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

I. GENERAL

The bureau experienced an extremely hectic month. Activity involving the Embassy took up a great deal of the time of bureau personnel during a period in which many important events were occurring in the DPRK.

The biggest occasion in Seoul during the month was the official visit paid to the Republic of Korea by U.S. Vice President George Bush. The Vice President spent three days in Seoul as part of his tour of East Asia. During his visit, Vice President Bush addressed all Embassy personnel. FBIS Seoul Bureau staff and nonstaff personnel and some dependents of bureau staffers attended the meeting.

Although not a great deal of material concerning the Vice President's visit was monitored, the occasion understandably disrupted routine operations for a few days. The acting bureau chief was embassy duty officer during the time Vice President Bush was in Seoul and spent much additional time and effort in taking care of embassy matters.

While the Vice President was in the country, an incident took place in the town of Uiryong which brought about a shakeup in national, city and provincial governments. A village policeman, after a drinking bout following a fight with his common law wife, went berserk. He stole a rifle, ammunition and grenades from the police station and began shooting anyone he could find. The death toll was 56 with another 37 wounded. The massacre resulted in the resignation of the ROK home minister, the Seoul mayor, the police chief and several provincial officials.

Shortly before Vice President Bush was scheduled to arrive in Korea, a very serious incident took place in the DMZ, the worst such incident since October. Apparently four defectors from North Korea tried to cross the border. They were shot and dragged back, through the DMZ, by soldiers from the north. The ROK forces side returned fire. The exchange continued throughout the night.

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In the north, April saw the 5th Supreme People's Assembly session, the 70th birthday of Kim Il-song and the anniversary of the Korean People's Army. The SPA session created a stir when it failed to name Kim Chong-il to a major post in the government. Kim Chong-il's status as successor to Kim Il-song is now somewhat unclear.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The various events in the area during the month resulted in increased output for bureau staffers. The Korean unit worked long and hard to process material in a timely fashion.

2. At the special request of DCM Paul Cleveland for an "off the top of your head" rundown on what was happening in the DPRK, editor [redacted] prepared a report interpreting events during April. The report was very favorably received.

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### B. Lateral Services

1. Mr. Jimmy Lee, special assistant to the senior member of the U.N. Military Armistice Commission Secretariat, was provided with a list of the full membership of the DPRK Supreme People's Assembly upon receipt from FBIS Headquarters.

2. Visitors from the C-2 Psyops, at the bureau to view Pyongyang television coverage of Kim Il-song's birthday, were greatly impressed. They asked to be added to the bureau's video selection lists.

## III. ADMINISTRATION

### A. Personnel

1. Korean monitor [redacted] returned to work following recuperation from a back injury. [redacted] was absent from work for over a month.

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2. Korean Monitor [redacted] was hospitalized during the month because of a perforated ulcer. He is now recovering.

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3. Korean monitor [redacted] received Consulate approval to obtain a visa to immigrate to the United States. [redacted] plans on departing Korea in July. Efforts to recruit a replacement are being made.

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4. [redacted] reported for duty as a Chinese monitor trainee. She will be guided in her training by editor [redacted]

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IV. VISITS

1. Editor [redacted] attended a briefing session with a high-level [redacted] specialist. The visit was arranged by Embassy Political Officer Franz Misch.

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2. Lieutenant Colonel Birchfield, Lieutenant Colonel Henning and Major Jacobowitz, from C-2 Psyops, visited the bureau to view video tapes of Pyongyang coverage of Kim Il-song's birthday.

3. USAKCA Commander Col. Patrick Gray and aide Captain Silvester visited the bureau. They received a briefing on bureau operations and mission.

4. Editor [redacted] visited the bureau during the month. [redacted] was in Korea on R & R from Okinawa Bureau.

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Attachment:

Seoul Bureau Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Hong Kong Bureau  
Chief, Okinawa Bureau

SEOUL BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR April, 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	515,680
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	110,250
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,366

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	13,755 min	6,810 min	48 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

CHINA (PRC)			
Beijing in			
Korean to Korea	1,270		
Changchun Jilin Provincial Service in			
Mandarin	7,640		
Harbin Heilongjiang Provincial Service in			
Mandarin	10,890		
Hohhot Nei Monggol Regional Service in			
Mandarin	9,930		
Jinan Shandong Provincial Service in			
Mandarin	6,940		
Lanzhou Gansu Provincial Service in			
Mandarin	3,920		
Shenyang Liaoning Provincial Service in			
Mandarin	7,570		
Tianjin City Service in			
Mandarin	800		
Xining Qinghai Provincial Service in			
Mandarin	4,050		
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Voice Of The Revolutionary			
Party For Reunification in			
Korean to South Korea	12,830		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean	138,550		
Pyongyang KCNA in English		238,220	
KOREA (SOUTH)			
Seoul Domestic Service in Korean	3,340		
Seoul YONHAP in English		15,860	
Seoul CHOSON ILBO in Korean			3,400
Seoul CHUNGANG ILBO in Korean			850
Seoul HANGUK ILBO in Korean			60
Seoul KYONGHYANG SINMUN in Korean			1,380
Seoul SEOUL SINMUN in Korean			2,630
Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English			21,160
Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English			20,390
Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean			3,000
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Korean to Korea			1,010