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6 June 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

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

I. GENERAL

A. The AFP news agency on 18 May picked up reports buried in the 17 May Burmese English-language papers announcing the resignation of Tin U, Burma's third ranking party official, from his parliamentary posts and the dismissal of U Bo Ni as Home and Religious Affairs minister. This unheralded change, occasioned apparently by Tin U's unsuccessful defense of U Bo Ni from corruption charges, has cast deeper doubts about leadership transition in Burma following the anticipated passing of the Ne Win era.

B. The news highlight in Thailand in May was the capture on the 19th of top Soviet GRU agent Viktor Barychev, who was caught in an exchange of Thai military installation data at the coffee shop of the Windsor Hotel, a former U.S. officers' billet. Barychev had been a neighbor of bureau editor [redacted] whose maid provided background on aspects of the investigations which didn't make the papers.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Lateral Services

On 27 May, upon receipt of an expanded BBC requirement on Australia, drop copies to BBC were increased to include all Australasian source items.

B. Communications

The changeover of the bureau's first altroute duplex circuit to the embassy CPU, scheduled for 8 May, has been delayed until the link between the [redacted] can be completed.

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III. VISITS

A. NEAD Southeast Asia officer [redacted] TDY'd at the bureau 12-13 May, STAT spending much time consulting with the Thai Section on selection and press scrutiny. The bureau subsequently added three Thai-language weeklies to coverage.

B. BBC Acting Chief Monitor [redacted] visited the bureau 23 May while STAT on private travel in Southeast Asia.

C. Lawrence Daks, director of the USIS American University Association program, toured the bureau on 24 May.

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Chief  
FBIS, Bangkok Bureau

Attachment: Production Report

## BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MAY 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	578,360 (659,790)
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	229,700 (233,780)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,448 ( 1,607)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	15,575 ( 15,575) min.	20,505 ( 20,505) min.	206.23 ( 200.23) 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	18,310 ( 18,180)		
Sydney The AUSTRALIAN in English			1,880 ( 0)
Sydney The BULLETIN in English			0 ( 0)
Sydney The WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			0 ( 0)

BANGLADESH

Dhaka Overseas Service in English	0 ( 0)		
Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	150 ( 120)		
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	4,230 ( 3,780)		
Dhaka BSS in English		2,640 ( 3,270)	
Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali			0 ( 0)
Dhaka The BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			180 ( 3,760)

BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	2,210 ( 5,930)		
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			0 ( 0)
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			0 ( 0)
Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese			0 ( 250)
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			2,180 ( 140)

CHINA

Beijing in Bengali to India and Pakistan	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Burmese to Burma	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	770 ( 8,950)		
Beijing in Hindi to South Asia	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 ( 0)		
Beijing in Leo to Laos	160 ( 1,850)		

	<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	380 ( 0)		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0 ( 0)		
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) Radio Kawthulay in Burmese to Burma	4,280 ( 2,960)		
(Clandestine) Radio Kawthulay in English to Burma	1,030 ( 0)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	29,080 ( 35,930)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	7,820 ( 5,330)		
(Clandestine) Voice of The National Army of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	10,890 ( 10,660)		
(Clandestine) Voice of The National Army of Democratic Kampuchea in Vietnamese	0 ( 0)		
(Clandestine) Voice of The People of Burma in Burmese	2,500 ( 5,310)		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		54,230 ( 58,920)	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	2,400 ( 2,840)		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	38,220 ( 30,460)		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		110 ( 1,940)	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			3,650 ( 0)
Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English			0 ( 1,020)
Delhi PATRIOT in English			940 ( 850)
Bombay The TIMES OF INDIA in English			0 ( 0)
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			0 ( 0)
Calcutta The STATESMAN in English			250 ( 3,040)
Madras The HINDU in English			0 ( 2,420)
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	80 ( 0)		
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	8,280 ( 10,440)		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		12,080 ( 5,990)	
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			3,790 ( 1,100)
Jakarta The INDONESIA TIMES in English			740 ( 2,730)
Jakarta OANA in English		430 ( 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</u> (continued)			
Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	18,910 ( 40,900)		
Phnom Penh SPK in English		21,490 ( 23,750)	
		0 ( 0)	STAT
		0 ( 0)	
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	25,090 ( 18,930)		
Vientiane KPL in English		10,920 ( 16,440)	
		0 ( 0)	STAT
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		0 ( 0)	
Vientiane PASASON in Lao			0 ( 0)
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	12,650 ( 12,180)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	5,080 ( 5,270)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	0 ( 0)		
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			1,090 ( 4,340)
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 ( 0)
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	640 ( 60)		
Katmandu The RISING NEPAL in English			0 ( 0)
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	440 ( 150)		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	10,870 ( 5,760)		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	9,200 ( 11,340)		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	2,300 ( 3,680)		
Singapore The STRAITS TIMES in English			0 ( 1,630)
Singapore The SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 ( 0)
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	2,060 ( 2,950)		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	670 ( 430)		
Colombo SUN in English			580 ( 1,240)
Colombo WEEKEND in English			0 ( 1,070)
Colombo DAILY NEWS in English			160 ( 0)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	2,170 ( 5,200)		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	3,370 ( 2,250)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	1,020 ( 1,890)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	9,330 ( 14,140)		
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			47,080 ( 77,540)
Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English			7,370 ( 13,360)
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			2,030 ( 1,600)
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai			6,870 ( 4,990)
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			1,860 ( 440)
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			0 ( 0)
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			1,240 ( 1,170)
Bangkok The NATION REVIEW in English			39,380 ( 48,800)

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh	0 ( 0)		
Moscow in Burmese to Burma	0 ( 1,560)		
Moscow in Cambodian to Kampuchea	0 ( 0)		
Moscow in Hindi to India	990 ( 60)		
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 ( 140)		
Moscow in Lao to Laos	0 ( 700)		
Moscow in Thai to Thailand	0 ( 710)		
Moscow in Urdu to India	0 ( 0)		
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan	530 ( 0)		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 ( 0)		

VIETNAM

Hanoi International Service in Cambodian	0 ( 0)		
Hanoi International Service in English	5,200 ( 8,590)		
Hanoi International Service in Thai	100 ( 1,740)		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	86,560 ( 69,840)		
Hanoi VNA in English		370 ( 0)	
		0 ( 0)	STAT
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese			0 ( 0)
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			16,970 ( 10,280)
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			9,880 ( 13,220)

NOTE: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month