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1. RE WATCH COMMITTEE, FOLLOWING IS UPDATE ON FBIS PLANNING. {NOTE THAT THESE PLANS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL.} 4
 - A. FBIS IS PLANNING ONE OR MORE RADIO RECEPTION SURVEYS FOR WEST EUROPE DURING REMAINDER OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR. COORDINATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND SPECIFIC PLANS HAVE NOT YET BEEN FORMULATED. 4
 - B. FBIS IS CURRENTLY AWAITING RESPONSE FROM GREEK GOVERNMENT REGARDING AN FBIS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT FACILITY IN ATHENS WHICH WOULD CONCENTRATE ON BALKAN MONITORING. 4
 - C. SWAZI GOVERNMENT CURRENTLY HAS FBIS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A MONITORING STATION IN MBABANE, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE THUS FAR. 4
 - D. FBIS IS HOPEFUL OF OBTAINING APPROVALS FOR MONITORING OF BELGRADE AND BUCHAREST TELEVISION IN THOSE RESPECTIVE CAPITALS, WITH PROCESSING IN VIENNA. WE ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING A SAMPLE PERIOD TO DETERMINE VALUE OF THE TAKE. 4

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E. FBIS IS CURRENTLY USING INTERNATIONAL PHONE SYSTEMS TO IMPROVE OUR CAPABILITY OF MONITORING AREAS NOT NOW HEARD BY EXISTING BUREAUS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE CURRENTLY FEED NICARAGUAN BROADCASTS FROM MANAGUA TO OUR BUREAU IN PANAMA BY PHONE PATCH. WE ALSO HAVE A PHONE PATCH AT SANTIAGO, CHILE. 4

2. FBIS WOULD HOPE THAT BBC COULD ASSIST FBIS IN MONITORING SOVIET CENTRAL ASIAN BROADCASTS, POSSIBLY FROM INDIA OR SOME OTHER AREA SITE, AS WELL AS MAINTAINING CURRENT LEVELS OF COVERAGE OF EAST EUROPE, USSR, AND EAST AFRICA. GREATER IN-DEPTH COVERAGE OF WEST, SOUTH, AND NORTHERN EUROPE WOULD ALSO BE OF VALUE TO FBIS. THERE IS ALSO OF COURSE OUR INTEREST IN MOSCOW TV AUDIO. 4

3. JOHN OF COURSE KNOWS THE WATCH COMMITTEE BETTER THAN WE DO, BUT WE DO WONDER IF CITATION OF FBIS NEW INVESTMENTS AND THE AREAS IN WHICH BBC CAN HELP IS NOT COUNTERPRODUCTIVE: I.E., COMMITTEE MIGHT, I WOULD THINK, TAKE ATTITUDE THAT IF FBIS CAN AFFORD SUCH GRANDIOSE PLANS IT CAN AFFORD ALSO TO PAY FOR GREATER SHARE OF JOINT ACTIVITIES. RVW 26SEP85 ORG 011412 ALL CONFIDENTIAL.H

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