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22 June 1961

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

GENERAL

1. The Twelfth Meeting of the FBIS-EBC Monitoring Service Coordination Committee was held on Thursday, 18 May 1961, at Headquarters. Present were: Assistant Director for Operations (in the chair); [redacted] Head of Monitoring Service, EBC; Deputy Assistant Director for Operations; and Chief, FBIS. The agenda included Chinese Regional Monitoring, Russian Regional Monitoring, African Monitoring, Latin American Monitoring, FBIS Requirements, American visits to the EBC Monitoring Service, Kyrenia - Caversham Coverage Coordination, Dissemination of USSR Regional Material, and Installation of a Lift at Caversham. [redacted]

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2. The following actions were taken to insure adequate coverage in connection with the assassination of Dominican Dictator Trujillo, and to follow political developments in the Republic:

(a) The West Coast Bureau was directed to provide fullest possible coverage of Dominican radios between midnight and 0700.

(b) The East Coast Bureau was instructed to provide fullest possible coverage at all other times.

(c) A Headquarters cruising monitor assisted the East Coast Bureau in its efforts to locate Dominican transmissions. [redacted]

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3. FBIS support for the U.S. delegation to the Geneva conference on Laos continued, with texts of key monitored items and roundups supplied from the bureaus and RPB analyses of bloc propaganda forwarded by classified cable. Thirty-one such analyses have been prepared to date, and a number of requests from the Agency representative on the delegation were filled in the field and by RPB. [redacted]

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4. African Bureau

a. Actual signing of the [redacted] construction contract has been delayed until final plans are available from the Foreign Buildings Officer and from the Architectural Engineering firm, and until arrangements for electric power connections to the station are resolved. However, a letter of intent has been given the contractor and construction is proceeding satisfactorily.

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b. Masonry work is up to the roof level on two of four houses being built for lease by the Bureau. Although delay of approval of water connections to the other two houses has held up work, problems are now resolved and work should begin promptly on excavation for foundations and construction of building blocks.

c. The bureau lost the services of its Cruising Monitor, when the latter had to be discharged. Training of the two foreign language monitors continues. The second monthly production report indicated a daily average of 200 words of publishable wordage filed during May. [redacted]

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5. Puerto Rico Survey

a. Superb support arranged through the Department of Defense for the FBIS Puerto Rico survey team provided almost all needed technical equipment and test facilities, resulting in a minimal shipment of material from the Headquarters area. Logistic support for the team during the survey was provided by the Signal Engineering Agency (SEA) and the Strategic Army Communications (STARCOM) facility at Ft. Allen and at Salinas, both near the south central coast of Puerto Rico. Special test antennas were set up for the team by SEA, who also provided workspace. Through STARCOM, helicopter and light plane coverage at low altitude was provided the team, greatly reducing time required for reconnaissance for sites.

b. The survey team concluded its work and returned borrowed equipment by the end of the month. [redacted] Asst. Chief Engineer, ECB, departed from Puerto Rico on 18 May. [redacted]

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[redacted] Deputy Chief, Field Operations Staff, and [redacted] Cruising Monitor, departed from the test site on 28 May.

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c. Although test results have yet to be evaluated, tentative evaluation indicates that such a station could provide good coverage of Brazil, Venezuela, Colombia, the Guianas, and the Caribbean islands (excluding Cuba); fairly good coverage of Peru; fair coverage of Ecuador; poor coverage (but improved over present FBIS capability) of Argentina and Chile; and poor but adequate coverage of Paraguay, Bolivia, Uruguay, Cuba, Mexico or Central America. A test survey report, integrating reception observations conducted at the Panama Post in March 1961, will be prepared and submitted in June.

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d. One factor revealed during the survey, which may affect midafternoon reception of certain target transmitters, is an electrostatic cloud discharge noise. It is most prevalent during the period of May through September. Its effect on reception of FBIS target transmitters will be evaluated.

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- e. Between 28 and 31 May the survey team visited St. Croix, Virgin Islands to determine the feasibility of the area as a site for an FBIS monitoring station. Although there would be logistic support problems to resolve, the area has some desirable features, which will be covered in the survey report. [redacted] 50X1
6. A review of the history of a pro-French clandestine radio broadcast "The Algerian Renaissance Movement Radio" from 1957 to the present was made in response to a memorandum from Department of State. [redacted] 50X1
7. During the month 86 percent of Daily Report pages were devoted to broadcast material and 14 percent to press scrutiny. [redacted] 50X1
8. Of 246 items included in the Current Intelligence Digest during May, 79 (32.1 percent) were based wholly or in part on FBIS monitoring. [redacted] 50X1
9. Without any apparent prior coordination, either locally or at higher commands, the Army Broadcast and Visual Activities on Okinawa revealed advanced plans for the construction at Machinato of two 20 kilowatt transmitters, beamed to Seoul, Korea, to transmit directly over Bolo Point, using frequencies on or very near the Bureau's targets. Protest actions were immediately initiated by the Bureau locally, and by headquarters through [redacted] [redacted] to CINCPAC and to the Director for Intelligence, Joint Staff. Relocation of the AEVA facility and selection of frequencies which would not cause interference with FBIS and other receiving activities have been requested. [redacted] 50X1
10. Four allocated STARCOM circuits between Headquarters and the London Bureau, and two between Headquarters and the Tokyo Bureau were rerouted from the Pentagon through the new STARCOM East Coast Relay Station at Fort Detrick, Maryland during the month. Operations continued normally. [redacted] 50X1
11. On 28 May, the leased teletype circuit, providing the primary facility for traffic to and from the West Coast Bureau, was interrupted at 1255 GMT by destruction of microwave and cable facilities in Utah and Nevada. After rerouting, the circuit was again functional at 1359 GMT. [redacted] 50X1
12. OCI has levied a White House requirement on FBIS to inform it daily on the whereabouts of specified key world leaders. Bureaus already have been instructed to keep track of top communist leaders. They are now alerted to the urgent need for all pertinent personal intelligence in connection with such individuals as Castro and Guevara of Cuba, "Ramfis" Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, Nehru of India, Sukarno of Indonesia, the Shah of Iran, and Abd an-Nasir of the UAR. Any item filed exclusively to meet this requirement, rather than for general use on the basis of normal selection criteria, should be handled as an FYI with full logograph information to facilitate dissemination on the FBIS Wire. [redacted] 50X1

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13. Following an extensive period of preliminary exploration, the headquarters of the Strategic Air Force Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska, is now a fulltime subscriber to the FBIS Wire Service. [redacted]

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14. Substantial portions of the London Bureau's well done comparison of Cairo Swahili and Voice of Free Africa broadcasts, originally prepared at the request of USIA in Washington and printed in the Daily Report, were incorporated into a Cairo embassy dispatch detailing UAR propaganda activities in Black Africa. [redacted]

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PROPAGANDA ANALYSIS COMMENT [redacted]

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

a. "Soviet Broadcasts in Kurdish to the Middle East." based on a survey prepared by the Mediterranean Bureau [redacted]

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b. "Khrushchev's KOMMUNIST Article on Literature and the Arts" [redacted]

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2. RPB Special Services

a. Eighteen analyses of Soviet propaganda on the nuclear testing issue were cabled to the U.S. delegation at the Geneva nuclear test-ban talks, in a continuing service. (Analyst: [redacted])

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b. At the invitation of the ONE Staff, analyst [redacted] attended the final meetings of the USIB Representatives on the draft of NIE 11-8-61, SOVIET CAPABILITIES FOR LONG-RANGE ATTACK, following his submission of a paper in support of the Estimate in April.

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c. RPB was asked by the ONE Staff for assistance in preparing a memorandum for the Director on Chinese Communist intentions in Southeast Asia.

d. A typescript report on "Propaganda Evidence Bearing on Military Rockets Launched From Outer Space" was prepared for the Air Force Systems Command. (Analyst: [redacted])

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3. RPB Comment

The following are among Radio Propaganda Reports and special studies projected or under consideration for publication within the next few months (Responsible analyst indicated in parentheses):

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a. "The Bulgarian Purge of Party and State Leaders"

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b. "Soviet Outer-Space Projects and Programming"

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d. "Political Implications of Soviet Provincial Press Treatment of Centrally Distributed Articles"

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e. "Problems Encountered in the Administration of CPR Communes"

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4. Bureaus monitoring NCHA and Moscow broadcasts in Mandarin are reminded of RPB's continuing need for material from these sources on major East - West developments. Moscow Mandarin comment continues to be of special interest to consumers as an indication of developments in the Sino - Soviet dispute. NCHA's "news" coverage of key world developments is studied alongside Moscow's particularly to shed light on differences in propaganda treatment that may reflect real differences in approach.

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EDITORIAL BRANCH COMMENTGENERAL

1. Because of the confusion resulting from some nondated items, field editors are requested to retain the dateline when given by the broadcast source.
2. The umlaut in German and Scandinavian proper names should be handled in accordance with instructions given in the Editorial Handbook, section D, paragraph III c.
3. Materials on the 40th anniversary of the Czechoslovak Communist Party were collated and published 26 May in a 97-page Daily Report supplement.
4. Editors should avoid such double articles as "The Rome Il Messagero" or "The Cairo Al-Jumhuriyah." In cases where the foreign article forms part of the name, the English article can be dispensed with by use of the possessive form for the place: "Cairo's Al-Jumhuriyah."

Mediterranean Bureau

In handling items of a purely ceremonial nature such as the victory monument dedication on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Soviet Armenia, an FYI is sufficient, so long as the speakers' names are given and headquarters is assured that no reference was made to top CSU or regional personalities or that no aspect of foreign or domestic policy was touched upon.

West Coast Bureau

Examination of the Capetown SAPA discards for the period 22 May - 5 June revealed a number of publishable items. Comparison with the Daily Report showed that some items available from SAPA were printed from other sources.

ENGINEERING AND FIELD OPERATIONS

1. The shop and parts storage addition to the Okinawa Bureau operations building is completed.
2. Headquarters has authorized expansion of the Okinawa Bureau's editorial and teletype rooms from FY 61 funds. The Air Force Purchasing and Contracting Office handled bidding and contracting routines for FBIS. The low bid at \$5,400 has been accepted and the contract signed.
3. Asst. Chief Engineer, ECB, returning from the Puerto Rico reception survey, stopped in Key West to provide essential maintenance support for the post. He improved TV reception; repaired and adjusted

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receivers and dictaphone equipment; and instructed the Post Chief, [redacted] in the operation of photographic equipment in support of TV monitoring.

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4. The Pioneer Electric and Research Corporation has designed a long and medium wave Interference Suppressor to meet specific FBIS radio frequency interference problems. A prototype of this suppressor has been turned over to FBIS for test and evaluation. Tests conducted at both the East Coast and Okinawa Bureaus indicate excellent results in eliminating unwanted stations on the same or adjacent frequency. Procurement of this device has been budgeted for FY 62 for all bureaus where it was determined to be of value in dealing with common or near channel interference cases, which heretofore could not be resolved.

5. Arrangements were completed for the indefinite loan from the Navy of a CGS Morse Code-to-teletype converter for use at the East Coast Bureau. Delivery was effected, and the Bureau succeeded in placing the unit in operation by the end of the month.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Long-range budget estimates for Fiscal Years 1962-1966, inclusive, were completed.

2. The position of "Chief Monitor" in the overseas field has been re-titled "Operations Officer."

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

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date</u>
Standardized Accounting System	21 April 1961
Foreign Press Services	5 May 1961
Allotment Numbers - Fiscal Year 1962	18 May 1961

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PERSONNEL NOTES1. New EmployeesAssignment

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Radio Propaganda Branch**

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**Editor, USSR & EE Section,
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**Editor, USSR & EE Section,
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**Watch Officer
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2. Separations



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