

MBK-001

3 January 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Bangkok Bureau--December 1982

I. GENERAL

A. The December bombing of a building associated with Iraqi consular affairs in Bangkok led to concern over bureau security as initial reports indicated an Iranian role and the Iranian

[redacted] management temporarily stepped up security at the elevator entrances during evening and weekend hours, and the bureau reviewed its own security posture with the embassy security office and reissued its memo on fire alarm procedures.

B. Political tension and uncertainty within Thailand continued to rise during the month as General Athit, the new Army commander, repeatedly issued assurances that no coup could be expected before the coming spring 1983 parliamentary elections unless the political situation deteriorated. These "assurances" came in the midst of publicly expressed misgivings concerning the long-range effect of the communist insurgents' positive response to the government's amnesty program, resurgent student movement activity and the successful public facedown of the government on a bus fare hike and on continuance of a controversial university rector in office.

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C. Attention in December was focused on trying to pin down a date for the coming SRV-Kampuchea-Laos Indochina summit meeting which has been announced by the Indochinese media for spring of 1983 but by Moscow for January. Uncertainty on the dates still exists. "Spring" in Indochina is considered to start early in the year, but the Indochinese media had added confusion to the conference times by announcing a foreign ministers' preparatory conference for January. There has not been an Indochina summit meeting since April of 1970.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Bureau voice and press agency reception [redacted] was hampered on the evenings of 31 December and 1 January [redacted] and produced audible blips at 4-5 second intervals. No programs were lost thanks to the new backup recording system [redacted]. The bureau engineers spent much of New Year's day trying to track down the problem. The interference did not recur on 2 January.

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2. The bureau has initiated an intrabureau familiarization program in which monitors who have never visited [redacted] will be given a 1-day tour there, and [redacted] technicians will, in turn, be given a 1-day tour of the bureau proper. Two veteran Vietnamese monitors, one veteran and one new Cambodian monitor and one new Indonesian monitor were included in the initial group which toured [redacted] under the guidance of Assistant Engineer [redacted] and Indonesian/Thai Unit Chief [redacted].

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Staff Editor [redacted] in Vienna, Virginia, on 22 December. The [redacted] arrived back in Bangkok on 31 December in time for [redacted] to work the New Year's Eve shift.

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2. Prospective Malay monitor [redacted] accepted an offer of employment on 15 December, and initial processing has begun with a spring 1983 entrance on duty target.

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3. Cambodian monitor [redacted] was formally taken off training status as of 17 December. [redacted] had entered on duty on 2 May, and his fine response to training permitted an acceleration of his formal training process.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

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2. Piping has been installed to provide air conditioning to the rest rooms on the operations floor.

IV. VISITS

A. A PMCD classification survey team, accompanied by Operations

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Group Assistant [redacted] conducted a survey of bureau local staff positions 7-12 December.

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B. A regional security officer from Seoul visited the bureau on 14 December and discussed revised plans for improving entrance security.

C. Embassy CPU officer Phillip Hendrix toured the bureau on 1 December.

D. Prospective Malay monitor [redacted] toured the bureau on 27 December while on private travel to Thailand.

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V. OTHER

The bureau's newly formed photo club held its first photo contest early in the month. Some 20 photographers submitted 60 entries in the contest which was restricted to the theme "Thai Life." Winner of the competition was Burmese monitor [redacted] for a rural canal scene focusing on a Thai-style fishing net.

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FBIS, Bangkok Bureau

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Production Report

BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	507,020 (542,330)
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	215,270 (211,880)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,186 (1,335)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	15,095 (15,095) min.	20,085 (20,085) min.	200.23 (200.23) issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

AFGHANISTAN

Kabul KABUL NEW TIMES in English			0 (0)
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AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	7,740 (6,260)		
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English			0 (0)
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English			90 (0)
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			0 (0)

BANGLADESH

Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	910 (280)		
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	3,600 (5,070)		
Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali			80 (0)
Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			1,010 (710)
Dhaka Overseas Service in English	0 (190)		

BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	1,550 (4,640)		
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			0 (0)
Rangoon LOKIHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			150 (0)
Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese			110 (200)
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			160 (0)
Rangoon Domestic Service in English			

CHINA

Beijing in Bengali to India and Pakistan	0 (0)		
Beijing in Burmese to Burma	0 (190)		
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	8,480 (10,290)		
Beijing in Hindi to South Asia	0 (0)		
Beijing in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 (0)		
Beijing in Lao to Laos	490 (140)		
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0 (0)		
Beijing in Thai to Thailand	0 (0)		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0 (0)		

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian to Kampuchea	25,260 (21,240)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	1,350 (0)		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese to Burma	3,560 (1,850)		
(Clandestine) SSPT in Thai to Thailand	4,850 (6,360)		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		34,270 (53,840)	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	4,570 (3,560)		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	22,680 (21,270)		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		3,010 (3,740)	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			6,860 (4,050)
Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English			0 (1,740)
Delhi PATRIOT in English			4,330 (1,540)
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			0 (0)
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			350 (0)
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			2,560 (2,080)
Madras THE HINDU in English			370 (590)
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	0 (120)		
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesia	4,970 (10,340)		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		4,350 (7,920)	
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			0 (1,060)
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			0 (3,890)
Jakarta OANA in English		6,290 (7,960)	
<u>KAMPUCHEA</u>			
Phnom Penh International Service in English	0 (0)		
Phnom Penh International Service in Thai	0 (0)		
Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	16,120 (21,150)		
Phnom Penh SFK in French		33,110 (19,770)	
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<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	36,460 (35,990)		
Vientiane KEL in English		16,880 (16,190)	
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Vientiane SIANG PASASON in Lao			0 (0)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	8,650 (8,040)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	1,330 (3,440)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	0 (0)		
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			150 (2,210)
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 (0)
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	360 (860)		
Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			900 (0)
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	1,740 (580)		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	6,650 (8,470)		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	12,460 (8,050)		
Karachi Overseas Service in English	0 (190)		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	890 (1,990)		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			1,330 (630)
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 (530)
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	1,450 (1,840)		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	150 (460)		
Colombo SUN in English			600 (2,300)
Colombo WEEKEND in English			0 (810)
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	4,660 (5,940)		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	3,290 (5,930)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	1,840 (1,870)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	6,030 (9,280)		
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			3,810 (4,070)
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai			990 (1,620)
Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English			24,780 (31,130)
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			37,480 (33,070)
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			2,510 (2,910)
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			0 (2,470)
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			400 (1,820)
Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English			700 (350)
Bangkok PATINYA in Thai			1,230 (0)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh	0 (0)		
Moscow in Burmese to Burma	0 (0)		
Moscow in Cambodian to Kampuchea	1,490 (510)		
Moscow in Hindi to India	1,210 (2,590)		
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 (1,850)		
Moscow in Lao to Laos	780 (1,230)		
Moscow in Thai to Thailand	150 (0)		
Moscow in Urdu to India	0 (0)		
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan	0 (0)		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 (0)		
<u>VIETNAM</u>			
Hanoi International Service in Cambodian	0 (0)		
Hanoi International Service in English	4,470 (8,820)		
Hanoi International Service in Thai	2,340 (4,920)		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	66,560 (54,360)		
Hanoi VNA in English		1,300 (710)	
		0 (0)	
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese			28,940 (26,000)
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			17,470 (24,690)
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			1,360 (1,570)

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NOTE: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month