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MEMORANDUM TO: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Key West Bureau -- October 1987

I. GENERAL

The eye of the first official major storm of an otherwise insignificant season passed over Key West 12 October bringing lots of wind but not much damage to the city or bureau. Hurricane Floyd turned out to be mostly a blowhard with little punch, disappointing many local hard-core hurricane baiters who needed more than mere 75-mph winds to party in (see attached story on hurricane cliches).

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau was caught up in the affairs of other continents this month. First, we watched the movements of visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Velayati, who found himself in Cuba following the U.S. attack on two oil platforms in the Persian Gulf. Unfortunately, he made no particularly vitriolic comments about the Great Satan that we could monitor.

2. Havana TV was also a good source for events in Angola, surprisingly quoting the Defense Ministry that a Cuban-piloted MiG-21 had indeed been shot down over UNITA-controlled countryside, as reported earlier by foreign press agencies.

3. Bureau TV watchers got a rare glimpse of Fidel together with his son this month when Tele-Rebelde aired a video report on the inauguration of the Center of Applied Studies for Nuclear Energy Development. "Fidelito" is the head of the Cuban Atomic Energy Commission.

B. Communications

It was a long and frustrating month for everyone involved in our communications set-up as we--along with headquarters, the Office of Communications, and the Miami Radio Relay Facility--tried unsuccessfully to convert our comms over from Baudot to ASCII. This exercise was part of an overall plan to use Key West as guinea pig in preparation for the transition of FBA-1 bureaus to ASCII.

Despite the efforts of bureau engineer [redacted] and GE contractors [redacted] who visited on 10 October, format and code conversion problems stymied the transition. At the same time, the Miami RRF people were also busy reprogramming their [redacted] software. During all this, we had to revert to the Autodin altroute for almost 2 weeks for our outgoing traffic. At month's end we were back to Baudot but had given ADD new insight into the magnitude of the conversion, especially if it is eventually to be implemented at other bureaus.

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C. Technical

The bureau's new FAX machine again proved a useful and timely addition to our growing array of equipment. When the MIAMI HERALD published reports about Nicaragua's plan to allow some radio news shows to resume broadcasting, we were immediately able to provide Panama with the topical stories in toto.

D. Lateral Services

Our contractor in Port-au-Prince, [redacted] was "borrowed" at Ambassador McKinley's request on 21 October to serve as personal interpreter to former President Carter, who visited Haiti as part of an observation team that will monitor the November presidential elections.

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E. Cruising

Our remote antenna at Boca Chica continued to prove its worth by providing the only monitorable news from the Dominican Republic this month. Santo Domingo's Radio Popular morning newscast will probably remain our sole ear into that country until later in the season when we hope reception of other stations improves.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. ELAAD's [redacted] arrived in Key West 25 October on a 2-week TDY which will be divided between a locally sponsored symposium on the Caribbean and a week of experiencing what it's like to be a field bureau monitor.

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2. One of Panama's best teletypists, [redacted] rejoined us for a second 6-week TDY 29 October. [redacted] was here earlier this summer and is now replacing [redacted] another veteran Panamanian who just finished her second TDY with us this year.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

1. Visiting security officer [redacted] recommended a variety of ways to make our houses even safer against would-be unwelcome visitors. He also reviewed our outdoor lighting plans and took enough pictures of the bureau and housing site to fill several albums.

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2. Our hurricane shutters went up in a hurry this month, but not quite in time for Hurricane Floyd. Only the detached house was finished by the time the storm hit. However, we were fortunate and took no flying coconuts through any of our expanses of plate glass. By month's end, all our houses were ready to withstand the elements, and the shutters turned out to be an esthetic as well as practical improvement. The Navy is so impressed that the Public Works Department is considering modeling their houses after ours rather than nailing sheets of plywood over windows and doors.

IV. VISITS

To the bureau:

- 1. [redacted] GE contractors, 10 Oct.
- 2. Navy Captain [redacted] NSA reservist on detail to the US Forces Caribbean, 14 Oct.
- 3. Commander Robert Davis, new Navy Communication Group C/O, 19 Oct.
- 4. [redacted] FBIS Security Officer, 21-23 Oct.
- 5. [redacted] ELAAD Language Officer, 25 Oct-7 Nov.
- 6. Jack Felt, State Department desk officer for Haiti, 27 Oct.
- 7. HQs analysts [redacted] 28 Oct.

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V. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

1. Bureau personnel participated in the annual Caribbean symposium sponsored by the US Forces Caribbean during the last week of October. During a break in the discussion, Jack Felt, State desk officer for Haiti, visited the bureau to discuss our monitoring project in Port-au-Prince.

2. Although no one from the bureau won any awards for most imaginative costume in this year's week-long Fantasy Fest Halloween extravaganza, we suspected some were disguised well enough to blend in with the multitude of revelers who lined Duval Street. The

merrymakers were dressed as everything from cats to call-girls to jail birds to "safe-sex" objects to enjoy the party, described by the MIAMI HERALD as vampy, campy, and above all else tasteless. As one visiting Ft Lauderdale man dressed as a distraught stockbroker summed it up--There's no embarrassing yourself in Key West.



Chief, Key West Bureau

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Attachments:

MIAMI HERALD item
Nonexpendable Property Report
Production Report

cc: C/Panama, C/Paraguay Bureau

The Miami Herald
Tuesday, October 13, 1987

Hurricane Floyd

Residents Lashed by Torrential Cliches

I had an inkling, while driving to work Monday morning, that there was going to be trouble. It was the roads. An untrained civilian probably would have described them as "wet," but I could tell, thanks to being a member of the professional news media, that they were "rain-slicked." And I knew that Rain-Slicked Roads are frequently an indication that High Winds and Torrential Rains are about to Lash an area, causing Fearful Residents to Brace. And so when I got to The Herald, I did what years of journalism experience have taught me to do in times of crisis: I called my wife.

"I don't want to alarm you," I said, "but the roads are rain-slicked."

"Well," she said, "my father says we're having a hurricane." Her father lives in Cleveland. He had called our

house after he saw a TV news item that said a hurricane was Lashing South Florida. Or possibly it was Pounding it. Either way, it looked bad for South Florida, according to the TV news in Cleveland, which is why my father-in-law called.

"I'll check into it," I told my wife. We are trained to follow up on news tips like this.

The way I checked on the hurricane story was, I signed on to the computer system. Here at The Herald, as at all modern newspapers, we get the vast bulk of our news via computer, which cuts down on our having to leave the building for any purpose other than lunch.

The major hurricane-related news story in the computer system started this way:

MIAMI — (AP) — Mobs of storm-scared residents stripped batteries, bread and bottled water from store shelves and many residents took to the roads . . .

Other than the fact that this story failed to point out that the roads were rain-slicked, it appeared to be a highly accurate account of what I would probably find if I left the Herald building.

Dave Barry



I called my wife again.

"No question about it," I said. "We need to Brace for a Pounding Lash of Torrential Winds."

Naturally we had no idea what we were supposed to do. We are your classic irresponsible jerk newcomer South Florida homeowners who failed to read any of the 675 annual hurricane-preparedness articles, and all I could remember was that you were supposed to do something with bleach. Also with the bathtub.

"Better fill the bathtub with bleach," I told my wife, trying to keep the panic out of my voice. Panic is one of the biggest dangers in these situations, second only to the danger of being run over by a shopping cart pushed by a storm-scared resident.

"Also," I told my wife, "you better

head over to Publix and strip batteries, bread and bottled water from the store shelves."

For my part, I went looking for our science writer, Steve Doig, who wrote several dozen of the hurricane-preparedness articles. I found him in the mail room.

"How do you brace for a hurricane?" I asked him.

"Like this," he said, leaning over in a comical pose familiar to high school students.

Thus advised, I prepared to take to the roads. I knew I needed to get tape so I could put it on all my windows and then spend every weekend until Easter scraping it off. I needed to get a flashlight. Above all, I needed canned goods. Heineken.

NONEXPENDABLE PROPERTY
Monthly Report, Key West Bureau
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PROPERTY RECEIVED:

1 each Victor VCPII, Mdl. 2620-1, SN 61201 0697C, ccomplete with
Monochrome monitor and keyboard. Locally procured.

2 each Transcriber, Sony Mdl. BM-46, SN's 37936 and 37984, from
hqs.

1 each Monitor, Color TV, Panasonic Mdl. BTS 1300-N, SN FA7450195.

PROPERTY TRANSFERRED: None

PROPERTY DISPOSED: None.

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I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 158,170

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 46,720

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH : 483

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE; (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER WEEK)	BROADCAST 2,575 MIN	PRESS AGENCIES 14,700 MIN	PUBLICATIONS 21 ISSUES
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES;
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHAMAS

Nassau Domestic Service in English	<u>-0-</u>		
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Nassau THE TRIBUNE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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BARBADOS

Bridgetown CANA in English		<u>23,600</u>	
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Bridgetown ADVOCATE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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Bridgetown SUNDAY ADVOCATE in English			<u>-0-</u>
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BELIZE

Belize City Domestic Service in English or Spanish	<u>-0-</u>		
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Belize Times in English			<u>-0-</u>
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CUBA

Havana Radio Progreso Network in Spanish	<u>2,750</u>		
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Havana Radio Reloj Network in Spanish	<u>9,210</u>		
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Havana Radio Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>1,390</u>		
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Havana Radio Periodico Del Aire in Spanish	<u>1,620</u>		
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CUBA

Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	<u>5,070</u>
Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	<u>47,630</u>
Havana Television Cubana Network in Spanish	<u>4,820</u>
Havana Television Service in Spanish	<u>14,720</u>

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Santo Domingo Cadena Brea Pena in Spanish	<u>140</u>
Santo Domingo LISTIN DIARIO in Spanish	<u>-0-</u>

HAITI

Port-au-Prince Radio Nationale in Creole	<u>10,600</u>
Port-au-Prince Radio Nationale in French	<u>200</u>
Port-au-Prince Radio Antilles Internationales in French	<u>250</u>
Port-au-Prince Radio Haiti-Inter in Creole	<u>1,850</u>
Port-au-Prince Radio Haiti-Inter in French	<u>390</u>
Port-au-Prince Radio Lumiere Network in Creole	<u>-0-</u>
Port-au-Prince Radio Metropole in Creole	<u>1,940</u>

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Port-au-Prince Radio Metropole in French	<u>1,390</u>	
Port-au-Prince Radio Soleil in Creole	<u>13,250</u>	
Port-au-Prince LE NOUVELLISTE in French		<u>900</u>
JAMAICA		
Kingston Domestic Service in English	<u>1,890</u>	
Kingston DAILY GLEANER in English		<u>-0-</u>
Kingston SUNDAY GLEANER in English		<u>-0-</u>
MEXICO		
Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish		<u>3,690</u>
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES		
Bonaire Trans World Radio in English	<u>3,050</u>	
THE NETHERLANDS		
Hilversum International Service in English		<u>-0-</u>
SURINAME		
Paramaribo International Service in English	<u>7,540</u>	
OTHER SOURCES:		
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		
Santo Domingo Radio Popular in Spanish		<u>280</u>