

4 January 1983
MSK-3001

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

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The Korean unit processed numerous items from ROK and DPRK media sources on the ROK Government's release from custody of dissident Kim Tae-chung, the major opposition leader. Kim's release for "humanitarian reasons" preceded his departure for the United States. Late in the month the government announced the release of 47 other dissidents, including those charged with being involved with the 1980 Kwangju disturbances. These two events would seem to indicate an easing of the authoritarian rule of President Chon Tu-hwan's government.

2. The seventh congress of the DPRK's Agricultural Union was held during the month. The bureau processed a number of items from coverage of the affair, including a 3-hour opening address by the union's chairman and various resolutions adopted at the conclusion of the congress.

3. The Chinese unit was kept busy with increased processing of reports from provincial and regional meetings of people's councils and political consultative conferences. It also sharpened its understanding of the new tasks of press scrutiny and selection begun in November.

4. As a means of expanding bureau monitors' knowledge of the role of FBIS and their contribution to it, [] delivered a lecture on use of FBIS materials by analysts. He stressed how many seemingly insignificant items are used in supplying indications of policies and possible actions by communist governments. [] will repeat the lecture for those who were unable to attend the initial one.

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B. Lateral Services

1. Bureau personnel were in close contact with the office of the Military Armistice Commission Secretariat for a week before a scheduled MAC meeting in Panmunjom on 21 December. At the request of the Secretariat, the bureau kept it informed of indications from DPRK media on reasons for calling the meeting by the north's side, since the north had not revealed a reason for its action. It later proved to be that the subject of the meeting was fairly routine.

C. Technical

1. On 18 December the bureau's remote antenna site communications were cut over to Phase II of the Army's Operation Fastback, a project to upgrade the quality of microwave circuits used in parts of its communications network and to replace some telephone circuits with microwave. Incorporating the bureau's circuits to and from the remote site in Operation Fastback hopefully will insure a higher quality signal with less downtime. ✓

2. The deputy chief and bureau technicians visited the remote site during the month to inspect work related to Operation Fastback. Technicians also brought on line one circuit which the military had inadvertently cut when switching over to Fastback. The technicians used the occasion to install a noise reduction filter on one of the Collins receivers at the site. The filter was fabricated by Okinawa Bureau as a means of reducing noise on casts monitored by the bureau from the Voice of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification transmitter.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The bureau's staffers were saddened to learn of the death late in the month of the small son of teletype supervisor [redacted] son passed away after a lengthy illness.

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2. Bureau personnel during the month attended a gala wedding reception in honor of Chinese monitor [redacted]. The reception, featuring a 14-course meal and many toasts, was greatly enjoyed by all present.

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III. VISITS

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IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. There was a good turn-out of bureau personnel at the annual Christmas party given by the ambassador for embassy employees. The party was held at the Embassy Club on South Post, Yongsan.

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2. Bureau editors gave an office party for bureau FSN's shortly before Christmas. Refreshments, personally prepared by the editors, were enjoyed by all.



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✓ Chief, Seoul Bureau

Attachments: Production Report

cc: Chief, Okinawa Bureau

Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

SEOUL BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR December, 1982I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	415,570
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	103,540
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,022

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	13,440 min	6,810 min	83 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

CHINA (PRC)

Beijing in Korean to Korea	1,150		
Changchun Jilin Provincial Service in Mandarin	9,020		
Harbin Heilongjiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	8,430		
Hohhot Nei Monggol Regional Service in Mandarin	27,970		
Jinan Shandong Provincial Service in Mandarin	10,250		
Shenyang Liaoning Provincial Service in Mandarin	11,700		
Tianjin City Service in Mandarin	9,170		
Harbin HEILONGJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,100
Jinan DAZHONG RIBAO in Chinese			100
Shenyang LIAONING RIBAO in Chinese			1,700
Taiyuan SHANXI RIBAO in Chinese			3,650
Tianjin TIANJIN RIBAO in Chinese			2,750

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(Clandestine) Voice of the Revolutionary Party for Reunification in Korean to South Korea	21,600		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean	91,370		
Pyongyang KCNA in English		145,840	
KOREA (SOUTH)			
Seoul Domestic Service in Korean	2,350		
Seoul YONHAP in English		20,850	
Seoul CHOSON ILBO in Korean			4,350
Seoul CHUNGANG ILBO in Korean			3,500
Seoul HANGUK ILBO in Korean			3,700
Seoul KYONGHYANG SINMUN in Korean			1,900
Seoul SEOUL SINMUN in Korean			2,250
Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English			12,640
Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English			8,220
Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean			8,050
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Korean to Korea	1,960		