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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report --Panama Bureau-- August 1986

I. GENERAL

A. The 13-meter Internet dish was installed. Initial tests of its receiving capability were successful. The equipment hut to be located next to the new antenna is still in customs awaiting clearance, but we expect to have it installed by the end of September.

B. We are experiencing unanticipated delays in obtaining Panamanian Government approval of the frequency allocation for the Internet dish. Hard information has been difficult to obtain thus far, but it appears the problem is political rather than technical. The ambassador is currently pursuing the matter with the minister of government and justice.

C. We are also experiencing similar delays in obtaining a frequency allocation that will link bureau communications with the embassy's SKYMUX system. This matter is being pursued in a variety of channels and may have to be placed at the ambassadorial level eventually.

D. A freak storm with hurricane-force winds and slashing rain caused extensive damage and disruption in Panama City on 11 August. The windows and glass doors of numerous homes were shattered or blown out of their frames. Senior editor [redacted] apartment was seriously damaged and some of the furniture in the bureau chief's unoccupied apartment was badly stained by water seepage.

E. The almost complete turnover of the bureau's U.S. staff was completed with the arrival of the bureau chief, cruiser, and two editors. Six of our nine staff positions are now filled with newcomers.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

The bureau began sampling television programs for inclusion in the Internet program schedule. Sampling of Chilean, Argentine, and the new Cubavision television has not been productive, and toward month's end the bureau was looking at Mexican television for talk shows or news features of possible interest.

The inauguration of Cubavision over the 14.0W Gorizont satellite led to intensive cruising and sampling of this new source which currently transmits 3 days a week. The bureau also temporarily filed program summaries of the "Telediario" newscast for headquarters information and evaluation. the newscast, however, contains mostly low-level national news and has not been of monitoring interest thus far.

B. Communications

The bureau experienced two long and frustrating communications outages during August, the second lasting over 24 hours. During the second outage, the bureau chief and deputy finally visited the local Tech Control to resolve the problem. Communications were restored almost immediately with Tech Control acknowledging the problem was human error at its facility.

C. Lateral Services

The bureau revamped its AIG's in August to bring them into line with LSL requirements and to prepare for the introduction of BACH. Three of the five Latin American AIG's were cancelled and the other two modified after coordination with Paraguay, Key West, and Headquarters.

D. Technical

[redacted] a subcontractor sent by SATCOM Technologies, Inc., visited the bureau the week of 11 August to replace the defective antenna cables that were installed during construction of the three 9.2-meter antennas. [redacted] also replaced the azimuth arm on the upper 9.2-meter antenna, bringing that antenna up to specification and allowing reception of a second Morelos (Mexico) satellite. Finally, [redacted] replaced the elevation jack screw boot on the middle antenna. The original boot had been damaged during construction.

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The following accountable property was purchased locally:

Four portable color televisions, Hitachi, Model TP300, Serial Nos. S6F-002021, S6F-002022, S6F-002023, and S6F-002024. Unit price: \$300.00.

The following accountable property was received from Headquarters:

Four Extel Comscribes II-C, Serial Nos. 90360, 90362, 90147, and 90136. Unit price: \$1,568.00.

One teletype time printer, Model MDL-5, Serial No. 86005. No unit price currently available.

III ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Cruising officer [redacted] and family arrived PCS 4 August. [redacted] replaces [redacted] who departed Panama PCS on 12 August.

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Junior editor [redacted] arrived PCS 11 August.

Bureau chief [redacted] arrived 18 August and assumed duties 19 August. His wife, [redacted] will be arriving 4 September.

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Senior editor [redacted] and family arrived PCS 25 August.

B. Building and Grounds

Cable theft continued to be a problem during the month. On 10 August the bureau lost all commercial power owing to a break in the power cable running to the bureau from Miraflores. After a 4-day search, Army engineers discovered that 60 feet of cable had been stolen. A little more than a week later, 160 feet of underground coaxial cable was stolen from one of the bureau's rhombic antennas. This was the same section of cable that had been stolen and replaced in early July. This section was again replaced. The military police and appropriate embassy components have been informed of the thefts, but the military advises that owing to the bureau's isolated location little can be done other than increasing police patrols. The bureau is currently working with appropriate embassy components to increase bureau and antenna field security.

IV. VISITS

To the bureau:

Paraguay Bureau electronics technician [redacted] 2-4 August.

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Four members of the 1st PSYOP Battalion, Forward Support Detachment, (Airborne), 5 August, for a briefing and tour of bureau operations.

[redacted] Chief/Engineering Support Group, 11-14 August.

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[redacted] General Electrics engineer, 11-14 August, for Internet familiarization.

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[redacted] DRD, 11-17 August, for orientation and familiarization with field bureau operations.

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

On 30 August, the bureau's Social Activities Committee sponsored a "Hail and Farewell" party at the pool area of the bureau chief's residence to say good-bye to departing editors [redacted] and [redacted] and to welcome and introduce those newly arrived staffers and their families.

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Chief, FBI, Panama Bureau

Attachment
Production Report

Panama Bureau Production Report for August 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

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| TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 472280 |
| TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 21240 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: | 1284 |

| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week) | 11725.00 min. | 90870.00 min. | 202.00 issues |

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

ARGENTINA

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|------|--|
| Buenos Aires REUTER in Spanish | | 1490 | |
| Buenos Aires REUTER in English | | 0 | |

CHILE

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|---|---|---|--|
| Santiago Television Service in Spanish | 0 | | |
| Santiago REUTER in English | | 0 | |

CLANDESTINES

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|--|-------|--|--|
| Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in Spanish to El Salvador | 840 | | |
| Clandestine Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador | 23020 | | |

COLOMBIA

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|---|-------|-----|--|
| Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish | 2300 | | |
| Bogota Domestic Service in Spanish | 0 | | |
| Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in Spanish | 2810 | | |
| Bogota Television Service in Spanish | 13630 | | |
| Bogota REUTER in Spanish | | 680 | |
| Bogota REUTER in English | | 580 | |

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| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Bogota EL SIGLO in Spanish | | | 4020 |
| Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish | | | 10450 |
| COSTA RICA | | | |
| San Jose Domestic Service in Spanish | 3580 | | |
| San Jose RADIO IMPACTO in Spanish | 2290 | | |
| San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish | 10670 | | |
| San Jose LA NACION in Spanish | | | 2930 |
| San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish | | | 0 |
| San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish | | | 3890 |
| San Jose LIBERACION in Spanish | | | 830 |
| San Jose LIBERTAD REVOLUCIONARIA in Spanish | | | 690 |
| San Jose LIBERTAD in Spanish | | | 1280 |
| San Jose NICARAGUA HOY in Spanish | | | 1600 |
| San Jose RUMBO in Spanish | | | 5040 |
| CUBA | | | |
| Havana International Service in Quechua | 980 | | |
| Havana International Service in Spanish | 77400 | | |
| Havana PRENSA LATINA in English | | 3700 | |
| Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish | | 7240 | |
| ECUADOR | | | |
| Quito DOMESTIC SERVICE in Spanish | 10640 | | |
| Quito Radio Quito in Spanish | 2390 | | |
| Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish | 2710 | | |
| Quito REUTER in Spanish | | 750 | |

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| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Quito REUTER in English | | | 0 |
| EL SALVADOR | | | |
| San Salvador Canal Doce Television in Spanish | 2390 | | |
| San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish | 4120 | | |
| San Salvador La Voz Panamericana in Spanish | 1850 | | |
| San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish | 4000 | | |
| San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish | 13940 | | |
| San Salvador Radio Cadena YBU in Spanish | 10960 | | |
| San Salvador Television Educativa in Spanish | 180 | | |
| San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish | | | 1920 |
| San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish | | | 830 |
| San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish | | | 1000 |
| San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish | | | 520 |
| FRANCE | | | |
| Paris AFP in English | | | 0 |
| Paris AFP in Spanish | | 24000 | |
| GERMANY | | | |
| Hamburg DPA in Spanish | | 6370 | |
| GUATEMALA | | | |
| Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish | 1880 | | |
| Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo in Spanish | 1880 | | |
| Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish | 6270 | | |

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|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish | | | 1240 |
| Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish | | | 2750 |
| HONDURAS | | | |
| Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish | 3110 | | |
| Tegucigalpa Domestic Service in Spanish | 2110 | | |
| Tegucigalpa Radio America in Spanish | 970 | | |
| Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish | 1730 | | |
| Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish | 11980 | | |
| San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish | | | 490 |
| San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish | | | 4030 |
| Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish | | | 2570 |
| Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish | | | 820 |
| MEXICO | | | |
| Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish | 9020 | | |
| Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish | 4610 | | |
| Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish | | 0 | |
| Mexico City REUTER in English | | 730 | |
| Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish | | | 3260 |
| Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish | | | 3750 |
| Mexico City EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish | | | 1490 |
| Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish | | | 2360 |
| Mexico City THE NEWS in English | | | 2130 |
| Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish | | | 620 |
| NICARAGUA | | | |
| Managua International Service in Spanish | 190 | | |

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| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Managua Domestic Service in Spanish | 21560 | | |
| Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish | 340 | | |
| Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish | 16940 | | |
| Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish | 1740 | | |
| Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish | | 0 | |
| Managua ANN in Spanish | | 6970 | |
| Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish | | 570 | |
| Managua SALPRESS-NOTISAL in Spanish | | 0 | |
| Managua BARRICADA in Spanish | | | 14400 |
| Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish | | | 2860 |
| PANAMA | | | |
| Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish | 920 | | |
| Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish | 3990 | | |
| Panama City PANAVISION Television in Spanish | 310 | | |
| Panama City Television Service in Spanish | 0 | | |
| Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish | 2050 | | |
| Panama City ACAN in Spanish | | 22090 | |
| Panama City CRITICA in Spanish | | | 1660 |
| Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Panama City EL SIGLO in Spanish | | | 1250 |
| Panama City EXTRA in Spanish | | | 970 |
| Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish | | | 2670 |
| Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish | | | 5560 |

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| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish | | | 1910 |
| Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish | | | 1700 |
| Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Panama City STAR AND HERALD in English | | | 0 |
| Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English | | | 0 |
| PERU | | | |
| Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish | 0 | | |
| Lima Television Peruana in Spanish | 0 | | |
| Lima REUTER in English | | 790 | |
| Lima REUTER in Spanish | | 270 | |
| SPAIN | | | |
| Madrid EFE in Spanish | | 11640 | |
| USSR | | | |
| Moscow TASS in Spanish | | | 0 |
| VENEZUELA | | | |
| Caracas Television Service in Spanish | 4580 | | |
| Caracas REUTER in English | | 1870 | |
| Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish | | | 160 |
| Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish | | | 2010 |

PANAMA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR AUGUST 1986 -- ANNEX

TOTALS FROM ROSET SOURCES:

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| ARGENTINA | |
| Buenos Aires REUTER in Spanish | 410 |
| COLOMBIA | |
| Bogota Television Service in Spanish | 12,980 |
| Bogota REUTER in English | 580 |
| Bogota REUTER in Spanish | 680 |
| CUBA | |
| Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish | 7,240 |
| ECUADOR | |
| Quito REUTER in Spanish | 750 |
| MEXICO | |
| Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish | 4,610 |
| Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish | 8,470 |
| Mexico City REUTER in English | 730 |
| NICARAGUA | |
| Managua ANN in Spanish | 6,970 |
| Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish | 570 |
| PERU | |
| Lima REUTER in English | 280 |
| Lima REUTER in Spanish | 270 |
| SPAIN | |
| Madrid EFE in Spanish | 200 |

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| VENEZUELA | |
| Caracas Television Service in | |
| Spanish | 4,580 |
| Caracas REUTER in | |
| English | 1,770 |
| Caracas REUTER in | |
| Spanish | 100 |
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| TOTAL FOR AUGUST 1986 | 51,190 |