

OPERATIONAL FILE

JN →

3 December 1986
MJN 8618

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Monitoring Operations Division
FROM : Chief, Jordan Bureau
SUBJECT : Jordan Bureau Cruising Plan for 1987

Jordan Bureau's cruising projects for the next 12 months will be essentially geared toward carrying out a thorough survey of Gulf and Arabian Peninsula transmitters and repeating the March 1985 survey at the new embassy site. The projects are:

1. Carrying out a thorough and comprehensive survey of the entire Gulf and Arabian Peninsula broadcast spectrum, including radios recently added to bureau coverage, with the view to updating frequencies and transmission times and considering any new radios meriting coverage.

2. Conducting further checks on Riyadh television programs. Previous checks at the bureau and one or two remote sites revealed that Riyadh television, which broadcasts on the same channel as Damascus television, is overpowered by Damascus. Thorough checks are planned at different remote sites in Amman to establish any improvement in reception even with Damascus on the air.

3. Repeating the March 1985 cruising survey at the new embassy site. A battery-operated Sony CRF-330 radio receiver was used in the 1985 survey. The Middle East regional engineer has recently visited the site and is to supply the bureau with the antennas and/or other equipment needed to conduct a new survey.

4. Covering the Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer Moscow changes as usual and attempting, whenever possible, cruising checks on the international broadcasts of Soviet regionals Baku, Yerevan, and Dushanbe.

5. Carrying out routine cruising checks of programs included in Jordan Bureau's emergency backstop coverage plans for Nicosia and London Bureaus. In this regard, special attention will be given to cruising Tehran International Service Arabic which is still unmonitorable at Jordan Bureau.

6. Carrying out a thorough reception survey of Baghdad Domestic Service which is still poorly received at Jordan Bureau.

As usual, we are counting on backup support from the monitors to assist our part-time cruiser.



STAT

Chief, Jordan Bureau

cc: c/ops