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**EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
ABIDJAN BUREAU**

MAB 6036
1 July 87

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THRU: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Abidjan Bureau--June 1987

I. GENERAL

The spring rainy season has so far produced a significantly lower level of rainfall than in recent years and water levels in the country's dams are relatively low. This raises the spectre of severe power outages such as those which plagued Ivory Coast during the dry season in 1983-84. The Ivory Coast Electric Power Company, however, has assured readers of the daily newspaper, FRATERNITE MATIN, that it has already taken precautions to guarantee regular power production by gradually increasing the percentage of thermal electricity generated as compared to hydroelectric power. Consequently the country would be less dependent on water resources. At the same time, the power company is warning consumers that the costs of producing thermal electricity are much higher than hydroelectric power since the country's power infrastructure is based primarily on the latter. We can expect our utility bills to be affected by the increase in production costs if thermal electricity is relied upon.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Ivorian President Houphouet-Boigny put on a rather impressive show of statesmanship during June by hosting a wide variety of high-level guests. Among those visiting were the heads of state of Chad and Nigeria, the PRC and Ghanaian foreign ministers, Israeli Prime Minister, Shamir (who described his visit here as the "highlight" of his West African tour), a high-level Libyan delegation bringing an Al-Qadhdhafi message, and the director of the IMF. The bureau translated numerous related items into French for the Ivorian Foreign Ministry and kept our embassy current on developments. One issue of particular local interest was Ghanaian claims of Ivory Coast possibly being a staging ground for Ghanaian dissidents intent on ousting Flight Lt. Rawlings.

2. Liberian President Doe continued his crackdown on public corruption with the expulsion of several Lebanese businessmen for allegedly avoiding taxes, the firing of power sector employees in connection with the disappearance of \$7 million in fuel, and the firing of the entire Supreme Court, widely viewed as corrupt. The Israeli premier also visited Liberia during June.

3. Other regional developments included Mauritania breaking diplomatic relations with Iran, Togo reestablishing diplomatic relations with Israel, and student unrest in Ghana. The seemingly interminable trial of ex-Emperor Bokassa

in the CAR finally ended with his being sentenced to death for a variety of crimes. Although Head of State Kolingba ruled out any immediate clemency, the anticipated violent reaction by Bokassa's ethnic supporters never materialized.

B. Communications

1. The bureau experienced some problems in opening the circuit in the earlier part of the month [redacted] failed to respond to our normal opener. The commo operators had been following a procedure initiated several years ago where the equipment is powered down at closure, which now appears to create unstable conditions on the circuit [redacted] As a temporary solution, the bureau interface unit's (QEI) power is left on after closure.

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2. Minor hardware problems which put the BACH system out of service at the beginning of the month were repaired and the system is now back on-line. The commo section is using BACH in conjunction with the manual system until the physical layout of the section can be changed to accomodate additional equipment.

C. Technical

The following nonexpendables were received during the month: 3 Frederick 1203 demodulators, 1 Watkins-Johnson 8718 receiver, and 1 Extel B-405 tape punch (from Nicosia).

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. London Bureau senior associate editor [redacted] departed on 5 June after a 3-week TDY.

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2. Staff engineer [redacted] arrived on 5 June for a 5-week TDY to fill in for bureau engineer [redacted] who is on R&R in CONUS.

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3. FBN's [redacted] received PSI's during the month.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

Editor [redacted] moved into a new residence on 9 June and the lease on her former residence was dropped. The costs associated with the move --GSO packers and movers, generator removal, preparation of the house for return to the landlord--were paid for out of the Embassy's residential security fund since the RSO had recommended the move for security reasons.

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C. Other

In keeping with the Embassy's newly established smoking policy, a bureau smoking policy was implemented on 2 June. Smoking areas have been designated and "defense de fumer" signs posted.



Bureau Chief, Abidjan Bureau

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Attachments:

Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Swaziland Bureau
Deputy Chief, London Bureau

Abidjan Bureau Production Report for June 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	256499
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	12270
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	857

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	8037.00 min.	23700.00 min.	113.00 issues

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

BENIN			
Cotonou Domestic Service in French	6190		
Parakou Domestic Service in French	0		
Cotonou EHUZU in French			0
BURKINA			
Ouadougou Domestic Service in French	12820		
Ouagadougou CARREFOUR AFRICAIN in French			0
Ouagadougou SIDWAYA in French			0
CAMEROON			
Yaounde Domestic Service in English	1900		
Yaounde Domestic Service in French	6100		
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in English			0
Yaounde CAMEROON TRIBUNE in French			0
CAPE VERDE			
Praia VOZ DI POVO in Portuguese			110
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC			
Bangui Domestic Service in French	1110		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
CHAD Njamena Domestic Service in French	8950		
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Bardai Chadian National Radio in French	0		
CONGO Brazzaville Domestic Service in French	390		
Brazzaville BULLETIN QUOTIDIEN in French			0
Brazzaville ETUMBA in French			0
EQUATORIAL GUINEA Bata Domestic Service in Spanish	390		
Malabo Domestic Service in Spanish	930		
FRANCE Paris AFP in English		12273	
Paris AFP in French		21130	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in French		0	
Paris Diplomatic Infor Service in English		0	
Paris JEUNE AFRIQUE in French			5610
GABON Libreville Africa No. 1 in French	3320		
Libreville Domestic Service in French	0		
Libreville L'UNION in French			0
GHANA Accra International Service in English	1680		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Accra Domestic Service in English	27136		
Accra GHANAIAN TIMES in English			0
Accra PEOPLE'S DAILY GRAPHIC in English			0
Accra WEEKLY MIRROR in English			0
Accra WEEKLY SPECTATOR in English			0
GREAT BRITAIN London BBC in English	19440		
London WEST AFRICA in English			400
GUINEA Conakry Domestic Service in French	4220		
Conakry HOROYA in French			0
GUINEA-BISSAU Bissau NO PINTCHA in Portuguese			0
IVORY COAST Abidjan Domestic Service in French	13000		
Abidjan Television Service in French	720		
Abidjan Ivoir'soir in French			0
Abidjan FRATERNITE HEBDO in French			0
Abidjan FRATERNITE MATIN in French			4380
Abidjan INFORMATION in French			0
Abidjan IVOIRE DIMANCHE in French			0
LIBERIA Monrovia Domestic Service in English	220		

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Monrovia Radio ELWA in English	8830		
Monrovia NEW LIBERIAN in English			0
MALI			
Bamako Domestic Service in French	5120		
Bamako L'ESSOR in French			0
MAURITANIA			
Nouakchott Domestic Service in French	2240		
Nouakchott CHAAB in French			0
NIGER			
Niamey Domestic Service in French	5850		
Niamey LE SAHEL in French			0
Niamey SAHEL HEBDO in French			0
NIGERIA			
Lagos International Service in English	6340		
Lagos Domestic Service in English	28510		
Kaduna Domestic Service in English	3340		
Lagos NAN in English		1480	
Lagos DAILY TIMES in English			0
Lagos THE GUARDIAN in English			0
RWANDA			
Kigali Domestic Service in French	0		
SENEGAL			
Dakar Domestic Service in French	6380		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
DAKAR PANA in english		4900	
Dakar PANA in French		6210	
Dakar LE SOLEIL in French			0
SIERRA LEONE			
Freetown Domestic Service in English	0		
Freetown DAILY MAIL in English			0
THE GAMBIA			
Banjul GAMBIA NEWS BULLETIN in English			0
TOGO			
Lome International Service in French	0		
Lome Domestic Service in French	15870		
Lome LA NOUVELLE MARCHE in French			0
ZAIRE			
Kinshasa Domestic Service in French	1850		
Kinshasa AZAP in French		7160	
Kinshasa ELIMA in French			0