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Monthly Report -- Panama Bureau

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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE

PANAMA BUREAU

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6 July 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Acting Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Panama Bureau -- June 1988

I. GENERAL

Although the Panama situation dropped from U.S. national news in June, the effects of the crisis increased. In late June, the regime invalidated all tax payment certificates (paz y salvos), which are required for Panamanian citizens to travel outside Panama. The regime then decreed that no new certificates would be issued until all taxes were paid. Because sanctions prohibit the U.S. Government from paying taxes to the Panamanian regime, all Panamanian employees of the U.S. Government are without essential travel documentation. Although a recently approved exemption to pay social security taxes has provided some relief, the issue of income and education tax payments remains one of highest concern to all Panamanian employees of the U.S. Government.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau sent a flash on the 19 June military coup in Haiti, and over the next 2 days filed numerous reports on the situation in that country until Key West's contractor was able to resume feeds from the embassy in Port-au-Prince.

2. Nicaragua did not disappoint us during the month. Another round of negotiations between the Sandinist government and the contras ended in failure after the two sides could not even agree on a time and place for the next round of talks, and President Daniel Ortega made his first visit to Cuba 27-30 June. Both events provided a good deal of high-interest copy.

3. Ecuador appeared to be the hard-luck country of the month when it lost both its Navy high command and Air Force high command in air tragedies on successive weeks. Although there has been no word on the whereabouts of the Army high command, conjecture is that it is making extensive use of land and water

transportation.

B. Technical

Chief Technician [redacted] made a trip to Tegucigalpa to move the bureau's remote equipment to its original location in the USIS annex building. Our equipment had been moved to the main chancery following the burning of the annex building in an anti-U.S. demonstration in April.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Well-deserved promotions were presented to [redacted] (FBN 8), [redacted] (FBN 9), and [redacted] (FBN 10).

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2. During the month, headquarters announced that the bureau's main radio boardman position had been upgraded to the FBN 4-7 range.

3. Chief Editor [redacted] departed Panama PCS on 10 June, reportedly with a big smile on his face.

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4. Cruising officer [redacted] arrived in Panama PCS on 13 June.

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5. [redacted] and family departed Panama PCS on 17 June.

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6. Much valued bureau secretary [redacted] "The Enforcer" [redacted] departed Panama on 19 June.

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7. [redacted] wife and daughter of senior editor [redacted] arrived on 22 June.

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B. Building and Grounds

1. One of the azimuth drive motors on the signals analysis ROSET antenna failed during the month because of a shorted armature. The motor was removed and taken to a repair shop for rewinding. The antenna is still fully operational with the remaining azimuth motor.

2. Contractors "Pinturas Abrego" began painting four of the bureau's Ft. Clayton houses.

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IV. VISITS

The bureau chief made one last sojourn to headquarters on TDY 27 June to 1 July.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

In response to security concerns resulting from the bureau's appearance in the Panamanian media early in the month, headquarters requested that the deputy chief, his wife, and editor [redacted] move to Ft. Clayton. [redacted] lost the coin toss and had to move in with the bureau chief, while the [redacted] were graciously hosted by [redacted]. Although the strains of [redacted] (no relation to new editor, [redacted] "Don't Wanna Live Like a Refugee" could be heard blaring from the FBIS base houses all weekend, actual refugee status was short-lived, and all three townies were back in their apartments after a 3-day love fest.

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Chief, Panama Bureau

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Panama Bureau Production Report for JUNE 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	344230
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	42200
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	820

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	15590.00 min.	72660.00 min.	196.00 issues

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

CLANDESTINE

Clandestine Radio Constitucional in Spanish to Panama	1340		
Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in Spanish to El Salvador	0		
Clandestine Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador	8790		

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires REUTER in Spanish		8090	
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COLOMBIA

Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in Spanish	3110		
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	5480		
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2 in Spanish	1280		
Bogota EL SIGLO in Spanish			590
Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish			4930

COSTA RICA

San Jose Radio Impacto in Spanish	3630		
San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	2100		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish			810
San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			0
San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			1780
San Jose LIBERTAD REVOLUCIONARIA in Spanish			0
San Jose LIBERTAD in Spanish			650
San Jose RUMBO in Spanish			0
CUBA			
Havana International Service in Quechua	500		
Havana International Service in Spanish	6900		
Havana CUBAVISION Television in Spanish	0		
Havana PRENSA LATINA in English		410	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		13040	
ECUADOR			
Quito Radio Quito in Spanish	1080		
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	2320		
Quito PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana		760	
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Canal Doce Television in Spanish	4630		
San Salvador Canal Seis Television in Spanish	2730		
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
San Salvador La Voz Panamericana in Spanish	0		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	1000		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	1410		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	10450		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Salvador TCS Television in Spanish	780		
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			1110
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			340
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			830
San Salvador LA NOTICIA in Spanish			0
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			1960
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in Spanish		17550	
GERMANY			
Hamburg DPA in Spanish		6090	
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	1040		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	0		
Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish	0		
Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish			1260
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			1010
HONDURAS			
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	650		
Tegucigalpa Telecadena 7 y 4 in Spanish	0		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	0		
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	4050		
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			1330
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			1430
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			1190
MEXICO			
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	4370		
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	2560		
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	2270		
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish		1790	
Mexico City PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana		1460	
Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish			3990
Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish			1140
Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish			2820
Mexico City THE NEWS in English			1310
Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish			2520
NICARAGUA			
Managua International Service in Spanish	4740		
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	32090		
Managua Radio Catolica in Spanish	1860		
Managua Radio Corporacion in Spanish	3790		
Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish	520		
Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	13690		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	1710		
Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Managua ANN in Spanish		6780	
Managua NOTISAL in Spanish		0	
Managua NOTISAL-SALPRESS in Spanish		0	
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana		2700	
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			7540
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			1070
Managua LA PRENSA in Spanish			1370
PANAMA			
Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish	6200		
Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish	34720		
Panama City Radio Alegre in Spanish	200		
Panama City Radio Noticias in Spanish	2410		
Panama City Telemetro Television in Spanish	4200		
Panama City Television Service in Spanish	1200		
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	7030		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		15620	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			8610
Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish			0
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			8510
Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish			3030
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			2540
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			1130
Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English			0
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		10710	

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
USSR			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish	690		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	690		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	680		
VENEZUELA			
Caracas Venezolana de Television Canal 8 in Spanish	5410		
Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish			0
Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			130