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10 May 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs

FROM: Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT: Letter of Instruction

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1. Developments on the African Project during April:

a. Preparation of plans for the operations building and equipment neared completion.

b. Evidence mounted that the FBIS proposal was in difficult straits in the Nigerian Government despite the best efforts of the U.S. Consul General in Lagos. Our suspicions were confirmed by a cable from Lagos stating that the Council of Ministers had voted on 29 April to defer consideration of the FBIS station until after Nigerian independence (October 1960). Further courses of action may include a joint US-UK approach to Prime Minister Balewa, who is now in England.

c. Travel arrangements for the advance party were suspended until further notice.

d. A draft of a statement to the press in Nigeria was approved. [redacted]

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2. The final draft report of the Direction Finding Committee to the USIB Secretariat is still in preparation. Completion of the report is expected in May. [redacted]

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3. All arrangements were completed for establishment of a small monitoring mission at the U.S. Naval Base, Key West, Florida, to monitor Cuban medium wave and TV broadcasts. Equipment was shipped on 12 April. Monitor [redacted] both of the East Coast Bureau, reported to the base on 30 April to establish the post. Activation in early May is expected. [redacted]

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4. Of 278 items included in OCI's Current Intelligence Digest during April, 77 (22.7 percent) were based wholly or in part on FBIS monitoring. [redacted]

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5. The Liaison and Requirements Staff has completed its annual review of all continuing lateral field services performed by the several bureaus. These services will be compiled into separate lists, based upon USIB-member source (i.e. State, Army, Navy, Air, etc.), and forwarded to senior officials of each USIB component in Washington. The purpose is to apprise the USIB community of the vast array of continuing FBIS lateral field services performed on their behalf in overseas areas. [redacted]

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PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT [redacted]

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1. Radio Propaganda Reports (Responsible analyst indicated in parentheses):

a. "Sino-Soviet Bloc Broadcasts to Africa." updating an August 1959 propaganda report at USIA request [redacted]

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b. "The Impact of Khrushchev's Troop-Cut Speech on Soviet Military Doctrine" [redacted]

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c. "New Look in Soviet Propaganda Reflected in Publicity on Pacific Rescue" [redacted]

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d. "Soviet Slogans for May Day 1960" [redacted]

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e. "Soviet Propaganda on the German Question from the 1958 Berlin Crisis to Date" [redacted]

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f. "Satellite Attitudes Towards the Chinese Communes," in response to an OCI continuing request for analyses of satellite propaganda on the CPR [redacted]

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2. Propaganda Analysis Items on the FBIS Wire (Responsible analyst indicated in parentheses):

a. "Highlights of the CPSU Slogans for May Day" [redacted]

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b. "PRAVDA Observer on Herter Speech of 4 April" [redacted]

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c. "RED FLAG Repeats CPR Views Contradicting Soviet Line on Likelihood and Consequences of War" [redacted]

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d. "Khrushchev Warns that Separate Soviet-GDR Treaty Would End Western Access to Berlin" [redacted]

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3. Special RPB Services:

a. The Chief, RPB and Chief, International Affairs Section briefed [redacted]

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[redacted] on propaganda bearing on general East-West relations, disarmament, and Sino-Soviet differences. Periodic briefings of the General on these and other subjects have been requested.

b. A survey of the utilization of music as a propaganda device in Peking broadcasts, prepared by [redacted] at the West Coast Bureau, was distributed as a special memorandum to consumers in DD/P [redacted] offices, USIA/IRI, VOA, ACSI, and the Special Operations Research Office.

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c. In response to the intelligence community's priority concern with Sino-Soviet differences, RPB has undertaken a major research effort to define the scope and depth of such differences, as brought sharply into focus in recent authoritative Chinese and Soviet pronouncements.

4. Continuing RPB Services:

Propaganda-analysis report No. 35 was sent to OCI on 28 April for the U.S. Delegation to the Geneva ten-nation disarmament talks. With the nuclear test-ban talks concurrently in session in Geneva, material on the test-ban issue has been incorporated in the cables for the disarmament delegation and copies have been routed to the test-ban conference delegation.

5. The following are among the Radio Propaganda Reports projected for late May and June (Responsible analyst indicated in parentheses):

a. Evolution of Khrushchev's Position on the Transition to Communism--a research study [redacted]

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b. Review of Soviet Propaganda on Agriculture [redacted]

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c. Opposition in the Chinese Communist Party to the Party's Small Blast-Furnace Policy--first in a series responding to an OCI request for studies of aspects of the "rightist" opposition in Communist China [redacted]

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d. Review of Soviet Propaganda Beamed to Turkey--a survey of this propaganda in advance of Menderes' visit to Moscow

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6. Field Support of the Radio Propaganda Branch

Bureaus responsible for Chinese Communist coverage are urged to supply FYIs whenever possible, and as promptly as possible, on any unusual radio treatment of key articles from CPR newspapers and journals. Examples of unusual treatment are: (a) particularly wide or particularly limited beaming, (b) differences between the lengths of home service and foreign-language versions, (c) replacement of regularly scheduled radio features with special broadcasts of key articles, and (d) the broadcasting of such articles in installments.

This type of information is of special importance in regard to articles such as the recent ones in RED FLAG that have polemically attacked Soviet ideological positions. One of these articles got extraordinary distribution, even wider than that given major speeches by top leaders.

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EDITORIAL BRANCH COMMENT

General

1. The bureaus concerned are commended for their professional handling of reportage and comment on the South African riots.
2. Information supplied by the field on plans for processing important materials from the Eighth Plenum of the SED Central Committee and the Yugoslav Socialist Alliance Congress was appreciated by Headquarters editors. The Mediterranean Bureau's well-prepared editorial reports on the Yugoslav congress enabled the Daily Report to provide prompt coverage of the congress proceedings.
3. The decision to assign the Mediterranean Bureau primary responsibility for coverage of Nasir's visit to India and Pakistan made it possible to achieve a comprehensive file of useful information without the customary duplication which results when events occur involving the coverage responsibilities of two or more bureaus.
4. Bureaus are reminded that any embargo placed on an item by the transmitting agency should be indicated in an appropriate subslug.
5. During the month 84 percent of Daily Report pages were devoted to radio material, and 16 percent to press scrutiny.

Okinawa and West Coast Bureaus

1. The Okinawa Bureau's informative and detailed FYI's on Radio Pyongyang's treatment of the events leading up to and attending the fall of the Rhee government in South Korea were well-tailored for incorporation into the Daily Report as editorial reports, providing much valuable information in a minimum of space.
2. The bureaus are commended for their fine handling of the voluminous materials on the recent NPC-CPPCC sessions. Okinawa's efforts to supply the Chinese hellischreiber versions of all major speeches were much appreciated, not only by FBIS, but by the Department of State, OCI, and other major consumers.

Panama Post

1. The post was authorized to again utilize its teletypist as a Spanish monitor during the recent Venezuelan crisis.
2. The post turned in an excellent performance in connection with the Castro Leon revolt in Venezuela. Its rapid filing of concise reports

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from numerous broadcast sources, including the rebel radio, enabled the FBIS Wire to keep consistently ahead of local news services in covering the situation.

LIAISON AND REQUIREMENTS STAFF COMMENT

1. The Liaison and Requirements Staff would like to take this opportunity to express to all bureaus its sincere appreciation for the exemplary cooperation it continues to receive from the field. This cooperation is outstanding in three areas:

a. The execution of any special coverage requirements levied on the field.

b. The singular attention given by the field to flagged copy.

c. The very effective coordination displayed by the field in assisting in the control of ad hoc and continuing lateral field services.

2. In the two previous Letters of Instruction the general distribution of FBIS publications and the specific distribution of the White Book were discussed. One general category of clients mentioned for White Book service was friendly foreign embassies, and by indirection the governments they represent.

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ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. The Field Operations Officer returned from an around-the-world inspection trip of all FBIS Bureaus.

2. Radio Peking made its spring schedule change on 14/15 April, raising its total international output from the January total of 388½ hours to 490 hours. On 27 and 29 April further changes were made. Italian language broadcasts were inaugurated and Korean broadcasts were increased, bringing the total weekly output of Peking to the present level of 507½ hours. This is the greatest single expansion in output by Radio Peking in its entire history. It broadcasts in 24 languages and is now one of the top four international broadcasters. Coverage of the expansion has required reassignment of some Peking broadcasts among field bureaus, and dropping of lower priority news programs from various countries.

3. Radio Moscow introduced its spring/summer international broadcast schedule on 26 April, but bad reception due to severe sun-spot trouble has hampered analysis of the schedule change. Incomplete observations show increases in many languages, notably in English and French to Africa and in Spanish and Portuguese to Latin America. Moscow also added daytime broadcasts to its North and Latin American beams. The impact of this increase has not yet been felt on FBIS coverage. However, the additional coverage of this and the Peking increase will further affect FBIS' ability to cover news broadcasts from non-bloc countries, and to handle coverage of political crises as they occur.

4. Work on the publication of "Broadcasting Stations of the World" is progressing favorably. The completed and corrected IBM runs should be in the hands of the printer on or before the 1 June deadline. Almost four thousand individual volumes of the last printing of this publication were sold by the Government Printing Office.

5. The Broadcast Information Section during April published a complete revision of the East European section of the program schedule book. It also completed work on the African Section, which will be sent to subscribers within the next two weeks. The African Section will be the largest and most comprehensive ever published by the BIS.

6. The Broadcast Information Section started publishing representative television schedules of major communist world TV stations in its "Program Schedules of Foreign Broadcasting Stations." It is strictly an experiment to determine if subscribers will want such a service maintained, especially for transmitters within the coverage area of FBIS bureaus.

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7. A requisition for thirty long and medium wave antenna multicouplers was submitted to Logistics. Delivery is expected to take about six months.

8. CSG Laboratories has delivered to East Coast the first ten high frequency multicouplers. Except for a few minor irregularities which will be corrected in the additional one hundred units due, multicoupler performance is excellent, with specifications exceeded in most categories.

9. Plans and estimates for an extension to the Okinawa Bureau Operations Building have been reviewed and approved. The Bureau has been instructed to proceed with bids and signing of contract which must be completed by 30 June.

10. Plans and specifications for one-bedroom additions to eight duplex housing units in Okinawa have been received. Project bids and signing of contract should be completed by 30 June.

ADMINISTRATION

1. [redacted] was named Chief, Internal Affairs Section, RPB as of 15 April. He replaces [redacted] who will continue as Deputy Chief, RPB until assigned as Chief of the Austrian Bureau in July.

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2. Instructions were forwarded to the East Coast Bureau to implement Type II financial property accountability. Following the ECB experiment, FPA will be established at all FBIS bureaus.

3. Arrangements were initiated for the area familiarization travel of [redacted] West Coast Bureau Monitor, to South America.

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4. Current Residence & Dependency Reports should be submitted to Headquarters in an original and two copies.

5. Travel Vouchers - Bureaus are requested to leave vacant the space on the face of the Travel Voucher in line 3 which reads "to which \$----- of this voucher should be applied." The amount of any Travel Advance(s) should still be inserted.

6. The following FBIS Regulatory issuances were released during the month of April:

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