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`300A' Country of origin: Czechoslovakia

Semi-auto Morse 'paddle'.

Tune button.

### DATA SUMMARY

Organisation: ŠtB - Štátna bezpečnost (Secret State Police) and Správa 1 - rozviedka (Government, Department 1, espionage).

Design/Manufacturer: Správa 6 - spojovacia technika (Government, Department 6, communication technics).

Year of Introduction: 1961.

Purpose: Agents, probably diplomatic service. Transmitter: CO, doubler/tripler, RF PA. CW only.

Frequency coverage: 10-18MHz.

RF output: 20W.

Valves: ECC82 (3x), EF80, 6L43, 6L41 (2x),

11TA31, 14TA31.

Power Supply: Built-in 220V AC mains power supply.

Size (cm): Height 12½, Length 33, Width 23.

Meter sensitivity (?)

Accessories: Aerial tuning unit, semi-automatic Morse

'paddle' insert, crystals

#### References:

This chapter is an abridged version based on a full account of the 300A described in www.cryptomuseum.com

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## REMARKS

The 300A was a transmitter developed for agents and probably diplomatic service operating at a long distance from their Czechoslovakian base. It was first used in Angola in 1961, and in combination with a RF power amplifier known as 300B in Congo (1961) and Kurdistan (1965-1968). The transmitter had a build-in semi-automatic electronic Morse key of which the separate 'paddle' part was inserted into five banana type sockets on the front panel.

Considering the absence of a type number plate and the use of a simple Dymo tape lettering it is believed that only a very small number 300A transmitters were produced.



Top view of 300A transmitter with covers removed. (above)

RF PA output tuning. Driver tuning. Oscillator/multiplier tuning. Tuning meter. Crystal. Meter selector. LT switch.

Front panel view of the 300A with functional explanation of controls.

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Keyer speed. Sockets for 'paddle' insert. HT switch.