery had been repulsed with heavy losses, including six RSA aircraft. South Africa confirmed that its withdrawal from Angola was slower than anticipated and that "limited offensive action" had been necessary. The South Africans also claimed victory while admitting to the loss on 10 soldiers and 1 aircraft.

B. Communications

Communications outages of varying lengths on 2, 4, 5, 6-7, 10, 19-20, and 25 February necessitated extensive use of Telex for high-precedence material and numerous refiles of garbled items.

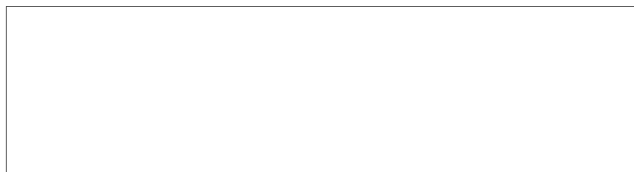
III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

An Afrikaans monitor candidate was placed in processing to fill the remaining vacancy in the African Languages Section. A promising candidate for the vacancy in the Portuguese Section was dropped when it was learned that he had just become a U.S. citizen. Recruitment efforts will now concentrate on South Africa.

B. Building and Grounds

A new front door lock with an electronic release button at the admin assistant's desk and the duty editor position was installed to provide better bureau access control.



Chief, Swaziland Bureau

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I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	390610
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	30480
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	999

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6255.00 min.	14050.00 min.	114.00 issues

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

CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	280		
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa		5310	
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa		500	
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa		0	
ANGOLA			
Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	32790		
BOTSWANA			
Gaborone Domestic Service in English	2220		
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English			0
LESOTHO			
Maseru Domestic Service in English	400		
Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho			0
MALAWI			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English	720		
Blantyre DAILY TIMES in English			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
MOZAMBIQUE			
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	6670		
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	16730		
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			0
Maputo DOMINGO in Portuguese			0
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			0
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			0
NAMIBIA			
Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek THE NAMIBIAN in English			2560
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			790
SENEGAL			
Dakar PANA in English		21570	
Dakar PANA in French		2930	
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg International Service in English	4960		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	1530		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	22030		
Johannesburg Television Service in Afrikaans	14700		
Johannesburg Television Service in English	7890		
Umtata Capital Radio in English	10890		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		104940	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English			0
Cape Town DIE BURGER in Afrikaans			0
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			730
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			11960
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			2470
Johannesburg DIE VADERLAND in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg NEW NATION in English			6360
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			1390
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES in English			2510
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			2000
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			7060
Johannesburg THE SUNDAY STAR in English			1860
Johannesburg THE WEEKLY MAIL in English			11850
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Press			36720
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	550		
Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati		0	
Mbabane Television Service in English	330		
Mbabane Television Service in siSwati		0	
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			0
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			0
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			400
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Afrikaans			

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Moscow in English to Southern Africa	420		
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	0		
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	20030		
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	6990		
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	14030		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			0
Harare THE HERALD in English			2290
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			250