

24 October 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Staff Personnel

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GENERAL

1. Nigerian Developments: The behavior of the rebel Radio Enugu was a primary topic of African Bureau reporting as Federal troops continued their advance into the dissident Eastern Region of Nigeria. The security situation remained stable at Kaduna, thus permitting uninterrupted bureau operations. Nevertheless, radio communications outages between Kaduna and Lagos showed an increase during September. Arrangements were made to send 500 words a day of critical bureau material via a classified alternate channel.
(SECRET)

2. Cyprus Situation: September was a quiet month in Cyprus following a rash of inter-communal murders in the Paphos-Limassol area during August. Talks between the Greek and Turkish premiers ended without apparent progress on the Cyprus issue, but for the first time the rotation of the Turkish military contingent took place without the usual weeks of acrimony. The last of the London Bureau's Turkish coverage was transferred to Mediterranean Bureau thus ending the "split coverage" that began with the dislocation of February 1964. Negotiations continued between the U.S. and Cyprus governments on an agreement for retention of U.S. installations on the island. (SECRET)

3. Saigon Bureau: Terrorists blew up the Nationalist Chinese Embassy, two blocks from the Saigon Bureau, in one of the most serious downtown Viet Cong attacks in months. The main entrance to the U.S. Embassy was closed for a period as a precaution against sniper fire following the blast. The period was also marked by numerous traffic dislocations resulting from increased Buddhist and student antigovernment demonstrations. In its local services the bureau was deluged for requests for copies of the National Liberation Front political platform, broadcast by the Liberation Radio. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. London Press Monitoring Unit: Further progress was made during September toward establishing the London Press Monitoring Unit. Between 18 and 30 September, 54 applicants were interviewed and tested, of which 19 were put into processing. Subscriptions were placed for 167 Soviet and East European newspapers, for delivery at the PMU offices at Wembley Park. Plans for the arrangement of PMU work space, lighting, and partitioning have been drafted. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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5. FBIS-BBC Coordination Meeting: The 18th annual meeting of the FBIS-BBC Monitoring Service Coordination Committee was held in Washington 19 October. Mr. John Campbell, Head, BBC Monitoring Service, represented the BBC, while the Director, Deputy Director, Chief of Operations, and Acting Chief of Production represented FBIS. The Committee decided that a joint study of current broadcast coverage commitments should be made by FBIS and the BBC to determine the validity of current coverage and insure that resources are allocated in the most profitable manner. (SECRET)

SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS

6. Stokely Carmichael Report: The Production Group, in coordination with the L&R Office, produced on a crash basis a second compilation of all material published by FBIS on the activities of Stokely Carmichael abroad since 9 August, the date of the first issuance dealing with Carmichael. The request was levied by an Organization component in behalf of the Attorney General. A limited press run of the finished product was subsequently distributed to key members of the government. Several requests for tape recordings of Carmichael statements made over foreign radios were also fulfilled. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. Giap Article: In response to a high level request from the State Department and requests from Organization components, an article by North Vietnam's General Giap entitled "The Big Victory, The Great Task," previously printed in the Daily Report in installments, was reissued as a supplement in a single volume. The State Department alone ordered 250 copies. Copies were also sent to Far East bureaus for key consumers in the U.S. missions. At the request of the Operations Center, the entire 25,000-word Giap article was carried on the Wire Service. The article had been monitored from Radio Hanoi by the Saigon Bureau. (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. Wire Service: The FBIS Wire Service reported the Egyptian attack on the Israeli destroyer Elath at 2058 GMT 21 October from a Jerusalem Domestic broadcast, well ahead of the first news agency report received at 2233 GMT. The item was monitored by the Mediterranean Bureau. The Wire Service completed its conversion from 60 words per minute to 100-wpm operation on 20 October. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

9. Special Services: Various FBIS components responded to high-level requests for service in connection with Hanoi and other communist propaganda relating to U.S. domestic dissatisfaction over the war in Vietnam: (a) all available Hanoi items on the subject are being provided on a continuing basis to OCI via the Wire Service in support of a daily service to the President; (b) examples of Hanoi propaganda on U.S. domestic opposition to the war from August 1965 to date were compiled by the Propaganda Analysis Division for the Vietnam Information Group in the White House; and (c) related services to other Government offices included a cull

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of Hanoi, Liberation Radio, and Peking propaganda designed to fan U.S. domestic discontent over the war for the Office of Naval Intelligence, provided by PAD. (SECRET)

FBIS communications from Hong Kong are being utilized for transmission of unusual items from the U.S. Consulate General's Press Monitoring Unit that are deemed of sufficient urgent interest to merit wirefiling to OCI. The material is not given normal FBIS dissemination and thus far has been limited primarily to material from the Red Guard press. (SECRET)

10. Propaganda Analysis: In response to interest expressed by the American Consulate General, Hong Kong, a study of the correlation between Chinese provincial radio behavior and political developments in the provinces during 1967 was published as a special PAD report on 6 October, containing graphs on radio activity in each province during 1967. (CONFIDENTIAL)

The unusual nature of this October's CPSU slogans, curtailed in number and changed in format for the extraordinary 50th anniversary of the October Revolution, made the customary PAD comparison with previous lists of slogans inapplicable. In lieu of the usual special report, observations on the slogans were carried in an analysis item on the Wire and in the Trends. (CONFIDENTIAL)

The eighth in the PAD series of monthly Special Memorandums for the State Department on Hanoi propaganda claims of civilian casualties from U.S. air strikes was issued 13 October, with copies to Organization components and MACV Saigon. (CONFIDENTIAL)

11. Lateral Services: Field bureaus began filing processed Moscow Peace and Progress program material beamed to Asia to FBIS Saigon for use of the U.S. Mission and to the U.S. Consulate General in Hong Kong. Broadcast items dealing with Malaysia from the same radio are being sent to the U.S. Embassy in Kuala Lumpur at its request. The London Bureau is temporarily filing to the U.S. Embassy Teheran the Moscow Persian material dealing with Iran, at the embassy's request. The North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) asked that the FBIS Wire Service supply it with monitored reports of space shots. The Mediterranean Bureau resumed service to the U.S. Embassy in Beirut following the return of the U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon on 25 September. (SECRET)

12. Press and Document Exploitation: The USSR Division obtained several Kosygin speeches from Sovetskaya Moldaviya which had not been previously broadcast or published in the Soviet central press. The division also

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arranged the translation on a crash basis for OCI of a series of Red Star articles on the Dnepr military maneuvers. (SECRET)

The Europe, Asia, Latin America Division was able to obtain from Santiago, Montevideo, Paris, and Rome publications four exclusive interviews provided by Fidel Castro to foreign correspondents. A series by a Chilean journalist also translated by the Latin America Branch provided information on Bolivian guerrilla activities. The division collaborated with the German Bureau in scrutinizing East German papers over a six-month period for anti-CPR material, in response to an Organization requirement. (SECRET)

OCI's monthly report on developments in China has made extensive use of Asia Division material from Red Guard publications, according to a recent consumer survey. Similarly, CRS reported that Red Guard coverage had provided a "major input" into files on Chinese communist officials criticized in the cultural revolution. (SECRET)

13. Language Service: On 13 September the Foreign Language Service Center (FLASC), of EAD, moved to new quarters on the mezzanine of the Headquarters Library. (CONFIDENTIAL)

15. Translation Savings: The Consolidated Translation Survey section processed about one thousand inquiries and requirements during September of which 144 were identified as duplications. This represented 8,343 pages of translation saved, or roughly \$40,000. (CONFIDENTIAL)

16. FBIS Collection Requirements: As a supplement to the Current Intelligence Reporting List (CIRL), which is the prime vehicle for dissemination of collection requirements, the Liaison and Requirements Office is issuing a series of "FBIS Collection Requirements," which will cover those requirements for information received by FBIS which are not covered by the CIRL. The "FBIS Collection Requirements" are distributed to all operating components. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PUBLICATIONS

17. Publication Consolidation: On 12 October the Director, FBIS, approved the Production Group's proposal for the amalgamation of the FBIS Daily Report and the Foreign Press Digests. Implementation will proceed by successively incorporating current information now published in the FPD's into the appropriate volumes of the FBIS Daily Report. As this is achieved the corresponding daily FPD will be discontinued. The integration will be accomplished initially with the Latin America reports. (CONFIDENTIAL)

18. Daily Report Supplements: All three Daily Report branches turned out supplements during the past month, with the USSR/EE Branch issuing seven. They included: "Fidel Castro Speech on Seventh Anniversary of

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Committees for the Defense of the Revolution," 4 October; "Material on the 50th Anniversary of the Great October Revolution," Volume I, 6 October, and Volume II, 13 October, partly prepared with mats from Austrian Bureau; "Baybakov, Garbuzov, and Scherbitskiy Report to 10 October 1967 USSR Supreme Soviet Session," 16 October; "DRV Defense Minister Giap's Article 'The Big Victory, the Great Task,'" 16 October; "Ulbricht Speech to SED Central Committee Marking Centenary of DAS KAPITAL," 20 September; "Material on Czech CP Party Plenum," 18 October; and "Polish Party Committee Plenum Material," 19 October; "Leader Speeches at Albanian Democratic Front Congress," 17 October (typed by the Austrian Bureau). (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

18. Editorial Guidance: The Publications Division has assumed responsibility for forwarding Headquarters editorial guidance to field bureaus. The Publications Division issuances will replace the editorial guidance previously included in the monthly Letter of Information. (UNCLASSIFIED)

FIELD OPERATIONS

19. Tokyo Operations: Peking coverage by Japanese press correspondents dropped sharply as the result of a CPR ban on reporting of wall newspapers by foreign correspondents, resulting in a 40 percent decline of material from this source. Coverage of Japanese television for Red China films, however, was improved with the installation of an Ampex videotape recorder transferred from the Key West Bureau. (CONFIDENTIAL)

20. Communications: Movement of Okinawa Bureau traffic for lateral consumers has been improved with installation of a second Multiple Address Processing Unit at the Okinawa STRATCOM relay facility. In addition, the Headquarters communications center now relays all traffic between Okinawa, Saigon, and Bangkok to circumvent delays in the common-user system. Lease of the AT&T line between Headquarters and the West Coast Bureau has been terminated; the bureau is being provided with TWX service as a backup for the DCS AUTODIN system. (CONFIDENTIAL)

21. Bureau Coordination: Bureaus filing from English-language press services should keep in mind that leader speeches and similar material may also be monitored in the original language of the speaker by another bureau. Drop copies of the English-language version should be provided to the appropriate bureau to avoid unnecessary translation effort. (UNCLASSIFIED)

22. Broadcasting Developments: On 1 October Albania introduced a greatly expanded international broadcasting service supported by new facilities developed through Communist Chinese aid. FBIS and BBC are

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analyzing the new operation. FBIS is also covering a new Moscow broadcast, through the medium of "Radio Peace and Progress," for American servicemen in Vietnam. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

ENGINEERING

23. Caribbean Bureau: The construction contract for the Caribbean Bureau is now estimated to be 90 percent completed. Progress continues at an improved pace. The estimated completion date is about 1 November. During early October the emergency electric power system was put into operation. Beneficial occupancy of 10 monitoring rooms, two file rooms, and the chief editor's office occurred 17 October. (FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

24. Hokkaido Bureau: The FBIS USA Homes project at the Hokkaido Bureau was 93 percent complete at the end of September. The houses were expected to be ready for occupancy in late October. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MISCELLANEOUS

25. Recordings for L&R: All recordings requested by Liaison and Requirements for consumers should be on tape rather than belts unless otherwise specified. (UNCLASSIFIED)

26. Reference to Subject: Whenever possible references in administrative messages to previous messages should indicate the subject as well as the message number to facilitate retrieval of the previous message. (UNCLASSIFIED)

27. Briefings and Visits: Rear Admiral John V. Smith, USN, senior member designate, U.N. Command, Military Armistice Commission in Korea, was briefed in Washington on FBIS support capabilities. Brigadier General Stephen W. Henry, J-2 U.S. Southern Command, was briefed at the Panama Bureau. Other briefings of military personnel included the attaches of the U.S. Embassy Vienna on Bratislava and Budapest television, by the Austrian Bureau, and Captain Giles Upshur, USN, Navy Chief of Staff for Intelligence/MACV, by the Saigon Bureau. The Chief, Tokyo Bureau, attended the Japan Intelligence Seminar hosted by the J-2 U.S. Forces Japan 26 September. (SECRET)

The DD/OCI was briefed at the Okinawa Bureau 6-7 September. (SECRET)

ADMINISTRATION

28. Training: [] Analyst, PAD; [] Editor, Publications Division; and [] Area Officer, Asia Division,

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attended the 21st annual conference at the Middle East Institute on 29 and 30 September 1967. [redacted] Chief, West Coast Bureau, and [redacted] Chief, [redacted] attended a Managerial Grid course from 1-6 October 1967. (SECRET)

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30. Regulatory Issuances: The following regulatory issuances were disseminated: (ADMINISTRATIVE - INTERNAL USE ONLY)

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31. New Employees

Assignment

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Typist, Publications Division

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Teletypist, Wire Services Staff

32. Reassignments

From

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Senior Editor
Mediterranean Bureau

Senior Editor
Publications Division

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Panama Bureau

Chief
German Bureau

Deputy Chief
Panama Bureau

Chief Editor
Caribbean Bureau

Watch Officer
Okinawa Bureau

Watch Officer
West Coast Bureau

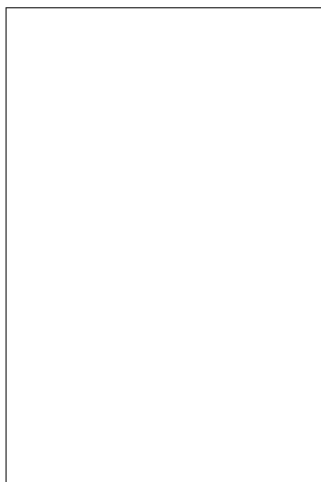
Editor
London Bureau

Editor
Wire Services Staff

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Wire Service Staff

Editor
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Chief, USSR Section,
USSR & EE Branch,
Publications Div.

Chief, E. Germany/
Poland Branch, Europe/
Africa/Latin America
Division

Analyst
Propaganda Analysis
Division

Deputy Chief
Wire Services Staff

Editor
West Coast Bureau

Editor
African Bureau

33. Retirement

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Area Officer, Europe/Africa/Latin America Div.

34. Deceased



Area Officer, Europe/Africa/Latin America Div.

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35. TDY in Washington



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Chief, West Coast Bureau - consultation, training,

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