

MBK-0006
3 February 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Bangkok Bureau - January 1982

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The Vietnamese Unit's production figures continued to climb as a result of the bureau's enhanced press selection program. This month witnessed an 8,000-word increase over the November totals, with an even higher volume anticipated as the opening of the Vietnamese Communist Party Congress draws near.

2. As an example of the wide-ranging assistance provided by the bureau to Embassy components, editors responded to 42 queries during the month, ranging from requests for bureau filing numbers to cite on State cables to substantive information on Vietnamese leadership backgrounds and appearances. One of the more esoteric requests sought information on what it costs to mail a letter in Hanoi (3 cents).

B. Lateral Services

X 1. One of the more gratifying kudos received by the bureau this month was the one passed on by AG analyst [redacted] noting consumer's "appreciation of the Cambodian Unit's and bureau's efforts in the timely processing of agricultural reporting on Kampuchea." The kind words were appreciated by the bureau's hard-pressed Cambodian Unit and associate editors who painstakingly compile the weekly agricultural roundup. ?

STAT

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

STAT

[Redacted]

STAT

2. Veteran Indonesian Monitor [Redacted] was hospitalized on 23 January after suffering a fainting spell at the bureau brought on by severe hypertension. Since this is [Redacted] third serious attack over the past 8 months, RMO-conducted medical tests are scheduled for early February to determine [Redacted] ability to continue full-time employment.

STAT

STAT

STAT

B. Buildings and Grounds

1. The proverbial Monday morning blahs were rudely jostled on 18 January when Cambodian monitor [Redacted] reported smelling smoke at about 0700. Subsequent checks indicated the source [Redacted] directly below the bureau offices. While a bureau close-down message was being sent and the offices evacuated, bureau safety officer [Redacted] and his assistant, [Redacted] took four bureau fire extinguishers and the bureau resuscitator, located the source of smoke, broke into the still unoccupied offices, and--with the help of bureau editor [Redacted] and several late-arriving [Redacted] [Redacted] custodians--extinguished the electrical blaze. Afterward, several co-tenants and the building management thanked the bureau for the action taken. It was unanimously agreed that the quick thinking and action by the FBIS team prevented a serious accident. Subsequent complaints to the owner of the building by the bureau chief and a meeting between FBIS and the building management have brought promises that fire prevention will be improved and other safety precautions implemented. The incident served as an excellent test of the bureau's evacuation plan and fire-fighting equipment.

STAT

STAT

STAT

STAT

SI/

2. On 23 January, the bureau became the final Mission component to be included in the nightly safety/security check conducted by the Embassy's Marine Guards. The check is conducted about midway between bureau shutdown and opening.

[Redacted]

STAT

Chief, Bangkok Bureau, FBIS

WRS:mk

ENGINEERING ATTACHMENT

January Monthly Report

Bangkok Bureau

A. Non-Expendable Property Received:

None

B. Items of Engineering Interest:

1. The slow-speed Collins remote monitoring system was relocated from the Indonesian Unit to the India Unit, where the system will be tested for the next 3 months.

2. The video unit used to monitor front-door security was removed from the editorial desk to a wall-mounted enclosure across from the desk, thus providing better viewing by all editors and increasing desk space.

3. An enclosure for cleaning equipment was built and installed [redacted] With the exhaust fan recently installed, the technicians can now clean their equipment within the well ventilated shop area.

STAT

4. The two bureau technicians, [redacted] have switched jobs for a 6-week period as part of the bureau plan to have them equally conversant with each other's principal duties.

STAT

BANGKOK BUREAU

EMBASSY CIRCUIT OUTAGES FOR JANUARY 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>
17	0140-0150		10	Reason unknown
17	0430-0440		10	Reason unknown
24	0050-0059		9	Reason unknown
	TOTAL:		29	
			=====	

Total unplanned outage: 29 minutes.

BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	617,480 (633,830)
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	215,910 (227,090)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,371 (1,522)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	14,275 (14,310) min.	20,085 (20,085) min.	206.23 (205.23) issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

AFGHANISTAN

Kabul NEW TIMES in English			1,020 (1,450)
-------------------------------	--	--	----------------

AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	12,000 (11,320)		
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English			0 (2,130)
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English			530 (790)
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			0 (0)

BANGLADESH

Dacca Overseas Service in English	0 (610)		
Dacca Domestic Service in Bengali	1,000 (250)		
Dacca Domestic Service in English	1,270 (1,350)		
Dacca SANGBAD in Bengali			2,000 (1,510)
Dacca THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			780 (2,820)

BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	3,120 (1,380)		
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			0 (0)
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			220 (0)
Rangoon MYANMA in Burmese			0 (410)
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			140 (860)

CHINA

Beijing in Bengali to India and Pakistan	0 (0)		
Beijing in Burmese to Burma	670 (90)		
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	5,800 (670)		
Beijing in Hindi to South Asia	160 (0)		
Beijing in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 (0)		
Beijing in Lao to Laos	0 (6,570)		
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0 (0)		
Beijing in Thai to Thailand	0 (440)		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0 (0)		

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) SSPT in Thai to Thailand	2,920 (7,670)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian to Kampuchea	27,000 (32,190)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	1,180 (0)		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese to Burma	3,950 (4,330)		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		49,670 (51,180)	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	960 (5,710)		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	28,690 (34,260)		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		2,770 (2,800)	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			2,760 (2,490)
Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English			4,820 (3,740)
Delhi PATRIOT in English			1,870 (3,360)
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			0 (5,340)
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			740 (470)
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			3,500 (5,280)
Madras THE HINDU in English			0 (6,050)
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	12,340 (7,800)		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		4,210 (6,620)	
Jakarta OANA in English		5,470 (3,210)	
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			0 (0)
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			0 (1,750)
<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	59,990 (59,090)		
Phnom Penh SPK in French		28,260 (49,000)	
		0 (0)	STAT
		0 (0)	
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	56,000 (41,360)		
Vientiane KPL in English		12,610 (25,440)	
		0 (0)	STAT
		0 (0)	
		0 (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	9,580 (8,060)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	5,770 (5,190)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	0 (0)		
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			1,290 (1,240)
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 (0)
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	990 (2,950)		
Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			0 (1,920)
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Oversea Service in Urdu	290 (180)		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	6,790 (9,950)		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	10,560 (12,200)		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	5,580 (3,100)		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			630 (3,610)
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 (0)
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	1,010 (1,920)		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	0 (0)		
Colombo SUN in English			3,300 (1,410)
Colombo WEEKEND in English			0 (1,890)
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	8,830 (8,240)		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	3,750 (1,700)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	4,120 (4,930)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	11,860 (9,580)		
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			1,480 (1,750)
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai			1,210 (1,540)
Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English			35,850 (20,430)
Bangkok POST in English			35,970 (24,770)
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			560 (1,030)
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			0 (0)
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			1,140 (710)
Bangkok WORLD in English			830 (1,040)
Bangkok Domestic Television Service in Thai	3,110 (0)		

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in			
Bengali to Bangladesh	0 (1,210)		
Moscow in			
Burmese to Burma	2,180 (0)		
Moscow in			
Cambodian to Kampuchea	0 (2,330)		
Moscow in			
Hindi to India	0 (1,170)		
Moscow in			
Indonesian to Indonesia	500 (0)		
Moscow in			
Lao to Laos	390 (0)		
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 (790)		
<u>VIETNAM</u>			
Hanoi International Service in			
Cambodian	0 (0)		
Hanoi International Service in			
English	4,590 (3,220)		
Hanoi International Service in			
Thai	1,160 (1,070)		
Hanoi Domestic Service in			
Vietnamese	48,910 (55,750)		
Hanoi VNA in			
English		400 (3,440)	
		0 (0)	
			STAT
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in			
Vietnamese			21,760 (21,280)
Hanoi NHAN DAN in			
Vietnamese			41,310 (22,440)
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in			
Vietnamese			3,360 (0)

NOTE: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month

BANGKOK BUREAU

EMBASSY CIRCUIT OUTAGES FOR JANUARY 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>
17	0140-0150		10	Reason unknown
17	0430-0440		10	Reason unknown
24	0050-0059		<u>9</u>	Reason unknown
	TOTAL:		29	
			<u>=====</u>	

Total unplanned outage: 29 minutes.

BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	617,480 (633,830)
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	215,910 (227,090)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,371 (1,522)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	14,275 (14,310) min.	20,085 (20,085) min.	206.23 (205.23) issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

AFGHANISTAN

Kabul NEW TIMES in English			1,020 (1,450)
-------------------------------	--	--	----------------

AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	12,000 (11,320)		
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English			0 (2,130)
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English			530 (790)
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			0 (0)

BANGLADESH

Dacca Overseas Service in English	0 (610)		
Dacca Domestic Service in Bengali	1,000 (250)		
Dacca Domestic Service in English	1,270 (1,350)		
Dacca SANGBAD in Bengali			2,000 (1,510)
Dacca THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			780 (2,820)

BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	3,120 (1,380)		
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			0 (0)
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			220 (0)
Rangoon MYANMA in Burmese			0 (410)
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			140 (860)

CHINA

Beijing in Bengali to India and Pakistan	0 (0)		
Beijing in Burmese to Burma	670 (90)		
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	5,800 (670)		
Beijing in Hindi to South Asia	160 (0)		
Beijing in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 (0)		
Beijing in Lao to Laos	0 (6,570)		
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0 (0)		
Beijing in Thai to Thailand	0 (440)		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0 (0)		

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) SSPT in Thai to Thailand	2,920 (7,670)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian to Kampuchea	27,000 (32,190)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	1,180 (0)		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese to Burma	3,950 (4,330)		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		49,670 (51,180)	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	960 (5,710)		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	28,690 (34,260)		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		2,770 (2,800)	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			2,760 (2,490)
Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English			4,820 (3,740)
Delhi PATRIOT in English			1,870 (3,360)
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			0 (5,340)
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			740 (470)
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			3,500 (5,280)
Madras THE HINDU in English			0 (6,050)
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	12,340 (7,800)		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		4,210 (6,620)	
Jakarta OANA in English		5,470 (3,210)	
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			0 (0)
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			0 (1,750)
<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	59,990 (59,090)		
Phnom Penh SPK in English		28,260 (49,000)	
		0 (0)	STAT
		0 (0)	
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	56,000 (41,360)		
Vientiane KPL in English		12,610 (25,440)	
		0 (0)	STAT
		0 (0)	
		0 (0)	
Vientiane SIANG PASASON in Lao			0 (0)

-3-

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
<u>Malaysia</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	9,580 (8,060)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	5,770 (5,190)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	0 (0)		
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			1,290 (1,240)
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 (0)
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	990 (2,950)		
Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			0 (1,920)
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Oversea Service in Urdu	290 (180)		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	6,790 (9,950)		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	10,560 (12,200)		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	5,580 (3,100)		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			630 (3,610)
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 (0)
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	1,010 (1,920)		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	0 (0)		
Colombo SUN in English			3,300 (1,410)
Colombo WEEKEND in English			0 (1,890)
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	8,830 (8,240)		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	3,750 (1,700)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	4,120 (4,930)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	11,860 (9,580)		
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			1,480 (1,750)
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai			1,210 (1,540)
Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English			35,850 (20,430)
Bangkok POST in English			35,970 (24,770)
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			560 (1,030)
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			0 (0)
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			1,140 (710)
Bangkok WORLD in English			830 (1,040)
Bangkok Domestic Television Service in Thai	3,110 (0)		

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in			
Bengali to Bangladesh	0 (1,210)		
Moscow in			
Burmese to Burma	2,180 (0)		
Moscow in			
Cambodian to Kampuchea	0 (2,330)		
Moscow in			
Hindi to India	0 (1,170)		
Moscow in			
Indonesian to Indonesia	500 (0)		
Moscow in			
Lao to Laos	390 (0)		
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 (790)		
<u>VIETNAM</u>			
Hanoi International Service in			
Cambodian	0 (0)		
Hanoi International Service in			
English	4,590 (3,220)		
Hanoi International Service in			
Thai	1,160 (1,070)		
Hanoi Domestic Service in			
Vietnamese	48,910 (55,750)		
Hanoi VNA in			
English		400 (3,440)	
		0 (0)	STAT
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in			
Vietnamese			21,760 (21,280)
Hanoi NHAN DAN in			
Vietnamese			41,310 (22,440)
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in			
Vietnamese			3,360 (0)

NOTE: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month