

2 September 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Bangkok Bureau--August 1983

I. GENERAL

A. The bureau chief and Indonesian/Thai Section Chief [redacted] traveled to Indonesia on a recruitment TDY 14-17 August, and two monitor candidates, [redacted] have subsequently been placed into processing. The successful processing of these monitors, in conjunction with recently hired Indonesian monitor [redacted] and Malay monitor candidate [redacted] who is projected to EOD in November, will fill out the future Indonesian section which is being entirely reformed as a result of the impending retirements of [redacted] and [redacted]

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Interviews of candidates for the newly created Chinese/Thai monitor post were completed on 31 August. A successful candidate has been identified and processing will begin shortly. Applications continue to pour in from India for the approved Tamil monitor slot, with the candidates from Madras appearing to be the best prospects by far. A recruiting trip to this area is projected for early November.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Starting from 17 August, reception at Bangkok of the Malayan Communist Party's clandestine Voice of the People of Malaya radio had improved significantly, and we were able to establish the broadcast and content pattern for the radio's Malay-language service and place it on regular coverage. Tapes of the radio's Mandarin and Cantonese programs have been forwarded to Okinawa Bureau for sampling.

B. Communications

By mid-month a communications system problem, which was resulting in constant and debilitating rejects of copy, was isolated to [redacted] whose equipment was apparently affected by Bangkok's rainy season. The problem of rejects significantly improved by the end of the month (although the effects of Bangkok's rainy season did not).

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Building and Grounds

The bureau's efforts to improve its staff housing holdings this summer have borne fruit, but the harvest seems to include more bitter lemons than expected. The deputy chief and senior editor have moved into new, larger, nicer and more conveniently located Embassy apartments, while two of our less desirable apartments were dropped. Unfortunately, a very severe rainy season has disclosed that the exterior of the new building was accidentally(?) painted with interior paint, producing very leaky walls and small rivulets where pictures were hung. Meanwhile, when newly-arrived editor [redacted] entered his assigned apartment (formerly occupied by the bureau deputy chief) he discovered that a small problem with the drainage system had produced a flooded kitchen and bathroom, a puddle in the dining room and an unhealthy miasma of decayed swamp. GSO is now on the job, but [redacted] are enjoying an unexpected additional few days of luxury in the Bangkok Peninsula Hotel.

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B. Personnel

1. Building Engineer-designate [redacted]

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[redacted] arrived PCS on 4 August.

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2. Bureau Engineer [redacted]

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departed for Headquarters PCS on 12 August.

3. Editor [redacted]

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departed for stateside homeleave and for Swaziland PCS on 13 August.

4. Editor [redacted]

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arrived PCS on 30 August.

IV. VISITS

[redacted] visited the bureau on 29 August while on private travel to Thailand.

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. [redacted] was finally victorious in his quest for greatness, having taken over the number one spot in the Embassy tennis ladder. [redacted] continues to hold the third position, and a number of other FBISers are participating.

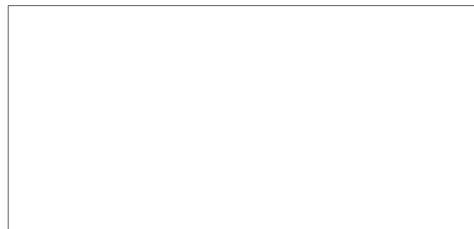
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2. The latest bureau photo club contest was focused on street vendors. While there was a groundswell of support for an anonymous shot of the bureau chief dispensing hamburgers on the bureau balcony, sanity reigned and Burmese monitor [] walked off with the two top spots in the voting and [] placed third.

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Chief, FBIS Bangkok Bureau

Attachment: Production Report

BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR AUGUST 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	539,020 (545,140)
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	246,840 (239,780)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,379 (1,374)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	15,715 (15,680) min.	20,205 (20,505) min.	232.23 (232.23) issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)AFGHANISTAN

Kabul KABUL NEW TIMES in English			0 (0)
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AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	17,450 (14,040)		
Sydney The AUSTRALIAN in English			2,150 (0)
Sydney The BULLETIN in English			0 (0)
Sydney The WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			1,060 (0)

BANGLADESH

Dhaka Overseas Service in English	410 (0)		
Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	2,520 (950)		
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	2,140 (4,740)		
Dhaka BSS in English		2,130 (4,760)	
Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali			0 (0)
Dhaka The BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			580 (0)

BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	3,270 (4,190)		
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			0 (0)
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			0 (0)
Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese			0 (0)
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			1,080 (4,080)

CHINA

Beijing in Bengali to India and Pakistan	0 (0)
Beijing in Burmese to Burma	330 (2,920)
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	3,710 (8,710)
Beijing in Hindi to South Asia	0 (0)
Beijing in Indonesian to Indonesia	170 (0)
Beijing in Lao to Laos	0 (2,210)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>CHINA (continued)</u>			
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0 (0)		
Beijing in Thai to Thailand	1,660 (0)		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0 (0)		
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) Radio Kawthulay in Burmese to Burma	5,170 (1,870)		
(Clandestine) Radio Kawthulay in English to Burma	0 (0)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	32,980 (19,570)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	1,750 (2,860)		
(Clandestine) Voice of The National Army of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	4,630 (3,490)		
(Clandestine) Voice of The National Army of Democratic Kampuchea in Vietnamese	0 (0)		
(Clandestine) Voice of The People of Burma in Burmese	5,690 (13,390)		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		53,710 (54,610)	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	4,180 (4,330)		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	40,150 (30,470)		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		1,740 (0)	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			2,450 (0)
Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English			0 (0)
Delhi PATRIOT in English			570 (4,800)
Bombay The TIMES OF INDIA in English			0 (1,150)
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			0 (0)
Calcutta The STATESMAN in English			2,870 (0)
Madras The HINDU in English			1,700 (2,010)
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	140 (0)		
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	16,150 (4,960)		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		280 (11,670)	
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			980 (5,290)
Jakarta The INDONESIA TIMES in English			0 (0)
Jakarta POST in English			0 (530)
Jakarta International Service in English	1,630 (0)		
Jakarta ANTARA in Indonesian		120 (0)	
Jakarta MERDEKA in Indonesian			300 (0)
<u>KAMPUCHEA</u>			
Phnom Penh International Service in English	0 (0)		
Phnom Penh International Service in Thai	0 (0)		

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>KAMPUCHEA (continued)</u>			
Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	28,540 (24,010)		
Phnom Penh SPK in French		13,520 (13,140)	
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Phnom Penh SPK in English <u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	18,250 (36,990)		
Vientiane KPL in English		7,490 (5,160)	
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Vientiane PASASON in Lao			0 (0)
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	4,130 (3,280)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	3,240 (1,050)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	0 (0)		
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			2,860 (290)
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 (0)
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	1,800 (3,890)		
Katmandu The RISING NEPAL in English			0 (0)
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	1,270 (830)		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	10,470 (12,730)		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	16,590 (11,390)		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	2,340 (330)		
Singapore The STRAITS TIMES in English			0 (390)
Singapore The SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 (0)
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	5,980 (3,630)		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	15,260 (5,630)		
Colombo SUN in English			4,920 (1,560)
Colombo WEEKEND in English			0 (790)
Colombo DAILY NEWS in English			0 (0)
Colombo International Service in Hindi	2,110 (580)		

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	4,650 (4,340)		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	2,380 (6,240)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	760 (1,460)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	9,760 (6,870)		
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			31,870 (34,890)
Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English			6,310 (5,100)
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			1,170 (1,100)
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai			4,260 (6,870)
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			610 (1,260)
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			0 (3,570)
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			840 (0)
Bangkok The NATION REVIEW in English			29,580 (39,750)
Bangkok CHAO THAI in Thai			0 (0)
Bangkok LAK THAI in Thai			0 (0)
Bangkok MATICHON WEEKEND in Thai			0 (0)
Bangkok NAE0 NA in Thai			0 (0)
Bangkok PATINYA in Thai			350 (0)
Bangkok SIAM MAI in Thai			2,460 (2,860)
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh	0 (0)		
Moscow in Burmese to Burma	540 (0)		
Moscow in Cambodian to Kampuchea	0 (0)		
Moscow in Hindi to India	1,020 (0)		
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 (0)		
Moscow in Lao to Laos	0 (1,060)		
Moscow in Thai to Thailand	0 (0)		
Moscow in Urdu to India	0 (0)		
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan	340 (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	7,580 (5,300)		
Hanoi International Service in Thai	820 (2,810)		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	54,070 (50,250)		
Hanoi VNA in English		1,690 (190)	
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Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese			0 (12,570)
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			18,890 (18,320)
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			0 (0)

NOTE: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month