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Assistant Director for Operations

12 October 1955

Acting Chief, FAIM

Progress Report for September 1955

OPERATIONS

1. PRC presentation of a project for extending FBID propaganda analysis to cover Communist publications is being held pending the ID's visit. It is planned to initiate separately the scrutiny of a modest number of these publications in the field. The principal burden of this activity will probably fall on the Austrian Bureau and require additional native staff. New requirements also are being placed on the German and Saigon Bureaus for Communist press coverage. Steps toward coordination with the analysis of the Chinese Communist press done by the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong are illustrated in the Consulate's comments on FBIS reports, in the FBIS reply to a Consulate Consumers Questionnaire and in a visit to the Consulate by [redacted] on route to his new post as Chief, Okinawa Bureau.

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2. The overthrow of the Peron regime in Argentina and the establishment of the Lonardi government was covered with the full resources of the East and West Coast Bureaus. The patterns of coverage and utilization of monitoring and editorial staffs were modified in both bureaus to provide maximum exploitation of whatever relevant broadcasts might be monitorable. The peak of FBIS B-wire coverage on these events averaged 7500 words per day.

3. The most substantial FBIS radio propaganda reports issued during the month, on Chinese Communist leaders' attitudes toward foreign policy and defenses, and on the Soviet position on disarmament were forwarded through channels to the President's Special Assistant for Disarmament.

4. The special FBIS wire service to Ambassador Johnson at the Geneva conference with the Chinese Communists continued throughout September.

5. Saigon Bureau was directed to reduce the size of its file to Washington in order to permit better selection and more accurate checking of translations. Saigon press exploitation will be reported in a short daily resume of general trends, plus texts of certain items of priority importance, and the papers will be forwarded more promptly to FID for further processing.

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6. Hokkaido Bureau submitted its extensive information files on the Chita Oblast, produced by monitors for internal bureau use, for review of possible interest in Washington. These files were made available to OHR for examination.

7. In response to an RCN/OIS request in connection with a proposed exhaustive interdepartmental study of Soviet activities in Austria during the ten years of occupation, FBID recommended that its contribution be limited to an analysis of radio propaganda and furnishing terms of reference for other propaganda analysis. This analysis could be performed largely at the London Bureau by temporarily augmenting the foreign national staff and deferring less urgent analysis projects. Inaccessibility of complete files of the Soviet-sponsored press and staff limitations in Vienna would preclude a greater FBIS participation.

8. An inquiry concerning the availability of an FBIS witness in the court martial of Lieutenant Colonel Paul Lyles at Fort Lewis, Washington, was received from the Army. This case is described as the most critical and possibly the last of the major courts-martial of Korean war prisoners.

9. Attachment III lists special requirements levied on FBID by government offices during September 1955, and ad hoc requirements still in process in FBID. This information will be regularly provided with future progress reports.

FACILITIES

10. OCI informally advised that the Navy would accommodate the proposed FBIS Latin-American cruising post at its station in Puerto Rico and a formal list of logistical support requirements was presented to the Navy. An FBIS cruising monitor will initially be sent on TDY up to six months before a permanent commitment is made.

11. The German Bureau completed technical installation and physical arrangements and moved to better quarters in Annex A of the I.G. Farben building.

12. FBID space in Wing I of Quarters Eye was reallocated, and improved quarters were provided for the Chief, FBID and staff officers.

13. Communications:

A. An additional teletype circuit between East Coast Bureau and headquarters has been provided. This circuit follows a separate route from the existing circuits and is not subject to simultaneous outages.

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B. Arrangements were made with Office of Communications to replace the simplex teletype circuit between West Coast Bureau and the ACAN Signal Center with a duplex circuit. This will permit concurrent two-way traffic and reduce backlogs. The change will be made when ACAN moves from the Presidio to Davis, California, in November.

C. An economy of approximately \$4,000 annually will be realized through removal of an emergency TTY teletype circuit between Hedgesville, Maryland, and Richmond, Virginia. Comparable emergency communications facilities via government channels exist.

D. Office of Communications proposes to route FBIS cipher traffic via the same channels as clear text traffic through the FBIS wire room rather than directly to the CIA cable center. Messages will then pass from the FBIS wire room to the cable center via relay over an existing line. This change is being made for security reasons.

14. A German magnetic tape recording and transcribing machine is under test and observation in FBIS. This machine, which is extremely compact and has an improved back-spacing mechanism, will be evaluated in comparison with the Dictaphone magnetic belt recorder.

15. Okinawa construction status on 30 September was as follows:

A. The water wall at the operations site is completed and in operation.

B. Housing under project DDI-172-55 is 32% complete.

C. Preliminary planning for the final Okinawa housing project is in progress at the Okinawa Bureau. It is expected that a project will be submitted early in calendar 1956.

ADMINISTRATION:

16. The Comptroller approved continuation of payment for foreign national dependent schooling at the Okinawa Bureau from unvouchered funds. Tuition for classified dependents will be paid under standardized allowances based on recent legislation. Foreign national schooling allowances, retirement program, and immigration assistance were proposed by FBIS to the General Counsel as appropriate subjects for consideration by the Legislative Task Force of the Agency.

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17. Extension of external training for [redacted] Electronic Engineer, GS-12, at Tri-State College, Angola, Indiana was approved by O/TR for a second year.

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18. Office budget estimates for FY 1957 were submitted to the Comptroller's office. Detailed budgets were also prepared for operational use and applicable portions were furnished field bureaus.

19. In order to more closely align the Technical Information Section to the work of the Editorial Branch and the production of the Daily Report, this unit was transferred from the Liaison and Reference Staff to the Publications Section, Editorial Branch, effective 15 September 1955. The Liaison and Reference Staff was re-designated the Liaison Staff.

20. On 26 September Printing Services Division commenced processing of the FBIS Daily Report on the evening shift. All stencils are picked up in one bundle at 1600 daily for delivery to the plant. The new system provides greater flexibility and permits increased volume without delaying receipt by users.

21. The Deputy Chief, FBID, visited and inspected the West Coast Bureau, Santa Rosa, California, 20-22 September.

22. Personnel:

A. [redacted] of Foreign Documents Division is being oriented and instructed in FBID preparatory to assignment to the German Bureau as Chief of the Press Scrutiny and Analysis Section. [redacted] appears to be an excellent choice for this assignment.

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B. During September three employees entered on duty and seven were transferred or resigned. FBID classified strength on 30 September was [redacted] ten under current ceiling.

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Enclosures:

- I Field Bureau Production
- II Personnel Supplement
- III Special Requirements

Distribution:

- Orig & 2-Add. 1-AMW
- 1-[redacted]
- 1-Exec. File

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1. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, September, 1955.
Average computed on basis of 5-day week.

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	ITEMS FILED	ITEMS PUBLISHED
Austria	4	2,900*	16*	8*
East Coast	101	32,757	206	48
Germany	23	11,000*	65*	52*
Hokkaido	11	9,940	90	97
London	227	61,000	94	89
Mediterranean	73	34,000	217	167
Okinawa	114	19,300	77	64
Saigon	26	9,280*	33*	22*
Tokyo	25	9,500*	30*	15*
West Coast	90	35,000	199	102
Totals	694	224,677	1027	664

*Includes press scrutiny.

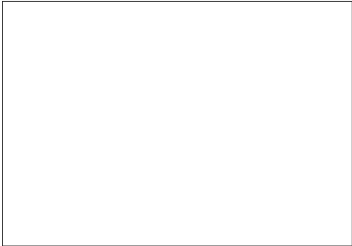
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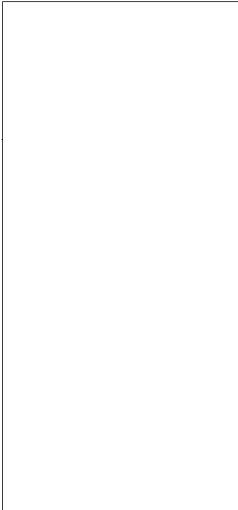
2. Personnel Entering on Duty

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<u>Name, Title, Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Editorial Branch	19 September 1955
	Radio Propaganda Branch	19 September 1955
	Radio Propaganda Branch	14 September 1955

3. Promotions

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
	Admin Assistant, GS-6 Administrative Staff	Admin Assistant, GS-7 Administrative Staff	11 September 1955
	Info Sp(For Edcast), GS-9 Field Operations Staff	Info Sp(For Edcast), GS-10 Field Operations Staff	28 August 1955
	Info Sp(For Edcast), GS-11 West Coast Bureau	Info Sp(For Edcast), GS-12 West Coast Bureau	11 September 1955
	Info Sp(For Edcast), GS-11 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Edcast), GS-12 Editorial Branch	11 September 1955
	Propaganda Anal Off, GS-9 Radio Propaganda Branch	Propaganda Anal Off, GS-11 Radio Propaganda Branch	11 September 1955
	Info Sp(For Edcast), GS-10 German Bureau	Info Sp(For Edcast), GS-11 German Bureau	25 September 1955
	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-3 Editorial Branch	Teleg Typwr Opr, GS-4 Editorial Branch	25 September 1955

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Promotions (cont.)

Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 Mediterranean Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11 Mediterranean Bureau	25 September 1955
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4. Reassignments

Name

<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 West Coast Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Editorial Branch	28 August 1955
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 East Coast Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Editorial Branch	11 September 1955
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 East Coast Bureau	11 September 1955
Electron Eng (Radio), GS-11 Okinawa Bureau	Electron Eng (Radio), GS-11 East Coast Bureau	29 August 1955
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 West Coast Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 Tokyo Bureau	3 September 1955
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-9 West Coast Bureau	6 September 1955
Telegraph Typist, GS-4 East Coast Bureau	Clerk Typist, GS-4 Engineering Staff	11 September 1955
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-13 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-13 Austrian Bureau	31 July 1955
Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Austrian Bureau	Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12 Editorial Branch	12 September 1955

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Reassignments (cont.)

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Info Sp(For Edcat), GS-11
Tokyo Bureau

Info Sp(For Edcat), GS-11
West Coast Bureau

15 September 1955

5. Transfers

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Name

Title, Grade, Assignment

Recipient Office

Date

[Redacted]

Clark(Steno), GS-5
Field Operations Staff

DD/P

2 September 1955

Teleg Typist Opr, GS-4
East Coast Bureau

Finance

11 September 1955

6. Separations

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Name

Title, Grade, Assignment

Date

[Redacted]

Secretary(Steno), GS-5
Administrative Staff

9 September 1955

Librarian, GS-5
East Coast Bureau

9 September 1955

Info Sp(For Edcat), GS-9
London Bureau

28 September 1955

Info Sp(For Edcat), GS-11
London Bureau

30 September 1955

Clerk Typist, GS-4
Administrative Staff

23 September 1955

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7. Miscellaneous

Change to Lower Grade from

[Redacted] Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-12
Editorial Branch

Publications Editor, GS-11
Editorial Branch

Date

11 September 1955

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Changes of Name

from

Brdcst Mon(English), GS-5
East Coast Bureau

Brdcst Mon(English), GS-5
East Coast Bureau

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Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11
Mediterranean Bureau

Info Sp(For Bdcst), GS-11
Mediterranean Bureau

8 September 1955

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from

Telegr Typwr Opr, GS-4
Editorial Branch

Telegr Typwr Opr, GS-4
Editorial Branch

18 September 1955

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from

Clerk Typist, GS-4
Engineering Staff

Clerk Typist, GS-4
Engineering Staff

10 September 1955

8. OO Career Service Program

Training Activities

[Redacted]

Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C.
September 1955 - September 1957

External

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Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C.
September 1955 - September 1957

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Capitol Radio Engineering Institute - Washington, D.C.
September 1955 - September 1957

External

Basic Supervision
26 September - 7 October 1955

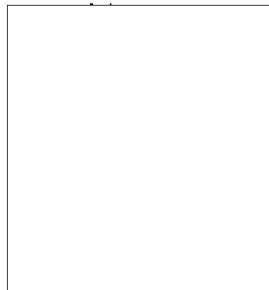
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CO Career Service Program - Training Activities (cont.)



English Usage
12 September - 7 October 1955

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Industrial College of the Armed Forces - Lectures
2, 8, 12 - 16 September 1955

External

Typing
12 September - 7 October 1955

Internal

Typing
8 August - 2 September 1955

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9. Foreign Travel

None

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