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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional) <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Monthly Report -- Panama Bureau</p>				
FROM: <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Chief, Operations Group</p>	EXTENSION 	NO. 	DATE <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">January 1988</p>	
TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)	
1. C/Ops	29 Feb	B	[Handwritten initials and signatures in comments column]	
2. [REDACTED]				
3. C/E&PS	25 Feb	J		
4. DD/FBIS	2/25	G		
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8. SA/CD	2/26	Ent		
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10. C/AS	29 Feb	ED		
11. C/B&F/AS		[Handwritten initials]		
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14. C/AG	7 March	[Handwritten initials]		
15. Exec. Reg.				

5 February 1988
MPA-8004

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

I. GENERAL

A. We began FBA-1 with the arrival of seven Lockheed Electronics contractors (LEC) the week of 11 January. By month's end, LEC had trained all operational personnel on LAN operations, and the bureau had successfully completed the Site Acceptance Test and Operational Readiness Dry Run. Despite a large volume of high-priority material on Nicaragua and Panama, the transition to full LAN operation was almost completed by 1 February. Initial acceptance has been high, and all monitors and editors have made an admirable and smooth transition.

B. The opposition media in Panama made a gradual but forceful return during the second half of January. With the reopening of the newspaper, LA PRENSA, and other opposition media during the week of 18 January, attacks on the government and General Noriega resumed. By month's end, the most strident of the opposition radios had begun carrying lengthy telephone interviews complete with inflammatory accusations. The government response thus far has been relatively restrained, but as pressure from various sources on the government and General Noriega continues, it is expected that such restraint will not be long-lived.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Throughout the month, high-priority events often required the bureau to remain open past its normal midnight COB. Continued efforts involving the Central American peace plan, particularly Nicaragua's role in the plan, generated a substantial amount of copy and interest. The Central American presidential summit was the source of much of this interest during the first half of the month, and the comment and reaction on the issue of U.S. aid for the contras followed shortly thereafter. Other events of interest included the reopening of Panamanian opposition media after a 7-month hiatus, the kidnapping and murder of the Colombian attorney general by members of a group of "extraditables," and Ecuadoran presidential elections, which alone kept the bureau open until 0300 on 31 January.

2. Both monitors and editors adjusted quickly to FBA and LAN use. By month's end, we were processing virtually all translations and program summaries on the LAN and had developed procedures to take advantage of the LAN's potential while maintaining an adequate paper trail for training and review.

B. Communications

On 21 January the bureau lost all communications for approximately 10 hours as a result of unidentified electromagnetic interference with the bureau's receive-side microwave frequency. Despite a concerted effort by bureau and Panama Canal Commission personnel, we were unable to identify the problem for several hours and were then unable to determine the source of the interference before it ended just before the bureau's scheduled COB. The most likely, although unconfirmed, explanation pins the source of the interference on the "Queen Elizabeth II," which entered the Miraflores Locks about the time we first experienced problems and left the canal about the time our communications were restored.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Main Radio Boardmen [redacted] both received well-deserved promotions to FBN 5 effective 7 January. [redacted] are two-thirds of a section whose members have all been promoted in the last two months as a result of consistently strong support in alerting

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editors and monitors to media behavior changes and to unscheduled major speeches and events.

2. Communications Chief [redacted] assumed duties as FBA System Administrator on 19 January. Deputy Chief [redacted] was named acting chief of the Communications Section until further notice.

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3. Cruising trainee [redacted] arrived Panama on 11 January for 3 months of training.

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4. Editor-trainee [redacted] arrived Panama on 15 January for 3 months of training.

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5. Teletypist [redacted] replaced Communications Section Deputy Chief [redacted] on TDY in Key West on 13 January.

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B. Building and Grounds

Contractor Jose R. la Guardia completed the painting of the bureau's interior.

IV. VISITS

1. The director, FBIS, visited the bureau 20-23 January.

2. ADD's [redacted] visited the bureau 24 January-5 February to oversee the installation of FBA-1.

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Acting chief, Panama Bureau

Panama Bureau Production Report for January 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	389020
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	40090
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	755

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	15312.00 min.	74700.00 min.	220.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

CLANDESTINE

Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in Spanish to El Salvador	0
Clandestine Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador	8090

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires REUTER in Spanish	3320
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COLOMBIA

Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish	860
Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in Spanish	3040
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	9500
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2 in Spanish	5980
Bogota Television Service in Spanish	3380
Bogota EL SIGLO in Spanish	380
Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish	370

COSTA RICA

San Jose Radio Impacto in Spanish	6470
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	22010		
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish			0
San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			0
San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			520
San Jose LIBERTAD REVOLUCIONARIA in Spanish			0
San Jose LIBERTAD in Spanish			760
San Jose RUMBO in Spanish			0
CUBA			
Havana CUBAVISION Television in Spanish	0		
Havana International Service in Quechua	380		
Havana International Service in Spanish	8030		
Havana PRENSA LATINA in English		720	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		6000	
ECUADOR			
Quito Radio Quito in Spanish	630		
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	810		
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Canal Doce Television in Spanish	2860		
San Salvador Canal Seis Television in Spanish	1820		
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
San Salvador La Voz Panamericana in Spanish	0		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	0		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	1300		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	8790		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Salvador TCS Television in Spanish	2880		
San Salvador Television Nacional in Spanish	570		
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			2650
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			1130
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			780
San Salvador LA NOTICIA in Spanish			0
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			1000
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in Spanish		27100	
GERMANY			
Hamburg DPA in Spanish		8930	
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	370		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	0		
Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish	790		
Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish			1460
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			4990
HONDURAS			
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	6330		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	0		
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	5930		
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			330

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			5140
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			400
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			380
MEXICO			
Mexico City Cadena RASA-IMER in Spanish	0		
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	2020		
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	1310		
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	5000		
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish		850	
Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish			1600
Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish			610
Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish			2290
Mexico City THE NEWS in English			2310
Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish			6670
NICARAGUA			
Managua International Service in Spanish	260		
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	53820		
Managua Radio Catolica in Spanish	1070		
Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish	470		
Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	21510		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	1220		
Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish		120	
Managua ANN in Spanish		3790	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Managua NOTISAL in Spanish		0	
Managua NOTISAL-SALPRESS in Spanish		0	
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana		650	
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			14220
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			2130
Managua LA PRENSA in Spanish			2600
PANAMA			
Panama City Cadena Exitosa in Spanish	6590		
Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish	1700		
Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish	2730		
Panama City Panavision Television in Spanish	0		
Panama City Radio Exitosa in Spanish	660		
Panama City Telemetro Television in Spanish	6000		
Panama City Television Service in Spanish	570		
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	2820		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		11310	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			4000
Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish			0
Panama City EL SIGLO in Spanish			6830
Panama City EXTRA in Spanish			1660
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			4500
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			13500
Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish			2190
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			1180

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			1660
Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in Spanish			790
Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English			0
Panama City EL SIGLO DOMINICAL in Spanish			0
PERU			
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	90		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	3120		
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		16180	
USSR			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish	690		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	2090		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	0		
VENEZUELA			
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	4940		
Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish			1520
Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			0

PANAMA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1988 -- ANNEXTOTALS FROM ROSET SOURCES

COLOMBIA

Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	9,500
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2 in Spanish	5,980
Bogota Television Service in Spanish	3,380

CUBA

Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish	6,000
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MEXICO

Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	2,020
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	1,310
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	5,000
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish	850

NICARAGUA

Managua ANN in Spanish	3,790
Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish	120
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana	650

PERU

Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	90
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	3,120

VENEZUELA Caracas Television Service in Spanish	4,940
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TOTAL FOR JANUARY 1988	46,750
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