

5 April 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Nicosia Bureau--March 1982

I. GENERAL

With the exception of a brief period of high tension between Greece and Turkey early in the month, the bureau coverage area was unusually quiet during March. Bureau activities were highlighted by personnel issues, including the placing into processing of a new Arabic monitor and a new teletypist--both, perhaps coincidentally, named [redacted] Not so coincidentally, both had test results well above any other candidate. STAT

Our new Arabic candidate is a 20-year veteran of the Middle East News Agency, now serving as deputy managing editor of MENA's English-language service. Our Cairo recruiting trip uncovered several other acceptable candidates who remain interested in a job with FBIS, but our second Arabic vacancy shall not be filled until we reach a decision on whether Nicosia still needs two Arabic monitors with Hebrew capability. If security checks can be expedited, we hope to have our new monitor on board around 1 May and our new teletypist in mid-April. ✓

The Department of State decreed a new Nicosia FSN salary scale to start on 21 Mar, but an immediate and strong cable rejecting the scale from Ambassador Ewing delayed its implementation. At month's end, the salary scale was still being debated, with the issue of COLA retroactivity bounced back to State's legal office. ✓

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Reception of Tripoli Domestic Service morning casts deteriorated to very poor to unmonitorable at the beginning of the month, forcing Nicosia to all but drop coverage of the radio. The Bureau continues to spotcheck the radio during established morning newscasts and will resume coverage when reception improves.

2. At the request of Gulf Bureau, Nicosia checked its reception of Moscow in Persian and found that the radio could not be heard significantly better here. Nicosia is now backstop recording the radio's 1630-1730 GMT cast and will provide fills or cover the cast when Gulf's reception precludes processing, although Gulf Bureau has thus far not required help.

B. Lateral Services

At Headquarters request, the Bureau forwarded an almost-complete set of videotapes on the extensive Nicosia television coverage of Greek Prime Minister Papandreu's 27 February - 1 March visit to Cyprus.

C. Technical

1. The Bureau's new 115VAC regulated power system has been completed with the installation of two separate supply systems.
2. The complete repainting of the Bureau's interior is now finished.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The Bureau has started processing Arabic monitor candidate [redacted] STAT
2. The Bureau has started processing [redacted] to fill the new position in the teletypist section. STAT
3. Arabic/Hebrew monitor [redacted] resigned effective 6 March. STAT

IV. VISITS

A. On 4 March the Bureau was visited by a European area security officer. He made an inspection of the Bureau and has since made a few specific recommendations concerning volume of classified material retained and on emergency power hookups for security systems.

B. The Bureau was visited from 4 - 7 March by BBC Listening Room Supervisor [redacted] who was on a regional bureau familiarization tour. STAT

C. The deputy director of State Department's EUR/SE Division, Gregory Ogden, visited the Bureau on 30 March and was briefed by the Bureau Chief.

D. Regional Engineer [redacted] visited Tel Aviv on TDY 2 - 9 March. STAT

E. Bureau Chief [redacted] and Arabic Section Chief [redacted] STAT
TDY'ed in Cairo 24 February - 5 March.

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Nicosia Bureau Chief

Attachment:

A. Production Report

NICOSIA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MARCH 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	411,400
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	112,600
(WIREFILED PROGRAM SUMMARIES	48,300)
(FYI'S, ADMINS, SVC., CRUISING, ETC.	64,300)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,087

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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:

(MINUTE OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	10,360	21,630	196
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA

BEIJING IN

PERSIAN TO IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN 0

CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN IN

PERSIAN TO IRAN 13,100

(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN

PERSIAN TO IRAN 6,300

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAN IN

PERSIAN 20,300

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF PALESTINE IN

ARABIC 34,800

CYPRUS	
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ENGLISH	0
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
GREEK	19,300
NICOSIA DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN	
GREEK	600
NICOSIA DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN	
ENGLISH	300
NICOSIA ADHESMEUTI IN	
GREEK	200
NICOSIA ALITHIA IN	
GREEK	0
NICOSIA BOZKURT IN	
TURKISH	0
NICOSIA CYPRUS MAIL IN	
ENGLISH	300
NICOSIA DHIMOKRATIA IN	
GREEK	600
NICOSIA ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN	
GREEK	0
NICOSIA HALKIN SESI IN	
TURKISH	400
NICOSIA I DHILINI IN	
GREEK	1,600
NICOSIA I DHIMOKRATIKI IN	
GREEK	600
NICOSIA I ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN	
GREEK	1,800
NICOSIA I SIMERINI IN	
GREEK	900
NICOSIA KHARAVYI IN	
GREEK	1,400
NICOSIA KIBRIS IN	
ENGLISH	0
NICOSIA O AGON IN	
GREEK	5,000
NICOSIA O ANEXARTITOS IN	
GREEK	600
NICOSIA O FILELEUTHEROS IN	
GREEK	1,400
NICOSIA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE IN	
ENGLISH	0

NICOSIA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE IN	
GREEK	0
NICOSIA SOZ IN	
TURKISH	200
NICOSIA TA NEA IN	
GREEK	0
NICOSIA TO VIMA IN	
GREEK	0
(GREEK EDITORIAL REPORT)	1,000
EGYPT	
CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	25,300
CAIRO MENA IN	
ARABIC	52,200
CAIRO MENA IN	
ENGLISH	14,700
FRANCE	
PARIS AFP IN	
ENGLISH	77,300
PARIS IRAN-E AZAD IN	
PERSIAN	400
GREECE	
ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
GREEK	12,600
ATHENS ARMED FORCES RADIO IN	
GREEK	6,200
ATHENS AKROPOLIS IN	
GREEK	1,300
ATHENS AVRANI IN	
GREEK	300
ATHENS ELEVTEROS KOSMOS IN	
GREEK	0
ATHENS ELEVTEROTIPIA IN	
GREEK	500
ATHENS EXOMISI IN	
GREEK	0
ATHENS I AVYI IN	
GREEK	600
ATHENS I KATHIMERINI IN	
GREEK	3,500
ATHENS KIRIAKATIKI ELEVTEROTIPIA IN	
GREEK	0
ATHENS MESIMVRINI IN	
GREEK	600

ATHENS NEA PORIA IN GREEK	0
ATHENS NEWS IN ENGLISH	600
ATHENS RIZOSPASTIS IN GREEK	1,300
ATHENS TO VIMA IN GREEK	2,200

IRAQ BAGHDAD IN PERSIAN TO IRAN	1,400
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LEBANON BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	30,600
BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN ARABIC	16,500
HARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN ARABIC	8,400
BEIRUT MONDAY MORNING IN ENGLISH	16,900

LIBYA TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	0
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TURKEY ANKARA ARAYIS IN TURKISH	900
ANKARA YANKI IN TURKISH	1,000
ISTANBUL CUMHURİYET IN TURKISH	3,000
ISTANBUL DUNYA IN TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL GUNAYDIN IN TURKISH	3,600
ISTANBUL GUNES IN TURKISH	5,000

ISTANBUL HURRIYET IN TURKISH	6,400
ISTANBUL MILLIYET IN TURKISH	2,100
ISTANBUL TERCUMAN IN TURKISH	2,000

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC MOSCOW IN GREEK TO CYPRUS	3,100
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UNITED KINGDOM WESTGATE-ON-SEA ENGLAND E'DAM IN PERSIAN	200
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