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TO : Chief, FBIS

FROM : Chief, Tokyo Bureau

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report - December 1964

DATE: 7 January 1965

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial

1. Bureau Coverage of Peking in Mongolian began with Peking's inauguration of the service on 1 December. Thus far, the 1400 GMT and 2230 GMT shows have proved to be repeats of the hour-long 1200 GMT program.

2. Efforts continued to recruit a Mandarin monitor, as the bureau has had only one in that section since mid-October. [redacted], the best candidate, received provisional security clearance and was interviewed on 23 December. He stated that he was interested in full time employment, but desired a higher starting salary than the bureau was willing to offer. [redacted] present job as a newspaperman prevents his being considered as a part-time employee. Several other candidates are presently receiving security processing.

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3. The problem of backlog material continued to plague the Japanese section, which maintains an average of 1,300 words of processed copy a day but was faced with an average of 2,300 words ordered, including requests from Radio Propaganda Branch and occasional orders from lateral consumers in the field. Thus, at the end of December the backlog amounted to 24 items totaling some 20,000 words. Furthermore, nine items, totaling some 12,000 words, which had been ordered were cancelled to help alleviate the situation.

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4. Processed wordage dropped 4%, to 96,810 words. Total weekly hours monitored: 275.1 (all voice).

B. Communications

1. Circuit outages on both Tokyo to Washington allocated circuits totaled 74% during December. This total was an increase of 19% on TWA and a decrease of 13% on TWB. TWA and TWB were out simultaneously 56%, which is an increase of 9% over the previous month. The Washington to Tokyo circuit outages increased slightly--WTA by 3% to a total of 35%, and WTB by 4%, to a total of 87%. Simultaneous

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outages on WTA and WTB increased by 4% to a total of 30%. Outages on the Tokyo to Okinawa TOB circuit totaled 4%, a decrease of 3%, while outages on OTA totaled 12%, a slight decrease from November's total of 13%.

2. Pre-empted time decreased by approximately 144 hours on TWB, while the totals on OTA increased by approximately 40 hours.
3. Approximately 48% of the messages transmitted to Headquarters were rerouted via common user due to the fact that the Tokyo to Washington circuits were out simultaneously 56% of the time. This total of 48% was the highest total during 1964.
4. Although theater traffic decreased by over one million words, December's total of 11,188,996 was still quite high. This is the first time in the past five months that theater traffic has not surpassed the 12 million word level. Bureau wordage decreased by approximately 17,000 words.
5. To help alleviate the increased work load in the teletype unit, as noted above, bureau driver Mitsuhashi has been assigned regular duties as a teletype operator, temporarily one day each week. As his driver's duties decrease, and his teletype knowledge increases, it is planned to utilize him as a full time teletype operator eventually.

C. Technical

1. A bureau designed monitoring unit for the still photography of TV images was completed during the month. The sheet metal work was performed by 5th Air Force, at the request of FTD, and the electrical work was performed by the bureau's Electronic Specialist. Tests of the unit are now underway and a report will be made to the Chief, Engineering Staff upon their completion.
2. At the request of the Okinawa Bureau the Tokyo Bureau investigated the availability and cost of a facsimile printer which could monitor expected transmissions of NCNA. Firms contacted were Toho Denki, Kyodo News Agency, and the Tokyo Aircraft Instrument Co.

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II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Teletype Supervisor [] was given a Quality Step Increase in recognition of the sustained outstanding performance of his duties. 50X1
2. [] Bureau Electronics Specialist, received a letter of commendation from the Chief, FBIS for his excellent performance in procuring surplus government property of considerable value to FBIS. 50X1

B. Procurement

Toho Denki facsimile and page printer supplies were purchased for the Okinawa Bureau.

III. OFFICIAL VISITS

A. To the Bureau

Lt. Col. R. Friend and R. Kalisch, DET #4, FTD, 1 December.

Major Henry Schibi, DET #4, FTD, 3 December.

Norris Hammond, State Department Far East Region Communications Officer, and Frank Trainer, Embassy Communications Officer, 4 December.

* [] 7 December. 50X1

[] Senior Editor Okinawa Bureau, 7 & 9 December. 50X1

G.J. Sperling, Embassy Security Office, 22 December.

B. By Bureau Personnel

Bureau Chief and Electronics Specialist to Yokota Air Base to arrange for fabrication of the TV monitoring unit, 3 December.

Bureau Chief, [] to Camp Drake for a briefing on the work of the Strategic Intelligence Research Activity, 500th ICG, 8 December. 50X1

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Bureau Chief and Senior Editor [redacted] visited Toho Denki Co. to meet Mr. Kawashima the General Sales Manager and to view that firm's line of facsimile printers, 15 December. 50X1

Bureau Chief and Editor [redacted] attended an Intelligence Seminar hosted by the 500th Intelligence Corps Group, 17 December. 50X1

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Attachments:

1. Classified Personnel Report
2. Foreign Personnel Report
3. Operations Attachment
4. Communications Attachment
5. Liaison Attachment

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LIAISON ATTACHMENT

1. The teletype routing indicators of the following lateral consumers changed during the month. They are:
 - A. NAVCINTSUPPACTJAPAN changed from RUATC to RUAUBH.
 - B. COMNAVFORJAPAN changed from RUATH to RUAUNJ.
 - C. NAVCINTSUPPU YOKOHAMA JAPAN changed from RUATM to RUAUDM.