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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- August 1987

I. GENERAL

Travel restrictions to Gaza, which had been lifted in June, were reimposed after a senior IDF military police officer was killed in an ambush there on 2 August.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

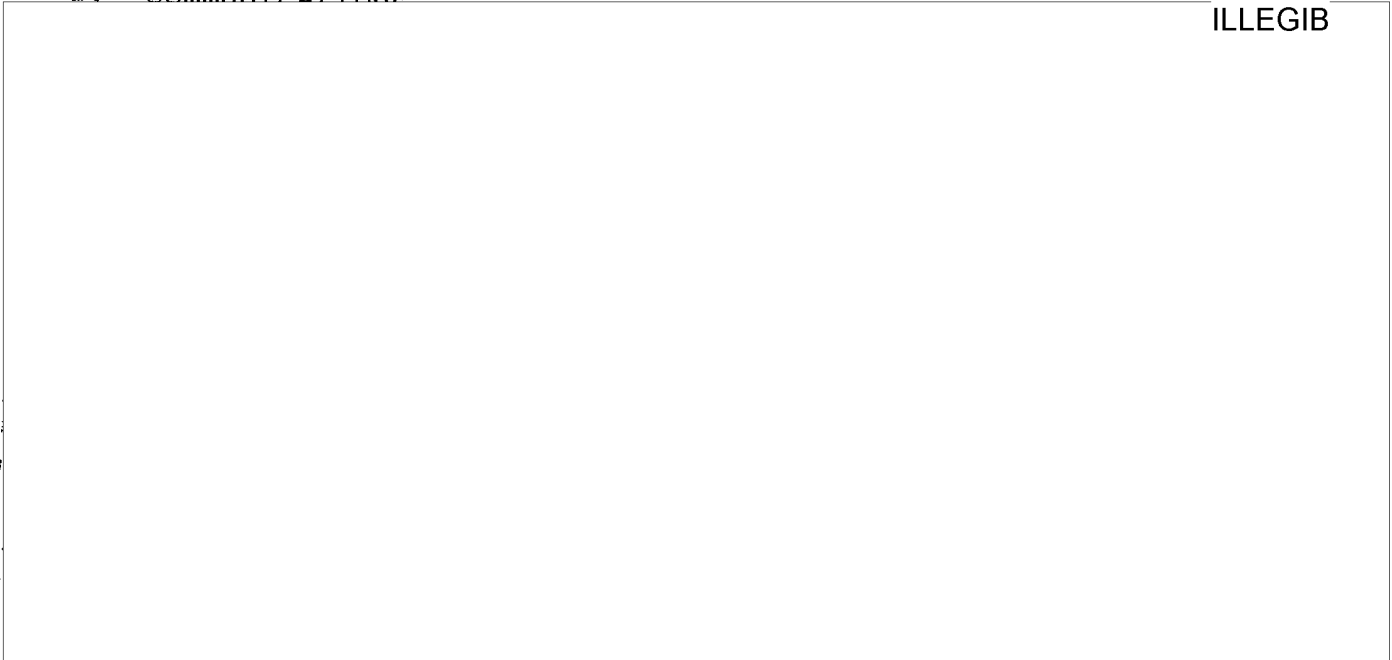
1. On 30 August the Israeli Cabinet decided to end the Lavi project. The decision was made with a very small majority -- 12 in favor of halting the project, 11 opposed, and 1 abstention -- and came after a 2-week postponement that saw intense intra-Cabinet politicking and what the media described as considerable "U.S. pressure."

2. Persian/Arabic Monitor returned from 5 weeks of annual leave 2 August, ending Nicosia Bureau's assistance with coverage of West Bank press and London Bureau/BBC's assistance with Moscow Dari.

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B. Communications

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D. Technical

Accountable equipment received during the month:

- Recorder, U-Matic videocassette, Sony VQ-5630 (local purchase)
- Paper shredder, Intimus 0075.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Bureau Engineer [redacted] and Junior Editor [redacted] were promoted to GS 11 effective 2 August.

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2. [redacted], a new communications operator, entered on duty 16 August, bringing the communications section up to strength.

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B. Building and Grounds

Security upgrades continued at the bureau in August with the bureau chief's office door being replaced with a solid wooden one that has both a Unican cypher lock and Yale key lock. In addition, the Army Corps of Engineers began the installation of the steel door and wall that will provide controlled access to the entire 15th floor from the elevators.

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Attachments: Production Report