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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- April 1982

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

April proved to be still another month of turmoil on the Israeli political scene. Events came to a climax on the 25th when Israeli troops and civilians evacuated the Sinai which had been occupied since the 1967 war with Egypt. The withdrawal was an extremely emotional event for many Israelis, complicated by the fact that some fanatics had vowed never to leave the Yamit District bordering the Gaza Strip.

Israeli media gave heavy coverage to the shuttle diplomacy of Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel who arrived in Israel on 14 April and traveled back and forth to Egypt on an almost daily basis through 27 April in an effort to ensure that Egypt and Israel would abide by the agreement. During the Stoessel mission the bureau was asked to open each day at 0600 (0400 GMT) instead of the normal 0700 to cover an early morning Jerusalem Radio newscast. On several evenings the bureau stayed open an extra hour or two to cover the final newscasts of the day.

The tension over the Sinai issue was heightened on the 21st when Israeli air force planes raided what was described as terrorist bases near Beirut. Two Syrian MiG 23's were downed by the Israelis, the 18th and 19th to be lost by the Syrians in combat with the Israelis since the summer of 1979. The bureau's first report on the air strike, from IDF Radio, was sent at ZZ precedence. Announcement of the military action came shortly after Jerusalem Radio had reported that the Cabinet had voted to go ahead with the Sinai withdrawal. Later, in an interview on Jerusalem Radio, Israeli chief of staff Lt Gen Refa'el Eytan said the attack was carried out to convince the terrorists that they had to stop their unilateral acts of attacking Jews "anywhere in Israel and abroad" while enjoying immunity from counterstrikes.

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During the month another nine persons were killed in incidents related to riots and other disturbances in the occupied territories. Another 90 persons were seriously injured. This was reportedly the highest number of casualties in one month since the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Israeli media also gave extensive accounts of a shooting tragedy on the Temple Mount grounds, a site holy to both Muslims and Jews in the Old City of Jerusalem, on 11 April when an American immigrant dressed in an Israeli army uniform began shooting at random. Two persons died as a result of the incident. The shooting set off strikes and disturbances in the occupied territories.

At the beginning of the month the Hebrew section began sample coverage of Cairo Radio's Hebrew service in an attempt to determine if it contained unique material on relations with Israel, especially on the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai. After 2 weeks of scrutinizing the Cairo casts it became apparent that the Hebrew service offered material similar or identical to Cairo's Arabic casts and MENA transmissions.

The bureau's lone Persian monitor on 20 April translated a commentary from the Soviet-based clandestine National Voice of Iran calling for Iraq to accept Iran's conditions for ending the war the two nations have fought since September 1980. Bureau personnel are waiting to see if the NVOI position heralds open support by the Soviet Union for Iran's cause in the war.

On 3 April the Turkish section covered an Ankara Radio recording of a 60-minute speech by Turkish head of state Kenan Evren which had been billed in prebroadcast announcements as an "important" policy speech. Evren said Turkey would react strongly against interference in its affairs during the "transitional" period of the military administration which began in September 1980. Evren said that although leaders of the now defunct political parties had signed written agreements not to engage in political activities, they continued to do so. This issue was also discussed during a 35-minute Evren speech broadcast by Ankara Radio on the 17th. In that speech Evren said persons who make political utterances "will receive the punishment they deserve." Evren's statements were apparently aimed at Bulent Ecevit, the former leader of the defunct Republican People's Party, who, according to the ANATOLIA NEWS AGENCY and the clandestine Voice of the Turkish Communist Party, was rearrested during the month after having previously served a 2-month jail term. Ecevit was charged with making antigovernment statements published in European journals.

Other issues followed by the Turkish section during the month were the shooting of a Turkish embassy official in Ottawa by what was reported to be a member of the Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia; a statement by Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen criticizing France, where six Turkish diplomats have been killed, for alleged support of Armenian anti-Turkish activities; and the continuation of a series of conflicts

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with the Papandreou government in Greece. The latest dispute, as reported by Ankara Radio, focuses on the "Greek State's" confiscation of property in northeastern Greece belonging to persons of Turkish descent.

The bureau processed several items on the Falklands crisis from the BBC World Service in English, monitored at Tel Aviv with excellent reception on medium wave. Included were reports on the resignation of British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, on the BBC's increasing of broadcasts to the Falklands and on the Argentine-controlled Falklands radio station ceasing broadcasts because its reports were being heard by "monitors in southern Chile." Without explanation, 24 hours later the station resumed broadcasts, according to a subsequent BBC report.

#### B. Lateral Services

During the Israel-Egypt-Israel shuttle diplomacy engaged in by Deputy Secretary of State Walter Stoessel from the 14th through the 27th, the bureau prepared packages of materials for Mr Stoessel and three members of his party: Deputy Assistant Secretary Morris Draper, Executive Assistant Gary Matthews and a member of the National Security Council staff. Each member of the team received his own package, picked up from the bureau several times during the course of the day, the first being at 0630, and brought by special courier to Jerusalem where the party was staying. The material included high precedence incoming and outgoing items on regional affairs and Israeli and Egyptian material related to the withdrawal from the Sinai.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

The bureau's Foreign Service National personnel received a pay increase effective 1 April which amounted to an average of 13 percent.

Resignations: Hebrew monitor [redacted], 29 April;  
teletypist [redacted] 21 April.

[redacted] was selected to replace [redacted] in the Hebrew Section and we are awaiting completion of processing before requesting permission to EOD her.

[redacted] was selected to replace [redacted] in the Communications Section and is expected to EOD by 9 May.

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Arabic monitor-trainee [redacted] entered on duty  
on 4 April.

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#### B. Building and Grounds

April saw the completion of the bulk of the renovation of the telecommunications room. New counter-type work stations allow more efficient use of the limited workspace and the installation of overhead cabinets adds some badly needed storage space. Recarpeting, the repositioning of some of the communications equipment and the installation of some additional lighting will complete the project.

#### III. VISITS

Maj Stanley Khrzanowski (U.S. Army), senior military information officer of the Multinational Force and Observers in the Sinai, visited the bureau on 6 April. Major Khrzanowski was briefed on FBIS operations and in turn discussed his job as chief briefing officer and analyst of Middle East events for Lt Gen Fredrick Bull-Hansen (Norwegian Army), commander of the MFO. Major Khrzanowski expressed an interest in receiving FBIS materials.

#### IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Leftfielder and editor [redacted] made what was described as a "magnificent catch" which "saved the embassy softball team from going into the hole by a large margin" during a game against the BBC (that stands for [redacted] Bottle Club) in the local softball league. A report in the 23 April issue of the Tel Aviv STAR, the embassy newsletter, said [redacted] has been playing well all season and has been a very valuable asset to the team." STAT

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Attachment: Production Report

TEL AVIV BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 198 2ATTACHMENT AI. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 323,200

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 64,000

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 995

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u>	6,543	10,590	51
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

## CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran	8,000		
(Clandestine) Voice of Iranian Kordestan in Persian to Iran	0		
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus	3,200		
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus	1,500		
(Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey	0		
(Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish to Europe and Turkey	4,500		

## ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	12,400		
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	98,800		
Jerusalem Domestic Television Service in Hebrew	18,900		
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	6,400		
Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew		10,200	
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			0

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS</u> <u>AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
ISRAEL (cont'd)			
Jerusalem POST IN English			32,200
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			3,800
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			12,500
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			20,900
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			1,200
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			29,700
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			15,000
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			1,800
Tel Aviv YOMAN HASHAVU'A in Hebrew			7,200
LEBANON			
Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in English	100		
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	22,200		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		400	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		10,100	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		400	
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UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	500		
USSR			
Moscow in Dari to Afghanistan	0		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew to Israel	1,300		

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TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR APRIL 1982 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 323,200 (405,300)  
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 64,000 ( 80,100)  
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 12,906 ( 15,658)  
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 23,930 ON 13 April  
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 3,760 ON 24 April
  
2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 6.5 HOURS, 1.3 PERCENT.  
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 6.5 HOURS, 1.3 PERCENT.  
EXTENDED OUTAGES: 3.0 hours on 4 April due to equipment failure
  
3. MESSAGES RECEIVED VIA THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT FOR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
TEL AVIV TOTALED 1,122, OF WHICH 1,040 CARRIED THE BUREAU AS AN  
ADDRESSEE.
  
4. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 860 (1,560 )

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NB. Figures from preceding month in parentheses.