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19 January 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs
FROM: Chief, FBIS
SUBJECT: Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. African Bureau

a. A topographical survey of the operations area was completed and a site was tentatively selected. A tentative time schedule agreed upon by the bureau chief with the architectural and engineering contractor calls for start of operations building construction in March 1961, with completion in September 1961.

b. One interim monitoring position at the temporary FBIS quarters has been set up to permit monitoring of Radio GAROUA in the Republic of The Cameroons. This will provide coverage of the material being broadcast relative to the plebiscite to be held in the Northern Area of the Trusteeship Territory of The Cameroons on 12 February. Equipment for two additional positions is enroute by sea cargo.

c. A native T/O was approved. It authorizes [redacted] of which will be monitorial.

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d. Local wage schedules were established for the bureau.

e. [redacted] has reported to the bureau to assume the duties of senior editor, and to assist the bureau chief with recruitment and training of monitors. The first monitor was hired on 5 January. [redacted]

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2. Extraordinary interest in the statement of the Moscow meeting of world communist party leaders issued early in the month occasioned a press run of unprecedented size for the 6 December FBIS Daily Report Supplement which carried the text of the statement. Indicative of the great demand for this document was State Department's request for 2,000 extra copies for distribution to Foreign Service posts throughout the world, as well as to every officer in the Department's Intelligence Bureau. Similar heavy requests from other consumers pushed the total press run to approximately 3,200 copies. [redacted]

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3. Interest in Laotian broadcasting intensified during late December. Vientiane Radio, apparently damaged or destroyed during mid-December fighting for control of the city, was not heard for about one week. The displaced Kong Le group began broadcasts via the Pathet Lao transmitter on 18 December which, itself, increased transmission times to four hours daily. However, no broadcasts of the Kong Le group were heard on the Pathet Lao transmitter after 27 December. [redacted]

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5. During December two new recipients were added to the Wire Service Section's special file of monitored material on space and missile activities. This file is transmitted via military communications channels to a total of six U.S. Government components in various parts of the country. The two new consumers are the Washington Headquarters of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. [redacted]

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6. Of 225 items included in the Current Intelligence Digest during December, 77 (34.2 percent) were based wholly or in part on FBIS monitoring. [redacted]

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7. On 14 December [redacted] was issued to report PRENSA LATINA's appeals for popular demonstrations of protest throughout Latin America against the Argentine Government's closing of the Agency's Buenos Aires bureau. [redacted]

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PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT [redacted]

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1. Radio Propaganda Reports issued (responsible analysts indicated in parentheses):

a. "The Moscow Conference: CPSU Achieves Nominal Agreement at Cost of Doctrinal Ambiguity" [redacted]

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b. "The 'Nth Country' Problem in Soviet Propaganda," prepared at the request of State Department/RSB [redacted]

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c. "First Signs of Reaction to Moscow Conference Statements on Tasks of Newly Independent Countries" [redacted]

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d. "Ulbricht's Report on the Moscow Conference of Communist Parties" [redacted]

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2. Propaganda-analysis items on the FBIS Wire (responsible analyst indicated in parentheses):

a. "Moscow Commentaries on Israeli Development of Nuclear-Weapons Potential Are Beamed Only to Arab Audiences" [redacted] 50X1

b. "Radio Moscow Renews Direct Attack on Shah of Iran" [redacted] 50X1

3. The eighth Index of Radio Propaganda Reports was issued on 5 January, covering the period July through December 1960, with reports listed and cross-referenced under subject categories.

4. The following are among Radio Propaganda Reports projected or under consideration for publication within the next few months (responsible analyst indicated in parentheses):

a. Contrasting Soviet and Chinese views on national liberation movements [redacted] 50X1

b. Opposition in the Chinese Communist Party to the commune program, in response to a standing OCI requirement [redacted] 50X1

c. Latin America in Soviet and Chinese Communist propaganda, with emphasis on treatment of Cuba [redacted] 50X1

5. The Radio Propaganda Branch participated for the third successive time in the Junior Officer Trainee course conducted by the Office of Training. The five JOT's receiving DD/I area training were given an exercise in propaganda analysis, which was subsequently reviewed with them by an RPB officer following a briefing on RPB activities and a tour of the branch's research facilities. The OTR officer conducting the course expressed a desire to expand the scope of the propaganda-analysis instruction in future courses if sufficient time can be made available.

6. It is suggested that bureaus monitoring Moscow and Peking review [redacted] on procedures for determining and handling verbatim-repeat broadcasts of those radios. In brief, the notice provides that all such verbatim repeats should be (a) reported on commentary lists and (b) checked monthly to determine if the verbatim-repeat characteristic is sustained. 50X1

7. RPB has a continuing interest in samples of routine bloc comment on such sensitive issues as the German problem and the NATO nuclear force proposal, even when comment on these issues does not depart from the general propaganda line.

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EDITORIAL BRANCH COMMENT

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1. FBIS has secured approval to change the title of the blue book of the Daily Report to "Middle East, Africa, and West Europe." Also, items in the area books which are subject to protection for copyright or other reasons will hence forth be labeled "Official Use Only." Pages will not bear the control stamp, and the warning caveat on the front of each section will be changed accordingly. The revisions will be effected as soon as required changes can be made in Editorial Branch procedures, and in the printing plant. The new format should be in effect by 1 April 1961.

2. During the month 86 percent of the Daily Report pages were devoted to broadcast material and 14 percent to press scrutiny.

3. Owing to an officially declared weather emergency in Washington, the Daily Report was not published 12 December. However, publication of the Daily Report will henceforth be considered an essential government service and the Editorial Branch will function as nearly normally as possible during weather crises.

4. A Technical Information Unit spot check in recent copy filed from the field shows a high percentage of incorrect or bracketed renderings of names whose correct versions could have been obtained by referring to name-lists which have been supplied to bureaus by Headquarters. In the case of regional Soviet leaders, the names of deputies and Central Committee members are conveniently available in Cyrillic transliteration form on lists provided by TIU. Editors and monitors should make every effort to check names for accuracy.

5. Bureaus handling Economic Abstracts have sometimes found it impossible to confine to a single mat all pertinent information. In cases where detail cannot be compressed into the mat's 20-line limitation, or where several items dealing with different aspects of the same subject are encountered concurrently, the lengthy abstract may continue to the next mat or mats, with FBIS reference numbers in proper sequence. The abstract's lead-off mat should have "Continued on Card (next reference number)" at the bottom, and ensuing mats should carry "Continued from..." at the top. The logograph on the final mat would signalize the end of a multiple-mat abstract. No substantive headings are required, nor should such series be resorted to when condensation is possible.

6. When one bureau files corrections or amplifications on copy filed by another (for instance, London submitting material from TASS English which changes material filed by Kyrenia from TASS Cyrillic), the messages should be double addressed so the originating bureau can confirm a correction, or offer pertinent comment (which likewise should be double addressed).

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7. Bureaus are reminded that press-type material filed by correspondents of foreign news agencies and newspapers should be submitted by the field as regular monitored copy, and not as administrative messages. "Press-type" material means news dispatches obviously meant for public dissemination. Correspondents' names should be given when available. Editors should review the instructions

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8. Mediterranean Bureau

The surveys covering National Voice of Iran and Peyk-E Iran broadcasts during December were well-organized, concise, and well thought out. They contained useful generalizations supported by convincing examples, and the essential statistics were well handled. These surveys in particular were much appreciated by RPB and the Daily Report.

ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. The CGS Laboratories of Wilton, Connecticut have loaned FBIS, for an indefinite period, two model 9126 HF antenna amplifier/couplers for test and evaluation. Since there is no time limit, one each will be sent to the Mediterranean and Okinawa Bureaus where the tests will be conducted. Wide band, low noise amplifiers of this type should be an aid in compensating for signal losses experienced in relatively long coaxial cable feed lines from rhombic antennas.

2. The Technical Material Corporation has shipped to FBIS 25 model LMC low and medium frequency antenna multicouplers. An additional five units will complete the contract. Shipments to field bureaus will be made after tests on two units by the East Coast Bureau.

3. Because BIS is part of the Field Operations Staff, bureaus need not flag messages "copy to FOS and BIS." Technical information included in messages flagged "copy to FOS" will be relayed to BIS at Headquarters. Normally, FOS requires only information on potential coverage.

4. Bureaus are again reminded that all coverage changes occurring during a reporting period must be noted on coverage change reports due in Headquarters the first and sixteenth day of each month, even though separate messages or correspondence regarding the change had previously taken place.

5. Editorial FYI's concerning anomalous behavior of transmitters on bureau coverage should be sent "copy to FOS" and flagged for relay to BBC.

6. To standardize wordage counts reported in monthly traffic reports, bureaus are requested to assume that twelve words constitute a line of filed copy.

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7. The representative week to be used for Production Report statistics is the first full week of each month which does not include a U.S. Government holiday.

8. Initial reports of new programs which may have coverage value should indicate what coverage action, if any, the reporting bureau plans. If bureau plans cannot be ascertained at the time of the report, the message should contain a statement to the effect that a report on bureau coverage plans will be made by the chief editor as soon as possible.

9. Okinawa Construction: Bedroom additions to four duplexes and window replacements in the Club BOQ were 90% complete on 31 December, and the addition to the operations building at Bolo Point was 35% complete. Progress is expected to accelerate in January.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Bureau Chiefs are reminded to inform Headquarters immediately by wire upon the death or serious illness of employees or their dependents.

2. Bureaus may hereafter submit only the original copy of the monthly Financial Status Report to Headquarters.

3. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were released during the month of December:

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. New Employees

Assignment

Custodian
East Coast Bureau

Teletypist
Editorial Branch

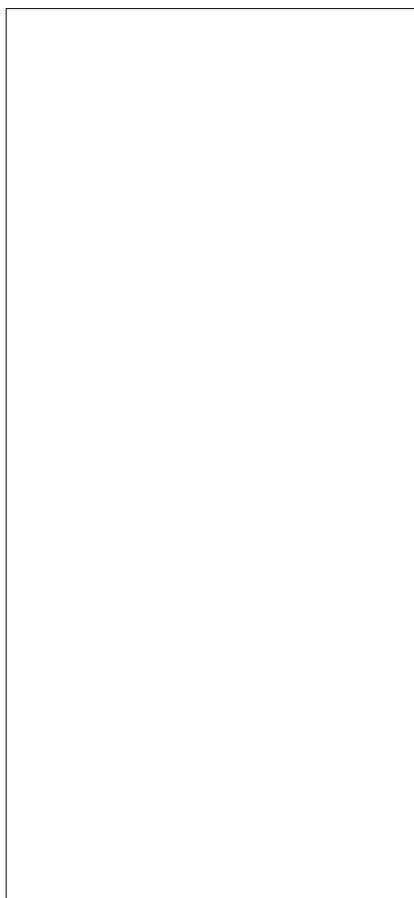
Teletypist
Editorial Branch

Clerk Typist
Editorial Branch

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2. Reassignments

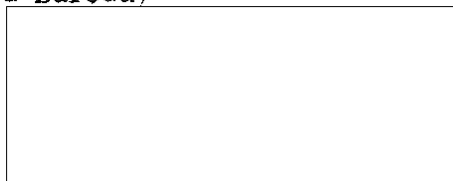


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Monitor East Coast Bureau	Editor, ME, WE, LA Sect. Editorial Branch	
Chief German Bureau	Deputy Chief West Coast Bureau	
Editor Editorial Branch	Editor London Bureau	
Editor Editorial Branch	Senior Editor Mediterranean Bureau	
Deputy Chief Okinawa Bureau	Deputy Chief Mediterranean Bureau	
Editor Mediterranean Bur.	Editor, Wire Service Sect. Editorial Branch	
Chief Mediterranean Bur.	Chief Editorial Branch	

3. Separations



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Editor Editorial Branch	STAT
Watch Officer West Coast Bureau	
Admin. Officer Administrative Staff	
Watch Officer (Death) Okinawa Bureau	



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