

3 December 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
 THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
 SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Panama Bureau -- November 1986

## I. GENERAL

A. The bureau's communications situation became the focus of some attention during the month. The U.S. Army (Ft. Huachuca) advised that if FBIS did not start paying for the long-awaited Mode I circuit, even though it is not currently operational, the Army would terminate Panama Bureau's access to the circuit. Although headquarters' decision was to refuse payment for a nonworking circuit, at month's end local army contacts were still trying to clarify the situation so the bureau would not have to give up Mode I or pay for the circuit until it became operational.

B. Our efforts through the embassy in pursuing our two frequency allocation requests continue to be frustrated. Frequent out-of-country absences by the ambassador and evasiveness by Panamanian Government officials have hindered progress, and there is no indication that pursuing these requests further through the embassy will bring results. Although at embassy request we have several times postponed our intention to reroute our requests through the Joint Military Committee, on 1 December we began the process of resubmitting our requests to the Committee.

C. A longtime tradition--turning the lights off in the restrooms--has bowed to Gramm-Rudman-Hollings economics. An extensive cost-effectiveness study revealed it was cheaper to leave the lights on throughout the workday than continually replace soiled carpet tiles in the men's room. Although the ladies room was not a problem, an across-the-board ruling was made to avoid possible EEO complications and to not sully the bureau's chances for EPS's annual PITD award for fiscal responsibility.

CD2  
 strictly  
 ASJA/2

## II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. The Eugene Hasenfus affair remained the operational focus throughout the first half of the month. The bureau's extensive coverage of this affair and the resulting trial culminated on 15 November with the bureau remaining open 2 hours past normal COB to complete texting of the lengthy and complex verdict.

2. As a result of the bureau's coverage of the Hasenfus trial, monitors encountered for the first time many difficult to translate legal terms. Partially in response to this situation, monitor supervisor [redacted] took the opportunity to compile a substantial glossary of problem words and terms in Spanish. Drawing on support from the 193d Brigade's Judge Staff Advocate's Office and several bureau senior monitors, [redacted] has put together a glossary that should serve as a valuable reference tool. In the event this glossary might prove useful elsewhere, we are sending copies to Paraguay and Key West Bureaus as well as to Production Group.

STAT

STAT

3. On 8 November, we were able to cover via television the festivities in Nicaragua marking the 25th anniversary of the FSLN. This rare live television coverage of Nicaragua, which resulted in the filing of two VSL's, was possible due to bureau's interception of a television feed out of Managua sent via the 14.0W Gorizont satellite.

4. Five weeks after the devastating earthquake in San Salvador that almost completely destroyed the U.S. Embassy, contractor [redacted] resumed daily feeds of Salvadoran radio and press material via commercial phone line. The feeds last from 30-45 minutes and cover the major radio casts and press items of the day. The bureau chief and chief technician will be traveling to San Salvador the second week of December to reinstall the bureau's remote equipment, possibly in the old embassy, parts of which are again operational.

STAT

5. In our efforts to improve the quality of our coverage of Mexico, the bureau has engaged a new contractor for the delivery of Mexican newspapers. Major Mexican newspapers are now delivered daily, instead of the previous three times a week, and lag time has remained at only 1-2 days.

✓

#### B. Communications

With bureau's receipt of the Bach 1.21 software, communications operators no longer must rerun tapes to eliminate the figure key before items can enter the Autodin system, thus further enhancing speed and efficiency.

#### C. Lateral Services

1. On 10 November, the bureau instituted new routing procedures based on the Bach LSL database. As a result, only one package indicator is now necessary for each country of the world whereas before Bach this would be practical only for Latin American countries. Several special topics packages have also been created. The simplification in procedures and Bach's ability to eliminate duplicate routers have greatly eased the routing task.

2. Upon request, the bureau provided the Southern Command's Office of Treaty Affairs with a videotape of Panamanian journalist Mayin Correa's interview with the Panamanian attorney general on efforts to stamp out the drug trade.

3. In response to a request from the Southern Command's Public Affairs Office for a guide to Latin American print media, especially those with political content, the bureau gave the PAO a copy of the Production Group Coverage Schedule.

D. Technical

The following accountable property was purchased locally:

Three Whirlpool dehumidifiers, Model AD0202XM, Serial Nos. H50127427, H41064560, and H44895116. Unit Price: \$161.96.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

- |                 |   |      |
|-----------------|---|------|
| November.       | 1. New staff secretary [ ] entered on duty 12         | STAT |
| November.       | 2. Spanish Monitor-trainee [ ] entered on duty 24     | STAT |
| on 28 November. | 3. Monitor [ ] retired after over 25 years of service | STAT |
| November.       | 4. Associate editor [ ] resigned effective 28         | STAT |
|                 | 5. Monitor [ ] married [ ] on 27 November.            | STAT |

B. Building and Grounds

1. Contractor Cedeno Choy & Associates completed the installation of new suspended ceiling tiles and new lighting fixtures in the halls.

2. Choy & Associates has also begun construction of new furniture for the bureau kitchen. The estimated completion date is 12 December.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

On 26 November, a bureau party was held in the picnic area to honor retiring monitor [redacted] and departing monitor supervisor [redacted], who is resigning 6 December to live with her new husband in Florida. As the many tributes at the party indicate, both will be long remembered with great fondness for their friendship and outstanding work and dedication.

STAT

STAT

STAT

[redacted]

Chief, Panama Bureau

STAT

## Panama Bureau Production Report for NOVEMBER 1986

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	334150
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	18740
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	743

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	10570.00 min.	90870.00 min.	190.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

## ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires Televisora Color Network in Spanish	2580		
Buenos Aires REUTER in Spanish		4710	
Buenos Aires REUTER in English			0

## CHILE

Santiago Television Service in Spanish	0		
Santiago REUTER in English			0

## CLANDESTINES

Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in Spanish to El Salvador	430		
Clandestine Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador	6550		

## COLOMBIA

Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish	1990		
Bogota Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in Spanish	870		
Bogota Television Service in Spanish	3480		
Bogota REUTER in Spanish			0

- 2 -

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Bogota REUTER in English		0	
Bogota EL SIGLO in Spanish			2630
Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish			2090
<b>COSTA RICA</b>			
San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	7730		
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish			1360
San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			710
San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			310
San Jose LIBERACION in Spanish			0
San Jose LIBERTAD REVOLUCIONARIA in Spanish			540
San Jose LIBERTAD in Spanish			0
San Jose NICARAGUA HOY in Spanish			2440
San Jose RUMBO in Spanish			0
<b>CUBA</b>			
Havana International Service in Quechua	380		
Havana International Service in Spanish	51160		
Havana Cubavision Television in Spanish	1010		
Havana EFE in Spanish		680	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in English		4890	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		12050	
<b>ECUADOR</b>			
Quito Radio Quito in Spanish	3640		
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	3120		
Quito REUTER in Spanish		0	

- 3 -

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Quito REUTER in English		0	
<b>EL SALVADOR</b>			
San Salvador Canal Doce Television in Spanish	1100		
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	4480		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	4390		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	360		
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			390
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			250
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			0
San Salvador LA NOTICIA in Spanish			540
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			0
<b>FRANCE</b>			
Paris AFP in English		260	
Paris AFP in Spanish		16850	
<b>GERMANY</b>			
Hamburg DPA in Spanish		9000	
<b>GUATEMALA</b>			
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	820		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	0		
Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish	5510		
Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish			3160
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			3030

- 4 -

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<b>HONDURAS</b>			
Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	3390		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	2540		
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	1830		
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			980
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			2100
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			0
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			580
<b>MEXICO</b>			
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	2470		
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	1380		
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish		1050	
Mexico City ENFOPRENSA in Spanish		920	
Mexico City REUTER in English		0	
Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish			2290
Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish			3340
Mexico City EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			1290
Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish			940
Mexico City THE NEWS in English			1330
Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish			5890
<b>NICARAGUA</b>			
Managua International Service in Spanish	3440		
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	47670		



- 5 -

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish	120		
Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	12270		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	3910		
Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish		0	
Managua ANN in Spanish		9280	
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		950	
Managua SALPRESS-NOTISAL in Spanish		0	
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			6330
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			1750
<b>PANAMA</b>			
Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish	8020		
Panama City PANAVISION Television in Spanish	330		
Panama City Television Service in Spanish	360		
Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	1280		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		18600	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			1910
Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish			0
Panama City EL SIGLO in Spanish			300
Panama City EXTRA in Spanish			2480
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			1140
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			3050
Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish			810
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			360

- 6 -

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			2160
Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in Spanish			0
Panama City STAR AND HERALD in English			0
Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English			0
<b>PERU</b>			
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	0		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	0		
Lima REUTERS in English		0	
Lima REUTERS in Spanish		0	
<b>SPAIN</b>			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		7640	
<b>USSR</b>			
Moscow TASS in Spanish		0	
<b>VENEZUELA</b>			
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	790		
Caracas REUTERS in English		0	
Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish			1410
Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			0

PANAMA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1986 -- ANNEXTOTALS FROM ROSET SOURCES

## ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires Televisora Color Network in Spanish	2,560
--	-------

## COLOMBIA

Bogota Television Service in Spanish	3,480
--------------------------------------	-------

## CUBA

Havana Cubavision Television in Spanish	1,010
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish	12,050
Havana EFE in Spanish	680

## MEXICO

Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	1,380
Mexico City Red Nacional IMEVISION Television in Spanish	2,470
Mexico City ENFOPRENSA in Spanish	920
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish	1,050

## NICARAGUA

Managua ANN in Spanish	9,280
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish	950

## VENEZUELA

Caracas Television Service in Spanish	790
---------------------------------------	-----

TOTAL FOR NOVEMBER 1986	36,620
-------------------------	--------