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ANTWERP, MILAN PRESS UNITS APPROVED

All necessary approvals have been obtained for FBIS to establish two Press Units in Western Europe, one in Antwerp and one in Milan. The Antwerp Unit will open in early April 1985 and the Milan Unit in late 1985. These sites are expected to provide an excellent opportunity to collect and exploit new open source information, primarily on scientific and technical developments. They will offer good access to publications such as trade journals, conference reports, and research papers published not only in the host countries but in other West and East European countries as well. In addition, the Press Units will establish online access to foreign automated data bases and retrieve economic and S&T information responsive to IC requirements.

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TELEVISION DEVELOPMENTS

At the request of DI offices, FBIS is setting up a project of videotaping newscasts and special events daily from the television services of five major world capitals. Beijing TV will be recorded at Hong Kong Bureau, Tokyo at Okinawa, Jerusalem at Tel Aviv, Havana at Key West, and Bonn at Cologne. The tapes will normally be forwarded each day to Headquarters via commercial air cargo firms.

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FBIS is moving ahead toward installation of a 10-meter satellite monitoring dish adjacent to the North Parking Lot in the Headquarters compound. The antenna is being installed to provide live foreign television monitoring for DI offices. Activation is expected in July.

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MOD has had discussions recently with officers from both State INR and USIA in regard to accessing Soviet television from the Washington area. Both are looking into the economic feasibility of using a rooftop antenna for the purpose and were asking for information on Soviet TV programming, the satellites involved, and on FBIS's plans.

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SUPPORT TO HIGH-LEVEL CONSUMERS

A copy of the Chernenko election speech, which appeared in the 25 February USSR DAILY REPORT, was passed to the President for his reading, according to a PDB staffer. The staffer said that Secretary Shultz had suggested the President read the speech and that both National Security Adviser McFarlane and Vice President Bush included it in materials passed to the President. This is a rare case of our knowing for certain that the President has seen a DAILY REPORT item.

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The White House Situation Room asked the Wire Services Staff to provide NSC Adviser McFarlane with relevant items from Soviet media on the arms talks during his discussions in Geneva. FBIS routinely provides such services to the Secretary of State during such conferences. AG also transmitted analysis notes to the delegation during the conference.

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On behalf of Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam, the Director of Public Communications in State's Bureau of Public Affairs requested a copy of the video recording of Gromyko's 13 January press conference. The Moscow TV tape was converted to U.S. standard and hand carried to State along with a transcript of the press conference from the DAILY REPORT and a TRENDS analysis of Gromyko's remarks. The State director called to say that Dam greatly appreciated the quick and thorough service.

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For Ambassador Hartman in Moscow, the Wire Services Staff refiled to Embassy Moscow texts and summaries of a number of inflammatory Soviet radio and TASS commentaries suggesting that the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India, had been engaged in secret research on chemical warfare agents prior to the accident there.

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Differing treatment of Chernenko in two editions of the Soviet military newspaper RED STAR on 15 January, reported by PMU and noted in the DAILY REPORT, was a key piece of evidence used in an article in the President's Daily Brief on Chernenko's physical and political health. An editorial in the first edition effusively praised Chernenko. In the second edition, the accolade was deleted and a reference to "other party and state leaders" added. This editorial doctoring, along with evidence from other sources, was seen as indicating that Chernenko's political position was weakening. Monitoring of satellite facsimile transmissions of RED STAR enabled FBIS to distribute the information to analysts the same day.

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BBC NEWS

Top-level changes at Bush House were announced in January as Managing Director Douglas Muggerridge retired after a long illness and was replaced by Austen Kark, with Christopher Bell becoming his deputy.

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NEWS FROM THE BUREAUS

PHILIPPINES RECEPTION SURVEY

Okinawa Bureau has conducted a radio reception survey in the Philippines to update our knowledge of mediumwave broadcasting in the Manila area. The survey was made at Clark AFB and at Baguio. Clark provided the best reception, with signals from 29 AM broadcasters and 22 FM stations being heard. Because most Philippine broadcasters specialize in music and entertainment, an FBIS operation in the Philippines would not likely significantly improve collection at this time. In an emergency, however, it may be useful to send in a small monitoring team. A new reception survey of the Philippines from Ishigaki Island, Japan, is scheduled for the near future.

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SWAZILAND REMOTE ANTENNA SITE

Construction on Swaziland Bureau's "Kelley Hill" remote antenna site is currently underway with completion estimated to be in mid-March. Earlier reception surveys from the proposed site indicated that the bureau can expect appreciably enhanced midday and early evening reception of the radios of Harare, Lusaka, Blantyre, Maputo, Antananarivo, and Windhoek. There are also plans to monitor South African television (SATV) from the site; initial reception checks are promising. The Swazi Government relay transmitter used for SATV is nearby and in line-of-sight of the "Kelley Hill" remote site.

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SPECIAL SERVICES

At the request of the U.S. Embassy Moscow, London and Okinawa bureaus are filing program summaries which include U.S.-related items shown on Soviet television. Of particular interest are interviews with Americans, any coverage of the United States that could be construed as positive, and Soviet broadcasts of joint telecasts. The Embassy's request was occasioned by recent developments, such as negotiations on a new bilateral exchange agreement, which have heightened interest in the way U.S. domestic and foreign policies are portrayed on Soviet TV.

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In response to a request by the Office of the Director, USIA, London Bureau provided VOA London with the tape of a Moscow World Service feature on the new VOA station on Sri Lanka.

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London PMU received congratulations from Headquarters for its speedy handling of SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA's 15 January report on the postponement of the meeting of the Warsaw Pact Political Consultative Committee, received via pressfax. It was a "clear scoop which rang telephones around town"--and was also indirectly acknowledged in an article in THE ECONOMIST.

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Australian Ambassador Gordon Jockel, dean of the diplomatic corps in Thailand, told the deputy chief of Bangkok Bureau that he had obtained from the American Embassy the FBIS version of a particular article in order to have the "definitive translation." He also praised FBIS translations at length, adding that he had been seeking them out for more than 30 years.

Embassy and local military consumers requested Seoul Bureau's assistance several times in January in locating items of interest from French and Soviet media. At the bureau's request, London PMU translated and filed several articles on DPRK-French relations from French dailies, and London Bureau provided material on General Vessey's visit to China.

At the behest of USIA/Radio Marti, Key West Bureau has begun daily mailing to Radio Marti of videotapes of all Havana Television casts monitored by the bureau. Program summaries of selected Havana Radio and Television casts currently wirefiled to Headquarters are also being sent electronically to Radio Marti on a trial basis.

In response to various requests from local and Headquarters consumers, Panama Bureau supplied consumers with audio cassette tapes of Fidel Castro's 11 January speech at the inauguration of a sugar mill in Nicaragua; the Spanish-language version of a U.S.-attributed article on "Cuban diplomatic couriers and subversive activity in Latin America" that appeared in a local Panama City newspaper on 14 January; and a two-part interview with the U.S. ambassador to Costa Rica published in a Costa Rican paper.

With open watches on Bolivian and Paraguayan media, Paraguay Bureau kept senior Embassy officers continually informed on developments concerning the tragic crash of an Eastern Airlines airliner on Mount Illimani, Bolivia. There were no survivors among the passengers and crew, who included Marian Davis, the wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Paraguay, William Kelly, acting director of the Peace Corps in Paraguay, and Sgt. Jonathan Watson of the Embassy Marine Security Detachment. The DCM, speaking for the mission and the Ambassador, expressed to the bureau chief his personal appreciation for the Bureau's efforts in keeping all informed. Other special services by the Bureau included filing to Embassy Santiago a statement by the Ambassador carried by Radio Chilena, at the request of the office of the Ambassador. The bureau filed directly to the State Department's Southern Cone Desk a vituperative commentary broadcast by the radio of the Paraguayan ruling party attacking two U.S. Congressmen who recently visited the country.

Tel Aviv Bureau's services to Embassy components included providing texts of various Jerusalem radio items for the office of the Ambassador, the DCM, and USIS. It also translated for the Embassy security office a radio item claiming the Embassy is looking for a new site in Tel Aviv and a television report on new security measures at the Embassy. The bureau supplied duplicates of the Political Section's file to the U.S. team present at the Beersheba talks on Tabah.

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On 13 December Swaziland Bureau processed from South African television an interview with U.S. Assistant Secretary Chester Crocker at the request of the Embassy in Pretoria. On the 27th, the TV carried a special program on Swazi-RSA relations following the signing of a trade pact between the two countries. The bureau processed the program at the request of Charge Charles Lahiguera, who, along with UK Acting High Commissioner Michael Cox, visited the Bureau on the 28th to view the taped program. BBC carried an interview with Swazi Prince Dumisa, in exile in London, in which he announced formation of a "Swaziland Liberation Movement." Charge Lahiguera was alerted to the item and picked up a copy from the bureau next morning, along with a copy for the UK High Commission. [redacted]

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The Abidjan Bureau chief paid a courtesy call on 12 December on the chief of the GOIC Foreign Ministry Press and Information Service. The official expressed gratitude for the French- and English-language items passed twice daily to the Foreign Ministry and voiced interest in receiving the file more quickly. The bureau chief offered to explore the feasibility of running a ponyline to the ministry. During Embassy staff meetings, both Ambassador Miller and DCM Cundiff called attention to the bureau's contribution to the mission in Abidjan. To further enhance its services, at the end of January the bureau began electronic distribution of its file to mission consumers. [redacted]

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At the personal request of the head of the U.S. Trade and Development Corporation/Asia Region, assigned to the Consulate, Hong Kong Bureau translated into Chinese the text of an agreement between TDC and the Government of Shenzhen Special Economic Zone. The U.S. official had learned only late in the afternoon that the Shenzhen Government wanted the agreement in Chinese, and the signing ceremony was the following morning. Senior Monitor Francis Ng produced the document in beautiful calligraphy. The bureau chief received a commendation letter from the Consulate Economics Section thanking the bureau for its quick assistance in tracking down requested articles on PRC economic reform. The letter expressed appreciation for the "invaluable support" the bureau provided through its "voluminous and accurate translation of the Chinese press" and its "cooperative and professional on-the-spot responses to nebulous requests." [redacted]

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VISITS, BRIEFINGS

[redacted] chief of attache training at the DIA Defense Intelligence College, visited Abidjan Bureau on 10 December for a briefing on FBIS field support for the post DAO. [redacted]

Janet Sanderson, State Desk officer for the Arab Peninsula, visited Gulf Bureau on 15 January for discussions on the bureau's coverage and selection. [redacted]

Ambassador to Panama Everett E. Briggs, DCM William T. Pryce, and political officer Donald Winters visited Panama Bureau for a briefing and tour on 30 January. On 24 December, Army Capt Larry R. Santure, JFK Special Warfare Center at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, toured the bureau. He was visiting Panama as part of a graduate course being conducted by a senior staff official of Fort Bragg's 4th Psyops Group, a major FBIS consumer. [redacted]

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DDI analyst [redacted] visited Paraguay Bureau on 13 December for orientation and to brief the bureau

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Four participants in the Cuba-Caribbean Analytical Symposium, hosted by U.S. Forces Caribbean, James Todd from USINT, Havana, Capt Ben Hill, From USCINCLANT, and

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of DDI, visited Key West Bureau on 13 and 14 December for orientation and briefing. [redacted]

Barbara Shrage, chief of the Consulate Political Section, political officer Pat Delveccio, and Roberta Chew from the Consulate in Guangzhou visited Hong Kong Bureau on 7 January for a briefing. [redacted]

Vice Admiral Edward Burkhalter and aides visited Okinawa Bureau on 24 January for an orientation briefing. The admiral was also accompanied by BGen Donald Snyder, Commanding General, 313th Air Division, USAF.

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Darryl Johnson, political counselor, Embassy Beijing, visited Bangkok Bureau on 4 January. [redacted]

A large Japanese Air Self-Defense Force delegation headed by Major General Takei, J-3 of the U.S.-Japan Joint Staff, and including also colonels and commanders from Japan's Ground and Naval Self-Defense Forces, was briefed at Okinawa Bureau on 13 December as part of the Japanese officers' orientation tour of U.S. facilities in Okinawa. They were accompanied by USAF Col Neil Weatherbie, J-6 of U.S. Forces Japan, and other USAF and U.S. Army officers. [redacted]

Other recent visitors to Okinawa Bureau include: S/Sgt J. Hawthorne and 12 other U.S. Marine Corps noncommissioned officers affiliated with the III Marine Amphibious Force, Camp Courtney, on 7 December for a briefing; Dr John P. Slocum, Tokyo Embassy, on 18 January for orientation and consultation; Lt Spear, Torii Field Station language training program officer, on 24 January for a discussion of FBIS monitoring of PRC television.

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PRODUCTION GROUP ACTIVITIES

The DDS&T, R.E. Hineman, and his deputy, James V. Hirsch, visited ELAAD on 25 January to observe use of the online commercial databases. [redacted]

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The Fall 1984 issue of STUDIES IN INTELLIGENCE features an article explaining the crucial role played by open source reporting--supplied mainly by NEAD--in solving the Vietnamese Order of Battle puzzle. The exploitation of OB information from Vietnamese publications, systematically collected since 1976, resulted in a large number of breakthroughs in the Intelligence Community's understanding of Vietnamese military force structure and the publication of a considerable number of pioneering studies from 1982 to 1984 on the Vietnamese OB.

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According to the Latin America Chief in the Strategic Intelligence Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, the important contribution of FBIS Foreign Press Notes, especially those on narcotics in Latin America, was mentioned at recent interagency meetings on narcotics issues. As a result, he requested a meeting between Production Group officers and chiefs of DEA regional units.

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SPECIAL SERVICES

JPRS staffers participated in a briefing of Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Olin Wethington and Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Trade Development H. P. Goldfield on Japanese attitudes on future automobile exports to the United States on 8 February. Wethington said that Secretary of Commerce Malcom Baldrige and Under Secretary Lionel Olmer had read a JPRS typescript on Japanese attitudes toward extension of the voluntary restraint agreement on automobile exports and found it very useful for formulating policy options on the issue. The typescript was originally prepared at the request of Assistant United States Trade Representative Jim Murphy and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Trade Robert Watkins.

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The Foreign Language Service Center (FLASC) produced a translation of an almost illegible copy of a long letter by Norway's imprisoned espionage agent Arne Treholt which accuses the FBI and CIA of complicity in his espionage work.

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A NEAD officer recently located the first clear, easily mensurable, open source photography of China's new submarine-launched ballistic missile. Prints and viewgraphs were distributed to OSWR, NPIC, DIA, and other components which expressed interest.

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NEAD received a letter of appreciation addressed to the IC from Lt Gen Richard D. Lawrence, president, National Defense University, for briefings provided to members of the Institute for National Strategic Studies (INSS) on developments in Asia and the Pacific. The briefings were designed to provide background material and insights drawn from the printed media to a group of INSS Fellows who were preparing to brief the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on U.S. policy toward Asia and the Pacific. [redacted]

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At the request of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Mitsuyo Endicott provided interpretation services for General and Mrs. Vessey during the two-day visit of his Japanese counterpart, Gen Keitaro Watanabe. [redacted]

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For the first time since TSS acquired its facsimile machine, on 29 January FTD faxed queries for the ACIS system from Ohio. The TSS staff was able to fax back answers to 50 queries within 12 hours. [redacted]

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PUBLICATIONS DEVELOPMENTS

The USSR report TRANSLATIONS FROM KOMMUNIST is now being done by a JPRS Independent Contractor on diskette, received at JPRS via modern. On an experimental basis, with the help of the DI's Analyst Support Group, softcopy versions of these translations are being transferred into the VM/AIM system where they will be available for search by analysts. The IC is also now producing an index to the report using his personal computer. This is JPRS' second indexed report, the TAP CHI CONG SAN subtitle of the SOUTHEAST ASIA report having been computer indexed for several months now. [redacted]

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The first 219 pages of the Soviet Military Encyclopedia Dictionary, comprising Cyrillic letters A-G were published in a two-volume JPRS report in January. Extra copies of this very popular report are available on request. [redacted]

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A JPRS reference aid, TERMS USED IN THE VIETNAMESE PRESS, was published on 9 January. It contains 7,100 entries, an increase of 70 percent over the previous edition. [redacted]

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The final version of a 142-page Swahili-English glossary was distributed as a JPRS reference aid dated December 1984. [redacted]

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ANALYSIS GROUP ACTIVITIES

At the suggestion of the PDB Staff and with the concurrence of State, AG prepared a "sample package" of FBIS materials, including significant media texts and analysts, for new disarmament negotiators Kampelman, Tower, and Glitman. The package was reviewed by the new ambassadors and their staff, who asked to become regular recipients of relevant FBIS materials.

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The PDB Staff advised that an AG Special Memorandum, "Selected Soviet Statements on Countermeasures Against SDI," had been passed to Secretary Shultz during his visit to Nassau and that the document had also been passed to Secretary Weinberger, General Vessey, and National Security Adviser McFarlane. The PDB Staff described the memorandum as a good introduction that capsulizes the Soviet position on countermeasures against SDI.

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Other AG products recently distributed to or used in briefings for Vice President Bush, Secretary Shultz, General Vessey, and NSC Adviser McFarlane include an article on the Shultz-Gromyko talks published in the TRENDS, and an analytic wrap-up of the current Soviet position on prospects for the Geneva arms control talks.

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Ambassador Hummel in Beijing asked AG Korean analysts to compile a full account of what Pyongyang's propaganda has said regarding the Korean peninsula since Kim Il-sung's visit to Beijing. The Embassy wanted to use the analysis as a basis for discussing Korean peninsula questions with Chinese officials.

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PERSONNEL AWARDS

retired from Production Group, was presented the Intelligence Commendation Medal at a ceremony on 6 February 1985 by DDS&T Evan Hineman.

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Communications Section retiree, was awarded the Certificate of Merit on 12 February 1985. The presentation was made in a ceremony in the FBIS Director's office.

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