

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--November 1986

I. GENERAL

A. Hong Kong Bureau was awarded a Meritorious Unit Citation for its performance from September 1985 to April 1986 in providing coverage of the Philippines prior to, during and following the "peaceful revolution." Director of FBIS [redacted] in Hong Kong on a management trip, made the presentation at a bureau party. Also recognized were six bureau employees, chief monitor [redacted] Philippine monitors [redacted] and associate editors [redacted] whose dedication and hard work ensured timely and accurate reporting. Each received a monetary award. This was the first unit citation given to the bureau.

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B. Events in the Philippines once again brought home the need for improved reception of these radios. With rumors of an impending coup by forces loyal to Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and faced with escalating violence and murder, President Aquino, on 23 November, called for the resignations of her entire cabinet and promptly accepted Enrile's. In the days that followed she accepted the resignations of two more cabinet ministers. She also demanded that a cease-fire with the rebellious National Democratic Front be signed by the end of the month and saw that happen on the 27th. Bureau personnel, in covering these events, often worked with poor to unmonitorable reception. Adding to the frustration of maintaining coverage was knowing that press briefings and news conferences being held by some of the principals involved could not be covered due to bad reception.

C. Secretary of Treasury Baker's remarks on 20 November that Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea should strengthen their currencies against the U.S. dollar sent shockwaves through Hong Kong. The United States is a major trading partner of Hong Kong. Any realignment of currencies upward against the dollar would also adversely impact on the bureau's budget.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau is again monitoring the Philippine radio station Baguio City Mountain Province Broadcasting Company on 540 KHZ (Station DZWT). This station recently became audible when a powerful Beijing domestic relay transmitter ceased operating on this frequency. It is usually heard with fair reception from 2330 to 0930 GMT. In the morning, it broadcasts selected items, particularly editorials, from that day's newspapers. This allows us to report some newspaper items of interest about 4 hours before the papers arrive from Manila.

2. The bureau's new Philippine monitor,  entered on duty on 10 November bringing with her an Ilocano capability that will be useful. The Philippine Unit is now at full strength with one part-time and two full-time monitors.

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3. Recruiting efforts are underway to fill a vacant Chinese monitorial position. While response to advertisements in the local Hong Kong press was good, the quality of the candidates are poorer than in the past. Most of them lacked experience with spoken Mandarin. Several applicants have been identified as potential monitors.

4. Our Beijing contractor has advised us that all subscriptions for 1987 were renewed except for two provincial newspapers, NINGXIA RIBAO and HENAN RIBAO. These are no longer available to foreign readers. NEI MENG GU RIBAO also remains unavailable to foreigners; it was taken off the list last year.

### B. Communications

1. The bureau's use of PC's is gradually having an impact on the commo section. In October, 80 items totalling 82,360 words did not have to be rekeyed by teletypists as a result of translating and editing done on the PC's. In November, 90 items totalling 146,440 words were done.

2. Two communication outages on 13 and 14 November, due to maintenance and upgrading in the consulate's communication section, resulted in a significant increase in garbled messages. For 13 November alone, there were 48; a normal week usually has 5. Most of the garbles were due to deterioration of an alternate communication circuit being used while the main one was down.

### C. Lateral Services

1. In addition to filing one of the initial flashes on the South Korean announcement of DRRK leader Kim Il-sung's death, subsequently proven incorrect, the bureau kept consulate political and military officers up to date through a steady stream of phone calls and hand-carried reports.

2. At the request of the American Consulate in Shanghai, the bureau translated and filed an item from SHIJIE JINGJI DAobao.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

A. During the month local employees who are covered by Civil Service Retirement (CSR) received salary information to help them decide whether or not they wanted to join the consulate provident fund which provides retirement benefits. Of the 24 employees in CSR, 7 chose to join the provident fund.

B. [redacted] EOD'ed 10 November as a Philippine monitor. STAT

IV. VISITS

A. Lockheed contractor [redacted] 5 November, for tour and orientation. STAT

B. [redacted] director of FBIS, visited the bureau while on a management trip, 11-13 November. STAT

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Bureau Chief

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1 - C/Okinawa  
1 - C/Seoul

## HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1986

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1019370
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	76120
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1723

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2410	14550	293
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

CHINA			
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	7440		
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8500		
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7600		
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6780		
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5480		
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	390		
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4950		
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4600		
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3830		
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3810		
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6010		
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6910		
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8520		
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8030		
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5840		
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4820		
BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE		1900	
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE IN			

HONG KONG ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	15950
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE	11780
BEIJING BAOGAO WENXUE IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH	28110
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE	19990
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE	8920
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE	16280
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE	101040
BEIJING JINGJI CANKAO IN CHINESE	1130
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE	9350
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE	19780
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE	3540
BEIJING LILUN YUEKAN IN CHINESE	6300
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	27090
BEIJING QUNYAN IN CHINESE	2300
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	91270
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	1580
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	15250
BEIJING WENYI BAD IN CHINESE	3330
BEIJING WENZHAI BAD IN CHINESE	940
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN	

BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN CHINESE	1670
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	0
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU KAIFANG IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	840
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
HAIKOU HAINAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG LIAOWANG OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	44440
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	720
KUNMING YUNNAN SIXIANG ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU GANSU RIBAO IN CHINESE	1120
LANZHOU LANZHOU WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAobao IN CHINESE	5100
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	120
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	750
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	2560
XIAN XIBEI XINXI BAO IN CHINESE	310
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN CHINESE	10720
ZHENGZHOU HENAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0

HONG KONG		
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN ENGLISH	1360	
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	1670	
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN ENGLISH	0	
HONG KONG AFP IN ENGLISH		109080
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN ENGLISH		6440
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN CHINESE		5130
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN ENGLISH		80
HONG KONG HONGKONG STANDARD IN ENGLISH		16170
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN CHINESE		4360
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG MING PAO IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN CHINESE		3490
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN ENGLISH		38410
HONG KONG SUNDAY MORNING POST IN ENGLISH		3020
HONG KONG SUNDAY STANDARD IN ENGLISH		2540
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN CHINESE		4260
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN ENGLISH		740
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN CHINESE		10860
NEW ZEALAND		
AUCKLAND THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD IN ENGLISH		0
WELLINGTON THE EVENING POST IN ENGLISH		1820

PHILIPPINES		
BAGUIO CITY MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BROADCASTING COMPANY IN		
ENGLISH	9770	
DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN		
TAGALOG	0	
LADAG CITY NATION BROADCASTING COMPANY CORP. STATION DWRI IN		
ILOCANO	360	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN		
ENGLISH	19110	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN		
TAGALOG	1420	
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN		
TAGALOG	5160	
QUEZON CITY DZFM RADIO IN		
ENGLISH	310	
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN		
ENGLISH	4540	
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN		
TAGALOG	15780	
CEBU CITY VISAYAN HERALD IN		1700
ENGLISH		
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN		240
ENGLISH		
DAVAO CITY PERYODIKO DABAW IN		3440
ENGLISH		
DAVAO CITY THE DAILY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN		580
ENGLISH		
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN		1120
ENGLISH		
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO MAIL IN		260
ENGLISH		
MANILA MANILA BULLETIN IN		19380
ENGLISH		
MANILA MR. & MS. (SPECIAL EDITION) IN		0
ENGLISH		
MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER IN		17670
ENGLISH		
MANILA THE MANILA CHRONICLE IN		60560
ENGLISH		
MANILA THE MANILA EVENING POST IN		0
ENGLISH		
MANILA THE MANILA JOURNAL		0
ENGLISH		
MANILA THE MANILA TIMES IN		9850
ENGLISH		
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN		10330
ENGLISH		
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN		0
ENGLISH		
MANILA THE PHILIPPINE STAR IN		1020
ENGLISH		
MANILA THE PHILIPPINE TRIBUNE IN		



MANILA THE SUNDAY TIMES IN ENGLISH	0
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN ENGLISH	16890
QUEZON CITY BUSINESS DAY IN ENGLISH	53610
QUEZON CITY NEW DAY IN ENGLISH	780
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN ENGLISH	0
QUEZON CITY WE FORUM IN ENGLISH	0