

MBK-0029  
2 December 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

~~SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Bangkok Bureau--November 1982~~

I. GENERAL

The highlight for November was the 16-19 November visit to the bureau by FBIS Director [ ] during which 12 promotions and QSI's were announced. These reflected a break in the near-total suspension of promotion actions over the past 2 years due to FBIS negotiations over the State classification system. Efforts to leave the impression with [ ] that Bangkok was a hardship post included a power outage at the bureau, which incapacitated the elevators and forced [ ] to walk down 15 flights of stairs, and a breakdown of the bureau's sedan en route to the airport, which required the Director and Bureau Chief to flag down a passing "baht" bus (a small truck converted for private enterprise bus transportation).

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A recruiting trip by the Bureau Chief and Indonesian/Thai Section Chief [ ] to Kuala Lumpur and Singapore in search of Indonesia/Malay monitors netted one excellent candidate who has already entered on duty and several very likely prospects. The favorable result of this trip has enabled the delay of a planned followup trip to Indonesia until later in 1983.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

SSPT, the Thai Communist Party's Morse coded radioteletype press agency, went off the air on known frequencies as of the 16 November newscast. Bureau queries to the Thai Government concerning the situation resulted in the advisory that SSPT had not operated for "about a week" from 16 November but was now transmitting on a new frequency. The bureau managed to copy what it believes is SSPT on this new, stronger frequency as of 30 November, and we believe only one regularly scheduled newscast was missed during the hiatus.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The Director, FBIS, and the Bureau Chief officiated at an office reception and ceremony on 19 November at which promotions and QSI's were awarded. Those promoted included South Asian Monitor [redacted]

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2. The Bureau Chief and Indonesian/Thai Section Chief [redacted] traveled to Kuala Lumpur and Singapore 7-13 November on a recruiting trip for Indonesian/Malay monitors.

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3. New Indonesian Monitor [redacted] entered on duty 21 November.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

A reconstruction and relocation project is underway in the monitor booth area to accomodate an enlarged Indonesian Section. Only minor construction work is required to create sufficient positions to cover the bureau's projected monitorial staff increases over the next 3 years.

IV. VISITS

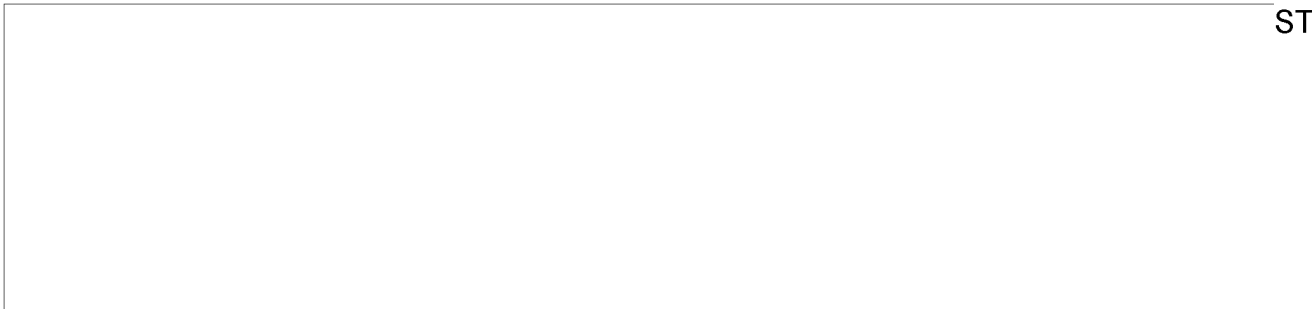
A. FBIS Director [redacted] TDY'd at the bureau 16-19 November.

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B. Deputy Chief of Mission Stapleton Roy toured the bureau on 23 November.

C. Congressional subcommittee member James O. Bush toured the bureau on 26 November.

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Chief  
FBIS, Bangkok Bureau

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Production Report

## BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	542,330 (484,270)
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	211,880 (218,820)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,335 ( 1,214)

	<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	6,260 ( 9,890)		
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English			0 ( 0)
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English			0 ( 0)
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			0 ( 0)

BANGLADESH

Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	280 ( 340)		
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	5,070 ( 2,470)		
Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali			0 ( 0)
Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			710 ( 2,250)
Dhaka Overseas Service in English	190 ( 0)		

BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	4,640 ( 11,510)		
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			0 ( 0)
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			0 ( 0)
Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese			200 ( 180)
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			0 ( 80)
Rangoon Domestic Service in English	0 ( 60)		

CHINA

Beijing in Bengali to India and Pakistan	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Burmese to Burma	190 ( 190)		
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	10,290 ( 2,080)		
Beijing in Hindi to South Asia	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Lao to Laos	140 ( 430)		
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	21,240 ( 35,020)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	0 ( 1,560)		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese to Burma	1,850 ( 3,820)		
(Clandestine) SSPT in Thai to Thailand	6,360 ( 5,300)		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		53,840 ( 39,300)	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	3,560 ( 2,750)		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	21,270 ( 27,460)		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		3,740 ( 600)	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			4,050 ( 9,960)
Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English			1,740 ( 2,000)
Delhi PATRIOT in English			1,540 ( 1,490)
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			0 ( 640)
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			0 ( 0)
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			2,080 ( 3,220)
Madras THE HINDU in English			590 ( 1,890)
Delhi Domestic Service in Bengali	0 ( 140)		
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	120 ( 210)		
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesia	10,340 ( 7,400)		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		7,920 ( 4,120)	
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			1,060 ( 0)
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			3,890 ( 0)
Jakarta OANA in English		7,960 ( 12,390)	
<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	21,150 ( 18,780)		
Phnom Penh SFK in French		19,770 ( 18,170)	
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<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	35,990 ( 12,030)		
Vientiane KFL in English		16,190 ( 12,040)	
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Vientiane SIANG PASASON in Lao			0 ( 0)

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	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	8,040 ( 5,950)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	3,440 ( 1,980)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	0 ( 0)		
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			2,210 ( 5,110)
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 ( 0)
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	860 ( 750)		
Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			0 ( 650)
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	580 ( 70)		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	8,470 ( 17,950)		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	8,050 ( 8,630)		
Karachi Overseas Service in English	190 ( 0)		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	1,990 ( 1,560)		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			630 ( 680)
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			530 ( 0)
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	1,840 ( 1,120)		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	460 ( 1,500)		
Colombo SUN in English			2,300 ( 70)
Colombo WEEKEND in English			810 ( 1,020)
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	5,940 ( 4,810)		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	5,930 ( 4,010)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	1,870 ( 2,300)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	9,280 ( 6,220)		
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			4,070 ( 0)
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai			1,620 ( 1,310)
Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English			31,130 ( 23,940)
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			33,070 ( 33,100)
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			2,910 ( 0)
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			2,470 ( 1,240)
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			1,820 ( 440)
Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English			350 ( 970)

	<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 ( 990)		
Moscow in			
Cambodian to Kampuchea	510 ( 0)		
Moscow in			
Hindi to India	2,590 ( 0)		
Moscow in			
Indonesian to Indonesia	1,850 ( 2,090)		
Moscow in			
Lao to Laos	1,230 ( 0)		
Moscow in			
Thai to Thailand	0 ( 1,060)		
Moscow in			
Urdu to India	0 ( 1,650)		
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	8,820 ( 7,240)		
Hanoi International Service in			
Thai	4,920 ( 2,670)		
Hanoi Domestic Service in			
Vietnamese	54,360 ( 63,830)		
Hanoi VNA in		710 ( 540)	
English		0 ( 0)	
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Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in			26,000 ( 0)
Vietnamese			
Hanoi NHAN DAN in			24,690 ( 28,000)
Vietnamese			
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in			1,570 ( 1,050)
Vietnamese			

NOTE: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month