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Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau

FROM:

Chief, Operations Group

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April 1988

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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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OFFICER'S INITIALS

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1.	AC/Ops	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS
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1.	AC/Ops		3 JUN 1988		
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3.	C/E&PS				
4.	DD/FBIS		6 June		
5.	D/FBIS				
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7.	PO/RA		6/6		
8.	SA/CD		6/7		
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10.	C/AS		8 June		
11.	C/B&F/AS				
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14.	C/AG		10/6		
15.	Exec. Reg.				

FBIS-6023-88
2 May 1988

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

I. GENERAL

Secretary of State Shultz returned to Israel on the 3d in another round of shuttle diplomacy. Looking for Israeli and Arab acceptance of the U.S. proposals on a negotiated Middle East peace agreement, the secretary found little encouragement, according to media reports, during his visits to Israel, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia, with all parties showing little inclination publicly to back away from their stated positions--positions that reinforce the continuing impasse.

The relative calm that was developing in the territories came to an abrupt end when, on the night of 15 April, unknown assailants killed Khalil al-Wazir (alias Abu Jihad), the deputy commander of the Palestinian Revolutionary Forces, in his home in Tunis. The violence following the killing led to a new single-day death toll high in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with 12 Palestinians killed on the 16th.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Following headquarters concurrence, the bureau began a subscription to the Goldnet electronic mail service. Israeli GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE material, which is delivered electronically to Goldnet, will be covered by accessing the bureau's Goldnet "mailbox" and quickly downloading the GPO file into a stand-alone IBM PC/XT. Although still in its shakedown phase, the new coverage method is expected to be very convenient while eliminating the 1-2 day delay that plagues the hard copy version.

2. Coverage of (Clandestine) Al-Quds Palestinian Arab Radio in Hebrew was transferred to Tel Aviv Bureau. Tapes of Hebrew items are recorded at Jordan Bureau and forwarded via the embassies' Allenby Bridge courier run for review in Tel Aviv. Although the first few tapes have proven unproductive, the bureau is pleased to be involved in coverage of a source that is of such high interest to our local consumers.

3. In an effort to keep bureau and MOD records current, a spring reception survey of Cairo Television is being conducted by the editors.

B. Communications

The new message format was inaugurated at Tel Aviv Bureau on the 28th. Automation contributed to the basically painless transition.

C. Lateral Services

Beginning the day before the secretary's visit and continuing until several hours after his departure, the bureau was frequently in contact with Mr Shultz' party to provide updates on the security situation in Israel, Middle East reporting on the secretary's trip, and the ongoing hijacking of a Kuwaiti airliner. The chief of security called the bureau just prior to his departure to express his appreciation for the "fine support from FBIS."

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. For the first time in several years, Tel Aviv is serving as a training bureau. TDY trainee [redacted] arrived on the 19th. STAT

2. Bureau Engineer [redacted] was away for a 3-week TDY, during which he visited Milan, where he installed a computer local area network, and Vienna, where he received a brief bureau orientation prior to his summer 1988 PCS there. STAT

3. Communications operator [redacted] was promoted to FBN 5/3. STAT

4. A cost-of-living increase of 4.9 percent, retroactive to 1 March, has been granted to local employees as an interim measure while the mission waits for State Department action on the wage scale adjustment. The long-awaited adjustment to the wage scale, which would be retroactive to January, is expected to take place in May.

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The bureau's involvement in the mission's educational facilities became deeper in April when Deputy Chief [redacted] became chairman of the school board of the American International School in Israel and [redacted] stepped into the chairmanship of the American Embassy Women's Group Preschool school board. STAT
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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau STAT

cc: JN, NC

Attachments: Production Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for APRIL 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	262060
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	50500
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	849

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7783.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues

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

(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus	10900		
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus	0		
(Clandestine) Flag of Freedom Radio in Persian	150		
(Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian	0		
(Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey	2190		
(Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	0		
(Clandestine) Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian	0		
ISRAEL			
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	66420		
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	13640		
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	15430		
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	3950		
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	22300		
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic			1580
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English			710

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic			2720
Jerusalem AL-GUDES in Arabic			1660
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			380
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic			0
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			0
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			18990
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			4970
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			7980
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			12970
Tel Aviv HA'IR in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			290
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			4160
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			1380
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			11730
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			9420
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	33160		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		2210	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		10500	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		140	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			0
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	2130		

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Moscow in
Turkish to Turkey

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Moscow in
Dari to Afghanistan

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Moscow in
Persian to Iran

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UNITED KINGDOM

London BBC World Service in
English

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