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SUBJECT: (Optional) Monthly Report -- Panama Bureau				
FROM: Chief, Operations Group		EXTENSION	NO.	DATE September 1987
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6 October 1987
MPA-7023

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report — Panama Bureau — September 1987

I. GENERAL

U.S.-Panamanian relations continued to deteriorate throughout September. A 13 September opposition march on the outskirts of Panama City resulted in one death and several injuries when government sympathizers opened fire on the marchers. Also at this march, the embassy's economic counselor was arrested and hidden for 8 hours without regard for diplomatic immunity. This incident, the expulsion of CNN's Panama correspondent, and a U.S. Senate resolution calling for democratic reforms in Panama further strained relations and led to a series of strongly worded accusations by the Panamanian Government of alleged U.S. attempts to destabilize Panama in order to maintain control of the canal. The month ended with the Panamanian foreign minister listing before the United Nations alleged U.S. Embassy abuses against Panama, among which included an attempt to establish a satellite communications system.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. The 40,000-word state of the nation address by Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid on 1 September was the focus of a concentrated bureau effort. Thanks to an alert by the managing editor, in coordination with headquarters' liaison branch, we were able to tailor our FYI's and out-of-turn excerpts to meet the needs of consumers who had expressed great interest in the speech.

2. The Panama situation, including the behavior of Panamanian media, continued to be of great interest. Local consumers frequently expressed interest in local media reports on the situation and media behavior as strict government censorship continued. When two Panamanian television stations began carrying reports on opposition activities, the government quickly sent the stations warning letters. As a result, one station resumed its previous policy of not reporting national news, while the other greatly reduced its coverage of opposition activities. Opposition radios and newspapers remained closed.

3. Bureau coverage of the reaction to and results of the August Esquipulas II summit continued throughout September. Nicaragua's decisions to institute a unilateral cease-fire and to reopen opposition mouthpieces LA PRENSA and Radio Catolica received substantial attention. We also continued our focus on Salvadoran media, particularly rebel radios Venceremos and Farabundo Marti, in an effort to pick up reports and comment on upcoming talks between the Salvadoran Government and rebels.

B. Communications

1. On September 14, Captain Sotomayor of U.S. Army Information Systems Command visited the bureau to discuss a new autodin system to be introduced in early 1988. Sotomayor was told we would contact him concerning possible interest in this system following Chief/Panama Bureau's headquarters consultations.

2. The communications section began using the latest version of Bach, 1.3B, on 1 September. The transition was smooth.

C. Cruising

The two major cruising projects in September were Cubavision and Peruvian satellite media. First, after several weeks of trying, the cruising section was able to provide a complete rundown on the ever-changing Cubavision program schedule. Second, in an effort to evaluate and enhance, if possible, the bureau's relatively new Peruvian coverage, the cruising section conducted a time-consuming study of Lima satellite radio and television program schedules, producing comprehensive rundowns of all programs of possible monitoring interest.

D. Technical

A modular television rack was installed in the editorial room to hold the closed circuit security monitor and three JVC 14-inch television monitors used to receive local and satellite television.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Editor [] arrived on 21 September for 12 weeks of field training and orientation. STAT

2. Senior monitor [] departed on September 9 for an extended TDY to Key West Bureau. [] who is on a return engagement, will be helping out while Key West's new monitor/editor is being trained. STAT
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3. Teletype support to Key West also continued during September as Communications Section Deputy Chief [] returned for a 6-8-week TDY. STAT

B. Building and Grounds

1. Renovation of monitorial booths and several bureau offices began the 1st week of September. Aside from improving the bureau's appearance, the renovation is aimed at assisting in the introduction of certain organizational changes and in preparation for impending automation. The work is being done by contractor [] and is scheduled to be completed by the middle of November. STAT

2. On 29 September, contractors [] began construction of a storage room to be attached to the main operations building. STAT

3. Contractor [] repaired the cables to the three bureau antennas that were accidentally cut by the Army's Department of Engineering and Housing during installation of new power lines. STAT

C. Other

The bad news was that editor [] car was stolen on 1 September while husband [] who was using the car, was swimming at the Panama Canal Commission pool. The good news was that the thief was stationed at Ft. Clayton and washed, waxed, and otherwise kept the car in excellent shape so Anne and John had no problem recognizing it when they drove by it on Ft. Clayton a week and a half later. The car has been returned to its owners, and the thief, who has a long record of transgressions, is being prosecuted. STAT
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IV. VISITS

1. On 2-9 September, Paraguay Bureau Deputy Chief [] STAT

visited the bureau for orientation and consultations. John also helped the bureau continue its reputation of putting its TDYers to work through his gracious and substantial contribution to the bureau's processing of Mexican President De La Madrid's 1 September speech. He is welcome back any time.

2. On 4 September, Staff Sergeant Gise and Anthony Mays of the U.S. Army, Southern Command, visited the bureau for a briefing on Nicaraguan media coverage.

3. On 9 September, 10 analysts from Howard Airbase's J-3, Psyops Division, visited for a tour of the bureau.

4. From 9 to 18 September, Chief/Panama Bureau and Chief Technician [redacted] made a semiannual trip to the bureau's Central American remote sites, except Managua. During the trip, [redacted] modified our contractors' fax machines so the contractors could send material easily by either remote line or commercial telephone. Tests proved that contractors are now able to send material to Key West over commercial phone line should the need arise. The necessary modifications in Managua will be made at a later date.

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5. From 28 to 30 September, our well-traveled (like the pope) chief visited headquarters for consultations on various subjects.

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A/Chief, Panama Bureau

Panama Bureau Production Report for SEPTEMBER 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	415320
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	36630
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	740

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	14632.00 min.	74700.00 min.	220.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires REUTER in Spanish		990	
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CHILE

Santiago Television Nacional de Chile Network in Spanish	0		
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CLANDESTINES

Clandestine La Voz Popular in Spanish to Guatemala	0		
Clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti in Spanish to El Salvador	0		
Clandestine Radio Venceremos in Spanish to El Salvador	12500		

COLOMBIA

Bogota Cadena Radial Super in Spanish	470		
Bogota Emisoras Caracol Network in Spanish	3490		
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	3810		
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2 in Spanish	1570		
Bogota Radio Cadena Nacional in Spanish	430		
Bogota Radio Sutatenza Network in Spanish	90		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Bogota EL SIGLO in Spanish			1000
Bogota EL TIEMPO in Spanish			460
COSTA RICA			
San Jose Radio Impacto in Spanish	810		
San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish	3870		
San Jose LA NACION in Spanish			90
San Jose LA PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			0
San Jose LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			1780
San Jose LIBERTAD REVOLUCIONARIA in Spanish			0
San Jose LIBERTAD in Spanish			300
San Jose RUMBO in Spanish			0
CUBA			
Havana International Service in Quechua	1180		
Havana International Service in Spanish	10360		
Havana CUBAVISION Television in Spanish	8230		
Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	24740		
Havana PRENSA LATINA in English		4340	
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish		3470	
ECUADOR			
Quito Radio Quito in Spanish	1500		
Quito Voz de los Andes in Spanish	5530		
EL SALVADOR			
San Salvador Canal Cuatro Television in Spanish	1560		

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San Salvador Canal Doce Television in Spanish	12360		
San Salvador Canal Dos Television in Spanish	2360		
San Salvador Canal Seis Television in Spanish	3050		
San Salvador Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
San Salvador La Voz Panamericana in Spanish	1060		
San Salvador Radio Cadena Sonora in Spanish	4060		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSKL in Spanish	4160		
San Salvador Radio Cadena YSU in Spanish	6270		
San Salvador Television Educativa in Spanish	460		
San Salvador Television Nacional in Spanish	860		
San Salvador DIARIO LATINO in Spanish			0
San Salvador EL DIARIO DE HOY in Spanish			570
San Salvador EL MUNDO in Spanish			680
San Salvador LA NOTICIA in Spanish			0
San Salvador LA PRENSA GRAFICA in Spanish			2560
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in English			0
Paris AFP in Spanish		20750	
GERMANY			
Hamburg DPA in Spanish		5900	
GUATEMALA			
Guatemala City Cadena de Emisoras Unidas in Spanish	210		
Guatemala City Radio Nuevo Mundo Network in Spanish	0		

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Guatemala City Radio Television Guatemala in Spanish	430		
Guatemala City EL GRAFICO in Spanish			0
Guatemala City PRENSA LIBRE in Spanish			710

HONDURAS

Tegucigalpa Cadena Audio Video in Spanish	5680		
Tegucigalpa Radio America in Spanish	5360		
Tegucigalpa Televisora Hondurena in Spanish	0		
Tegucigalpa Voz de Honduras Network in Spanish	3080		
San Pedro Sula LA PRENSA in Spanish			0
San Pedro Sula TIEMPO in Spanish			1890
Tegucigalpa EL HERALDO in Spanish			2410
Tegucigalpa LA TRIBUNA in Spanish			0

MEXICO

Mexico City Cadena RASA-IMER in Spanish	0		
Mexico City Domestic Service in Spanish	37970		
Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	1000		
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	1160		
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	1200		
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish		1080	
Mexico City EL DIA in Spanish			1330
Mexico City EL NACIONAL in Spanish			1950
Mexico City EXCELSIOR in Spanish			4310
Mexico City THE NEWS in English			0

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Mexico City UNOMASUNO in Spanish			5220
NICARAGUA			
Managua International Service in Spanish	260		
Managua Domestic Service in Spanish	23470		
Managua Radio Noticias in Spanish	1580		
Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish	34440		
Managua Sistema Sandinista Television Network in Spanish	2850		
Managua ANN Diplomatic Information Service in Spanish		0	
Managua ANN in Spanish		2270	
Managua NOTISAL in Spanish		0	
Managua NOTISAL-SALPRESS in Spanish		0	
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana		370	
Managua BARRICADA in Spanish			10200
Managua EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			2490
PANAMA			
Panama City Cadena Exitosa in Spanish	4410		
Panama City Circuito RPC Television in Spanish	1280		
Panama City Domestic Service in Spanish	12650		
Panama City Panavision Television in Spanish	3280		
Panama City Radio America in Spanish	130		
Panama City Radio Exitosa in Spanish	1770		
Panama City Telemetro Television in Spanish	5710		
Panama City Television Service in Spanish	250		

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Panama City Televisora Nacional in Spanish	4790		
Panama City ACAN in Spanish		13650	
Panama City CRITICA in Spanish			11170
Panama City DIALOGO SOCIAL in Spanish			0
Panama City EL SIGLO in Spanish			0
Panama City EXTRA in Spanish			0
Panama City LA ESTRELLA DE PANAMA in Spanish			12360
Panama City LA PRENSA in Spanish			0
Panama City LA REPUBLICA DOMINICAL in Spanish			3580
Panama City LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			1900
Panama City MATUTINO in Spanish			3240
Panama City QUIUBO GRAFICO in Spanish			0
Panama City STAR AND HERALD in English			3250
Panama City THE SUNDAY REPUBLIC in English			0
Panama City EL SIGLO DOMINICAL in Spanish			0
PERU			
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	870		
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	1320		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	3380		
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		7760	
U.S.A.			
New York United Nations Television in Spanish	3160		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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USSR

Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish	1140		
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Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	350		
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Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	110		
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VENEZUELA

Caracas Television Service in Spanish	3140		
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Caracas EL NACIONAL in Spanish			80
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Caracas EL UNIVERSAL in Spanish			0
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PANAMA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1987 -- ANNEX**TOTALS FROM ROSET SOURCES****COLOMBIA**

Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 1 in Spanish	3,810
Bogota INRAVISION Television Cadena 2 in Spanish	1,570

CUBA

Havana CUBAVISION Television in Spanish	8,230
Havana Tele-Rebelde Network in Spanish	24,740
Havana PRENSA LATINA in Spanish	3,470

MEXICO

Mexico City Red Nacional 13 IMEVISION Television in Spanish	1,000
Mexico City XEW Television Network in Spanish	1,160
Mexico City XHTV Television in Spanish	1,200
Mexico City CERIGUA in Spanish	1,080

NICARAGUA

Managua ANN in Spanish	2,270
Managua PRENSA LATINA in Spanish to PRENSA LATINA Havana	370

PERU

Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	870
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	1,320
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	3,380

U.S.A.	
New York United Nations Television in Spanish	3,160
VENEZUELA	
Caracas Television Service in Spanish	3,140
TOTAL FOR SEPTEMBER 1987	<u>60,770</u>