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2 June 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Bangkok Bureau--May, 1982

## I. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In an effort to keep the Vietnamese Unit more fully occupied and per discussions with C/NEAAD during the bureau chiefs conference, the bureau has implemented a program of enhanced Vietnamese press selection. Barring unusual developments which would preoccupy the monitors with voice coverage, press processing is expected to increase up to 20,000 words per month.

2. Early in the month the bureau initiated a 30-day study of Hanoi VNA English/French circuits to determine reception and transmission times with a view toward possible assumption of coverage from Okinawa Bureau.

3. The bureau's role in Afghanistan coverage ended on 24 May when the coverage of the Kabul TIMES passed to NEAAD. Per arrangement, the bureau will retain a backup subscription of the newspaper in the event NEAAD requires assistance. Subscriptions to two other Afghan papers were dropped.

### B. Lateral Services

1. The bureau received lavish praise in a 7 May message from the American Embassy in Vientiane, Laos, for its "superb job" in covering the Third Congress of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party, 27-30 April. The message--also sent to Headquarters, American Embassy Bangkok, American Consulate Hong Kong and CINCPAC Honolulu--cited bureau coverage as "complete and timely" with translations maintaining "a consistently high standard despite the speed of the work." Concluding, the message stated: "Our praise for this special coverage is not meant to denigrate the thorough and accurate day-to-day coverage we get from FBIS. It is hard to conceive how it could be improved on."

2. In another example of the kind of close support field bureaus provide U.S. diplomatic posts abroad, on 9 May the bureau was asked to confirm that Vietnam had never accused Thailand of using chemical weapons

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against Kampuchea. The request, relayed by an Embassy political officer, had originated with the U.S. delegation to the United Nations. After considerable research, the information--which proved that Vietnam had made such accusations--was passed to the Embassy Political Section, which expressed surprise with the findings and appreciation for the bureau's efforts. The information was provided in time to prevent what would have been an erroneous cable from being sent.

C. Technical

Working during the early hours of 0130-0530 on 22 May when the bureau is normally closed, the bureau's technical staff successfully relocated [redacted] The relocation allows for increased storage space and provides better maintenance accessibility for the equipment.

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## II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. the bureau's recruitment campaign for a fourth Malay/Indonesian monitor gained speed during the month with the receipt of more than 3 dozen applications from advertisements placed in Indonesian, Malaysian and Singaporean newspapers. A short-list of candidates has been drawn up for eventual interviewing and testing.

2. Vietnamese senior monitor [redacted] departed the bureau on 10 May for EOT and redocumentation travel to the States.

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3. Associate editor [redacted] Burmese monitor [redacted] became happy parents on 12 May with the birth of their second daughter. [redacted]

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## III. VISITS

A. To the bureau:

1. On 30 April, Carla Reed, consular officer at the Embassy in Vientiane, Laos, visited the bureau for a tour and discussion of lateral services.

2. [redacted] chief, Engineering Division, visited the bureau [redacted] 12-15 May.

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3. Welcome surprise visitors to the bureau on 21 May were retired FBIS Chief Engineer [redacted]

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[redacted] on an extensive Asian tour.

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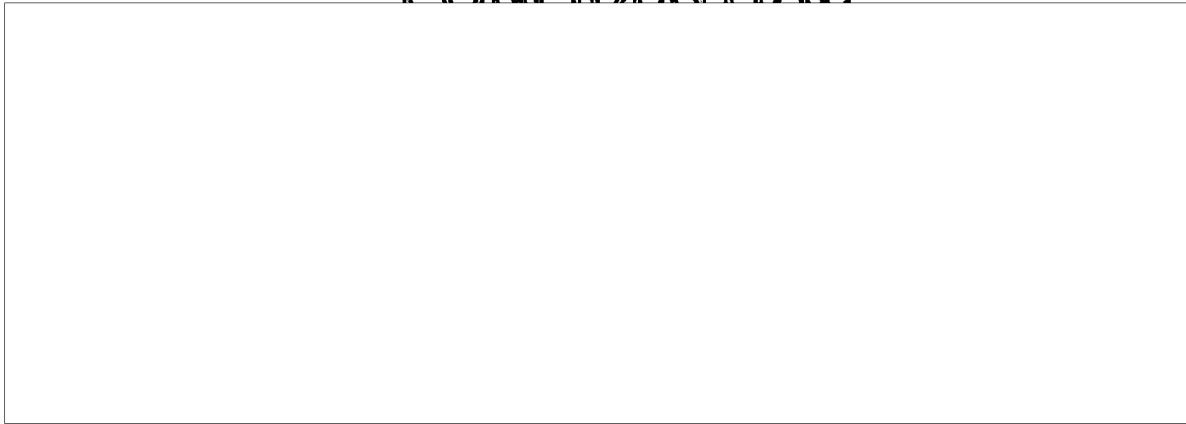
4. Analysis Group Chief [redacted] visited the bureau 26-30 May.

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IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Sponsored and encouraged by Ambassador Dean, an avid tennis player, the Mission's first official tennis tournament was held on 15-16 May. Six FBIS employees were among the 42 doubles teams entered in the competition. In an exciting men's final, Indian senior monitor [redacted] and his AID partner defeated the bureau chief and his JUSMAG partner 9-7. Ambassador and Mrs. Dean attended the final day luncheon and presented the trophies.

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ENGINEERING ATTACHMENT

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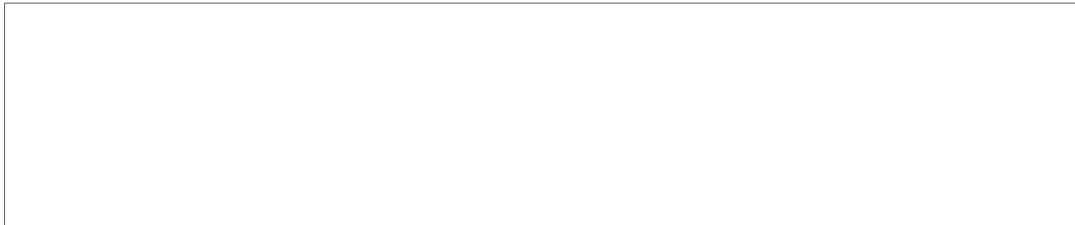
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A. Non-Expendable Property Received:

None

B. Items of Engineering Interest:

1. Two fluorescent light fixtures were installed just inside the main entrance to the bureau. The installation of these fixtures is part of an on going project to provide better security via CCTV monitoring.



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## BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MAY 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	496,060 (553,670)
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	215,550 (223,930)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,227 ( 1,147)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	14,975 ( 14,975) min.	20,085 ( 20,085) min.	206.23 ( 206.23) issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

AFGHANISTAN

Kabul NEW TIMES in English			0 ( 900)
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AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	13,440 ( 21,660)		
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English			0 ( 640)
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English			0 ( 0)
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			0 ( 0)

BANGLADESH

Dacca Domestic Service in Bengali	290 ( 290)		
Dacca Domestic Service in English	4,510 ( 3,750)		
Dacca SANGBAD in Bengali			0 ( 0)
Dacca THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			920 ( 1,900)

BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	2,190 ( 3,080)		
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			120 ( 0)
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			0 ( 0)
Rangoon MYANMA in Burmese			0 ( 0)
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			810 ( 270)
Rangoon Domestic Service in English	0 ( 180)		

CHINA

Beijing in Bengali to India and Pakistan	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Burmese to Burma	680 ( 1,570)		
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	2,360 ( 0)		
Beijing in Hindi to South Asia	960 ( 0)		
Beijing in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Lao to Laos	40 ( 370)		
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	25,620 ( 25,960)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	2,410 ( 110)		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese to Burma	3,050 ( 820)		
(Clandestine) SSPT in Thai to Thailand	1,310 ( 990)		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		27,750 ( 51,320)	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	5,530 ( 3,170)		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	21,390 ( 16,520)		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		2,190 ( 1,100)	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			9,170 ( 8,020)
Delhi NATION HERALD in English			710 ( 3,870)
Delhi PATRIOT in English			0 ( 0)
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			630 ( 0)
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			0 ( 0)
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			0 ( 3,730)
Madras THE HINDU in English			1,580 ( 600)
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesia	7,240 ( 5,030)		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		9,100 ( 6,380)	
Jakarta OANA in English		150 ( 1,240)	
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			0 ( 0)
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			0 ( 0)
<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	35,080 ( 32,840)		
Phnom Penh SPK in French		26,750 ( 27,720)	
		0 ( 0)	
		90 ( 0)	
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	50,370 ( 54,420)		
Vientiane KPL in English		25,390 ( 39,460)	
		0 ( 0)	
		0 ( 0)	
vientiane SIANG PASASON in Lao		0 ( 480)	
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	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	10,340 ( 5,040)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	4,480 ( 330)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	0 ( 0)		
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			1,060 ( 14,600)
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			940 ( 0)
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	310 ( 330)		
Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			80 ( 620)
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	150 ( 910)		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	7,340 ( 3,670)		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	6,190 ( 8,770)		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	820 ( 3,090)		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			600 ( 1,930)
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 ( 0)
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	810 ( 280)		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	210 ( 0)		
Colombo SUN in English			1,470 ( 220)
Colombo WEEKEND in English			0 ( 0)
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	2,830 ( 7,210)		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	3,040 ( 2,350)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	4,210 ( 2,060)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	10,680 ( 9,190)		
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			1,510 ( 190)
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai			1,350 ( 2,030)
Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English			23,740 ( 12,740)
Bangkok POST in English			30,110 ( 14,660)
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			4,930 ( 400)
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			680 ( 0)
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			490 ( 390)
Bangkok WORLD in English			1,570 ( 570)

	<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	1,120 ( 580)		
Moscow in			
Cambodian to Kampuchea	0 ( 0)		
Moscow in			
Hindi to India	2,080 ( 0)		
Moscow in			
Indonesian to Indonesia	0 ( 0)		
Moscow in			
Lao to Laos	0 ( 800)		
Moscow in			
Thai to Thailand	0 ( 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	4,760 ( 4,480)		
Hanoi International Service in			
Thai	1,240 ( 110)		
Hanoi Domestic Service in			
Vietnamese	39,190 ( 97,960)		
Hanoi VNA in			
English		0 ( 2,190)	
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		0 ( 0)	
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in			
Vietnamese			12,290 ( 13,130)
Hanoi NHAN DAN in			
Vietnamese			27,250 ( 19,090)
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in			
Vietnamese			6,360 ( 5,360)

NOTE: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month



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## EMBASSY CIRCUIT OUTAGES FOR MAY 1982

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GMT TIME</u>	<u>HRS MIN (PLANNED)</u>	<u>HRS MIN (UNPLANNED)</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
7	0945-1032		47	
14	0040-0140		1	Bad weather
15	1015-1028		13	Unknown
19	1535-1730		1 55	Bad weather
21	0400-0420		20	Bad weather
21	1335-1515		1 40	Unknown
23	0752-0835		43	Bad weather
27	1530-1602		32	
27	1655-1730		35	
TOTAL:			<u>7 45</u>	

Total unplanned outage: 7 hours 45 minutes.