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SUBJECT: (Optional) Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau				
FROM: Chief, Operations Group		EXTENSION 3-5991	NO. 	
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1. C/Ops	24 Dec		B	
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7. PO/RA	12/30		Om	
8. SA/CD				
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10. C/AS	30 Dec		CP	
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12. C/AG	31 Dec		mm	
13. Admin Staff			DD	
14. C/B&F			R	
15. Exec. Reg.				

MTA-7039
8 December 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- November 1987

I. GENERAL

A. FBA-1 came to Tel Aviv Bureau in November to an enthusiastic but admittedly apprehensive welcome. Fears were quickly assuaged, however, as the installation and training progressed very smoothly. By end of month the site acceptance test and operational readiness demonstration were successfully completed, and bureau operations were fully automated, with only two monitors--one about to go on maternity leave and one who transfers to the embassy's political section in December--not working on the local area network. Editors and monitors are now adjusting local procedures to the bureau's new automated mode. Formal initial operating capability was declared on 7 December.

Given the attractiveness of the offices [redacted] the bureau is particularly pleased with the success of the LEC installation team in integrating the equipment and its wiring into the existing decor. With the exception of the presence of computers, visiting former bureau staffers would see little change in the work environment.

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B. The Israeli Journalists Association reached an agreement with the Broadcasting Authority and ended a 52-day strike on 27 November, when monitoring of Israeli broadcast sources returned to normal.

C. A 5.5 percent cost of living increase was approved for mission local employees retroactive to 1 October. The increase reflects the relative stability the national coalition government has been able to achieve in the past 2-3 years, driving down the inflation rate from some 400-500 percent annually to less than 20 percent at the current rate. This is seen also in the long time between this cost of living increase and the previous one in March 1987, 7 months--the longest period since 1972 without such a compensation adjustment. How long this relative stability will last is anybody's guess, as the national elections must be held by November 1988, and then all bets are off on any stability projections.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The Landau Commission, charged with investigating procedures of the general security organization, Shin Bet, released its report 1 November. Although the findings confirmed the use of physical coercion in obtaining terrorist confessions and subsequent perjured testimony regarding the methods, the report noted that such activities contravened existing laws and policies and were undertaken without the knowledge of top-level government officials.

2. On 26 November a terrorist crossed into Israel from Lebanon using a hang glider. Landing near Qiryat Shemona, the terrorist entered an IDF base and killed six soldiers and wounded seven before being killed. The PFLP-GC, led by Ahmad Jibril, claimed credit for the attack. Rumors of possible Israeli retaliation circulated, and on the 28th Beirut Radio reported increased IDF activity in the security zone. The bureau maintained an open speaker watch on IDF radio and delayed closing until the IDF responded to the rumors with a denial of security strip reinforcement.

3. The bureau extended operating hours on the 30th to report the Turkish election returns. A series of FYI's detailed the challenge to the ruling Motherland Party, which, despite receiving only 36 percent of the popular vote, will retain control of the National Assembly with some 65 percent of the seats.

B. Communications

After notification of approval to upgrade the bureau's communication circuit to 300bps ASCII operation, the bureau technical staff made all the necessary hardware changes. The upgrade was indefinitely postponed, however, when it was learned that all the final arrangements are not complete along the communications path to headquarters. The new commo configuration can support the existing 150bps baudot operation, so it has been left in place as preparation for the eventual upgrade.

C. Lateral Services

A list of FBIS-covered Arabic- and Hebrew-language publications was provided to several embassy components in conjunction with a USIS effort to compile a comprehensive list of all publications in those languages in Israel.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

Hebrew monitor [] resigned effective 7 December to take a position as a political section translator in the embassy. The bureau plans to fill the vacated position from the "pool" of applicants created in the last major recruitment effort. STAT

With two new Hebrew monitors in training and FBA-1 still under way, the bureau will delay hiring a new monitor until early in the new year.

IV. VISITS

A. Panama Bureau monitor [] visited the bureau 9 November while on personal travel to Israel. STAT

B. The bureau received assistance with FBA-1 from ADD representatives [] and [] who were on site 23-29 November and 13 November-8 December, respectively. Also lending a hand were regional engineer [] 10-15 November, and FEB engineer [] 27 October-22 November. The first LEC team members arrived 6 November, and the final departure is scheduled for 23 December. At the peak of installation and training activity, the bureau had 12 visitors. STAT
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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

On 28 November [] daughter [] was married to [] a Maronite Christian, in the beautiful Salesian Church in Nazareth. After a moving ceremony that was performed in Arabic and English, those attending, including a large representation of both the bureau and the embassy, were treated to a traditional Arabic wedding reception. STAT
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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

cc: JN, NC
Attachments: Production Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for November 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	205380
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	59760
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	610

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7783.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues

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

(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus	6970	
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus	0	
(Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian	0	
(Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey	4620	
(Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	2100	
(Clandestine) Voice of the Kavyani Banner of Iran in Persian	120	
(Clandestine) Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian	0	
ISRAEL		
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	3500	
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	6250	
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	0	
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	3090	
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	39170	
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic		640
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English		0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic			3680
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			2060
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			3520
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic			200
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			280
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			33240
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			620
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			5650
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			950
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			10170
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			19560
Tel Aviv HA'IR in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			3710
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			1440
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			12020
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			10850
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	12290		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		1110	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		15070	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		310	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			650
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			0
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Hebrew	1540		

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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Moscow in
Turkish to Turkey

0

Moscow in
Dari to Afghanistan

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Moscow in
Persian to Iran

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UNITED KINGDOM
London BBC World Service in
English

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TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR Nov . 1987 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 205,380 (238680)
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 59,760 (60,800)
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 8,838 (9,660)
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 18,360 on 30 November 1987
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 1,430 on 7 November 1987
2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED HOURS, PERCENT.
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED HOURS, PERCENT.
OUTAGES: No Outages

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT:
None.

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.