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## BRIEFING CENTER CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

This fall, the Overseas Briefing Center, one of the three divisions of the Foreign Service Institute's Career Transition Center, celebrates 30 years of delivering information to Foreign Service officers and family members. Originally focused on providing print documents, OBC now offers information via the Intranet, including its OBC-BNET video-on-demand program (<http://fsi.state.gov/fsi/tc/default.asp?id=1345>) and the new Post Info To Go service (<http://fsi.state.gov/fsi/tc/epb/epb.asp>).

OBC receives more than 17,257 visitors and e-mail requests annually. "I used all the materials before we went overseas and I must say it sure helped a lot," said a recent satisfied customer.

As part of its celebration, OBC has sent all posts packets containing the latest versions of the guide *Foreign Service Assignment Notebook: What Do I Do Now?* and the CD reference *Find Your Way*, which is designed for those without access to the Intranet. In addition, OBC is sponsoring a Clips To Go contest in which contestants are challenged to recognize online video clips showing life at post. For information and an entry form, see <http://fsi.state.gov/fsi/tc/default.asp?id=1539>.



Reflecting how the Overseas Briefing Center's use of technology has changed, an Oct. 27, 1977, photo taken on OBC's opening day shows attendees viewing new post slides. Now, OBC uses CD-ROMs to deliver content.