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3 May 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Bangkok Bureau--April 1982

## I. GENERAL

"Save Our School" has become the rallying cry of disenchanted teachers at the International School of Bangkok who in a recent newsletter to all parents accused ISB administrators of mismanagement, poor communications, unsound educational decisions, nepotism, poor recruitment methods and cutbacks in courses and staff based solely on financial considerations. To emphasize the seriousness of their intentions, late in the month they staged a 4-hour work stoppage protesting the administration's decisions and methods.

What prompted these provocative moves by ISB teachers were recently announced plans by the administration to reduce both curriculum and staff allegedly made necessary by last July's baht devaluation and deficit spending of past administrations. This action, combined with previous tuition increases which were both large and unexpected, has created an emotional atmosphere at ISB involving internal squabbling among the faculty, administration and the school board, with parents and students caught in the middle.

Several open meetings have been held by the contesting parties which have done little to clarify the issues and instead have led to more charges and countercharges. At a 27 April meeting of the International School Association, the parents association voted for the establishment of an ad hoc committee of ISA members and one representative each from the school board, faculty and administration to examine 15 recommendations submitted by the teachers for improving the school. More meetings are scheduled.

As a result of this situation, many parents and teachers alike feel that the quality of education at ISB has suffered. Both embassy officers and the bureau are closely monitoring the situation.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

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As if the Vietnamese Communist Party's fifth congress at the end of last month and its resultant more than 350 minutes of processing were not enough, the Lao People's Revolutionary Party held its third party congress on 27 April. With all three of the bureau's Lao monitors on duty, 16 substantive fyi's were filed on the 4 and 1/2 hour opening session, including General Secretary Kaysone Phomvihans 126-minute address. The last fyi cleared the bureau within an hour of the session's conclusion.

### B. Cruising

Visiting Okinawa Bureau cruiser [ ] and bureau cruiser [ ] conducted a 5-day cruising survey from the city of Chanthaburi in southeast Thailand near the border with Cambodia. Survey results were disappointing in that little if any new information on regional radios was uncovered. Upon completion, a survey report will be forwarded to FCS.

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### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. Bureau recruiting efforts continued apace this month as Cambodian monitor-recruit [ ] visa problems were resolved. [ ] entered on duty 3 May as a welcomed addition to the hard-pressed Cambodian section. On another front, bureau efforts to find a fourth Indonesian/Malay monitor from among four local candidates tested and interviewed early in the month proved only partially successful. Although one tested extremely well, his particular in-country status (Indonesian citizenship, working for the Indonesian Embassy but with no repatriation agreement) and extreme reluctance to be classified as local hire rather than third country national created problems regarding his possible employment which as of this writing is awaiting a decision from Headquarters. In the interim, the bureau has proceeded with recruiting efforts in Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore with the assistance of the respective USG missions.

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2. Indonesian monitor [ ] departed 26 March for EOC and redocumentation travel to the States.

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3. Vietnamese monitor [ ] was hospitalized on 24 April for acute stomach pains diagnosed as an intestinal infection. [ ] will remain in the hospital for several days to undergo tests.

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### IV. VISITS

1. Emily Hodges, a new embassy political officer, visited the bureau on 7 April for a briefing and walkthrough.

2. Okinawa Bureau cruiser [ ] visited the bureau on TDY 3-14 April for orientation and a 5-day field survey with bureau cruiser [ ]

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A. Non-Expendable Property Received:

None

B. Items of Engineering Interest:

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2. A new automatic door closer was installed on the main entrance to the bureau to facilitate faster and more reliable action, thereby enhancing security and climate control.

3. Wire mesh for the bureau's roof and patio drains was installed this month to prevent water buildup due to clogged drains caused by debris and leaves.

4. A two-way intercom speaker was installed in the cruising room/maintenance shop to provide easier contact between shop and cruising personnel and the receptionist.

## BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR APRIL 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	553,670 (542,700)
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	223,930 (241,670)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,147 ( 1,373)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	14,975 ( 15,055) 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			900 ( 1,590)
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AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	21,660 ( 20,490)		
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English			640 ( 850)
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English			0 ( 0)
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			0 ( 0)

BANGLADESH

Dacca Domestic Service in Bengali	290 ( 8,750)		
Dacca Domestic Service in English	3,750 ( 9,200)		
Dacca SANGBAD in Bengali			0 ( 0)
Dacca THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			1,900 ( 1,640)

BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	3,080 ( 8,260)		
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			0 ( 0)
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			0 ( 140)
Rangoon MYANMA in Burmese			0 ( 80)
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			270 ( 1,160)
Rangoon Domestic Service in English	180 ( 0)		

CHINA

Beijing in Bengali to India and Pakistan	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Burmese to Burma	1,570 ( 550)		
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	0 ( 6,090)		
Beijing in Hindi to South Asia	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Lao to Laos	370 ( 1,040)		
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Thai to Thailand	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0 ( 390)		

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian to Kampuchea	25,960 ( 17,500)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	110 ( 0)		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese to Burma	820 ( 4,880)		
(Clandestine) SSPT in Thai to Thailand	990 ( 700)		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		51,320 ( 51,840)	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	3,170 ( 2,800)		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	16,520 ( 23,420)		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		1,100 ( 280)	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			8,020 ( 8,250)
Delhi NATION HERALD in English			3,870 ( 2,630)
Delhi PATRIOT in English			0 ( 2,560)
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			0 ( 710)
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			0 ( 0)
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			3,730 ( 5,590)
Madras THE HINDU in English			600 ( 1,740)
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesia	5,030 ( 4,730)		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		6,380 ( 10,260)	
Jakarta OANA in English		1,240 ( 740)	
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			0 ( 0)
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			0 ( 710)
<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	32,840 ( 29,010)		
Phnom Penh SPK in French		27,720 ( 27,240)	
		0 ( 0)	STAT
		0 ( 0)	
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	54,420 ( 47,890)		
Vientiane KPL in English		39,460 ( 9,300)	
		0 ( 0)	STAT
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		480 ( 0)	
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	5,040 ( 11,960)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	330 ( 5,870)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	0 ( 0)		
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			14,600 ( 600)
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 ( 0)
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	330 ( 950)		
Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			620 ( 890)
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	910 ( 470)		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	3,670 ( 6,490)		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	8,770 ( 8,950)		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	3,090 ( 1,890)		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			1,930 ( 0)
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 ( 0)
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	280 ( 350)		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	0 ( 0)		
Colombo SUN in English			220 ( 0)
Colombo WEEKEND in English			0 ( 0)
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	7,210 ( 6,420)		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	2,350 ( 4,660)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	2,060 ( 2,680)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	9,190 ( 11,480)		
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			190 ( 1,840)
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai			2,030 ( 1,150)
Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English			12,740 ( 26,970)
Bangkok POST in English			14,660 ( 14,960)
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			400 ( 430)
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			0 ( 0)
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			390 ( 0)
Bangkok WORLD in English			570 ( 570)
Bangkok Domestic Television Service in Thai	0 ( 490)		

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh	580 ( 1,700)		
Moscow in Burmese to Burma	0 ( 3,180)		
Moscow in Cambodian to Kampuchea	0 ( 0)		
Moscow in Hindi to India	0 ( 0)		
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 ( 1,050)		
Moscow in Lao to Laos	800 ( 720)		
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	4,480 ( 3,230)		
Hanoi International Service in Thai	110 ( 1,780)		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	97,960 ( 48,590)		
Hanoi VNA in English		2,190 ( 0)	
		0 ( 0)	
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Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese			13,130 ( 22,350)
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			19,090 ( 25,750)
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			5,360 ( 11,270)

NOTE: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month



## BANGKOK BUREAU

## EMBASSY CIRCUIT OUTAGES FOR APRIL 1982

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GMT TIME</u>	<u>HRS MIN</u> <u>(PLANNED)</u>	<u>HRS MIN</u> <u>(UNPLANNED)</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
9	1700-1730		- 30	Unknown
14	0130-0200		- 30	Trouble at EMB TCU
14	1552-1614		- 22	Unknown
19	0815-0910		- 55	Bad weather
20	1537-1556		- 19	Unknown
27	0904-0928		- 24	Unknown
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Total unplanned outage: 3 hours.