

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--June 1986

I. GENERAL

A. With the cost of an IBM-compatible PC in Hong Kong now equivalent to an IBM Selectric III typewriter, Headquarters approved the purchase of five PC's to replace worn-out typewriters. The PC's were installed during the month, four in the Chinese monitorial area and one in the editors' room. We used three Chinese monitors who are well-versed in PC useage to train monitors who had expressed interest. By the end of the month the PC's were being used full-time, even to the point that some monitors did not have an opportunity to use them. We placed three PC's on moveable tables so that they can be rolled to the desk of the user. Editors have begun to work with translations in soft copy producing hardcopy for the teletypists. The wireroom is looking forward to working with the Bach program on their IBM XT which arrived on 1 July.

B. The Consulate General will be inspected by a team of State Department inspectors from 30 June through 23 July. Each U.S. government agency or section has been asked to provide a statement of activities indicating current objectives, programs and any projected changes.

C. The first round of Sino-Portuguese talks on the future of Macao began on 30 June. Hong Kong is watching these reunification talks with keen interest.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Rumors and threats of a coup against President Aquino during Independence Day celebrations on 12 June prompted the bureau to place Philippine radios on open speaker watch. The Philippine army and police went on full alert in anticipation of trouble from Marcos loyalists. However, other media reporting indicated that Aquino had more to fear from her own military; subsequently both she and her defense minister denied these reports. Throughout the two days of open watch the radios continued to carry normal programming. As usual reception of the radios varied from fair to unmonitorable. We look forward to the day we have a remote setup.

During the open watch, we did hear Radio Veritas, the Catholic Church-backed station, again both in English and Tagalog. This was the first time since February when the station's transmitter was damaged during the peaceful revolution that brought Aquino to power. The station has been carrying programs similar to those carried prior to going off the air. ✓

Our new part-time Ilocono/Tagalog monitor was able to cover the Ilocono station located in Marcos' home area during the alert. This station, like the others, carried only normal programming. She has also been able to assist us with some Tagalog programs while one of our two full-time Tagalog monitors is on leave.

2. Hu Yaobang's European trip generated a number of priority items because his speeches and press conferences were carried in fuller or "text" versions by PRC sources monitored at the bureau.

3. A new TV station located just across the PRC border in Shenzhen began broadcasting on 1 July during evening hours. The bureau installed a temporary TV antenna on the roof of St John's Building so that we could sample several days of programming before making permanent arrangements. The first night's reception was uneven. Nothing was received at the first; later we were able to pick up the audio but not the video. We will adjust the antenna to see if reception improves. The station says that its broadcasts can be received in Hong Kong, Macao and parts of the Pearl River Delta.

B. Communications

All commo glitches, which were minor this month, will be blamed on a mouse which decided to apply for a teletypist position. No back doors for this applicant! It boldly came up the elevator and walked in the front door. After a few days of producing no typed copy and showing interest only in eating the salted fish and candy baiting the trap, it was unanimously decided to dismiss the applicant forthwith. A committee of teleops, techs and editors took on the task. The mouse, however, was not easily convinced and thought to apply for an editor's position but was met with loud protests. Credit for the dismissal goes to teletypist [redacted] who fell on the mouse and stunned it, thus leading to its capture. STAT

C. Lateral Services

The bureau sent several videotapes of Beijing Television domestic/international newscasts to BBC in response to a BBC consumer's request.

D. Technical

1. The Hong Kong Post Office sent the bureau formal notification late in the month that the bureau's microwave link between St John's Building and the antenna field on Mt Butler would be blocked by a new building. We have known about the construction for several months and have sought formal notification so that we could approach other Hong Kong departments. We estimate that we have

approximately 18 months before the microwave path is actually blocked. The builders have another year of work to complete the foundation. It then takes about one week to pour a floor. The 20th floor will block our microwave.

2. Cable and Wireless has indicated that it is about 2-3 months away from a decision about the Mt Butler antenna field relocation. Our plans for an alternative to the microwave and as the backup to the T1 system will depend on where the antenna field may be relocated.

3. The IMB XT-PC, monochrome monitor and punch reader arrived on 1 July from Okinawa. We are now installing it in the Wireroom. The NLQ printer to be used with it arrived earlier in the month.

4. We bought locally and installed 5 IBM-compatible PC's during the month. Four are located in the Chinese monitors' area and one in the editorial room.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. A Foreign National promotion ceremony was held in the bureau chief's office on 25 June. Monitor [redacted] was promoted to FBN-9 and teletypist [redacted] to FBN-5.

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2. On 24 June the Consulate announced two pay adjustments for its local employees. One pay adjustment is retroactive to 5 January with increases varying among grade levels; the other is an across-the-board increase of 3.83% retroactive to 8 June. Adjustments to the bureau's FBN wagescale is pending Headquarters approval.

IV. VISITS

A. [redacted] from Okinawa Bureau visited the bureau on 3 June while on private travel to Hong Kong.

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B. Ann Ryan, political officer at the Consulate, for a tour and briefing on 5 June.

C. Bangkok editors [redacted] on 14 June, visited the bureau during a private trip to Hong Kong.

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D. Editor [redacted] spent a 1-day TDY at the bureau on 17 June enroute to his new assignment in Seoul.

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E. Editor [redacted] on 23 June, toured the bureau while on private travel in Hong Kong on his way back to Washington from a training TDY in Okinawa.

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F. AG analyst [redacted] spent 30 June and 1 July at the bureau while on an orientation trip to the Far East.

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Bureau Chief

Attachment: Monthly Production Report

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**cc: 1 - C/Bangkok
1 - C/Okinawa
1 - C/Seoul**

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JUNE 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1112230
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	103320
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1771

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	5365	10350	294

 III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
 (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	9760
BEIJING TELEVISION SERVICE IN MANDARIN	2130
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6520
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	11150
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6830
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4370
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1520
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6280
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6540
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4510
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9020
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4390
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4950
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5480
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6960
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	2720
YINCHUAN NINGXIA REGIONAL IN MANDARIN	0
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10090

BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE	14570
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	32080
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE IN CHINESE	7790
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE	23090
BEIJING BAOGAO WENXUE IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING BEIJING WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH	33730
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE	3440
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE	23200
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE	8360
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE	52960
BEIJING HUANQIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JIEFANGJUN WENYI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGJI CANKAO IN CHINESE	7800
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE	5230
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE	26690
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE	64090
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE	7800
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE	11260
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	3770
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	105870
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	4300
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	21460
BEIJING WENXUE PINGLUN IN CHINESE	0

BEIJING WENYI BAO IN CHINESE	2530
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE	150
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	0
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	2680
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	3730
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN CHINESE	1080
HAIKOU HAINAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG LIAOWANG OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	30840
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
KUNMING YUNNAN SIXIANG ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU GANSU RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU LANZHOU WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAobao IN CHINESE	7770
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	3060
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	1100
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
XIAN XIBEI XINXI BAO IN CHINESE	660
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN CHINESE	4390
ZHENGZHOU HENAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	490

HONG KONG		
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN ENGLISH	0	
HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCAST LTD IN ENGLISH	0	
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN ENGLISH	190	
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	0	
HONG KONG AFP IN ENGLISH		95380
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN ENGLISH		1080
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN CHINESE		19270
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN CHINESE		3580
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN CHINESE		3320
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN ENGLISH		4220
HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD IN ENGLISH		13430
HONG KONG NEW CHINA QUARTERLY IN ENGLISH		1920
HONG KONG SUNDAY STANDARD IN ENGLISH		6940
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN CHINESE		70
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN CHINESE		6490
HONG KONG MING PAO IN CHINESE		8980
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN CHINESE		1150
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN ENGLISH		42490
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA SUNDAY MORNING POST IN ENGLISH		4840
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN CHINESE		5870
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN ENGLISH		2320
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN CHINESE		5920

NEW ZEALAND		
AUCKLAND THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD ENGLISH		1270

WELLINGTON THE EVENING POST IN ENGLISH		4770
PHILIPPINES		
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN ENGLISH	18040	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN TAGALOG	4800	
DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN TAGALOG	160	
LADAG CITY NATION BROADCASTING COMPANY CORP. STATION DWRI IN ILOCANO	1000	
QUEZON CITY DZFM RADIO IN ENGLISH	870	
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN TAGALOG	16050	
MANILA MANILA BULLETIN IN ENGLISH		43330
MANILA MR. & MS. (SPECIAL EDITION) IN ENGLISH		0
MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER IN ENGLISH		27370
MANILA THE MANILA EVENING POST IN ENGLISH		12760
MANILA THE MANILA TIMES IN ENGLISH		3200
MANILA THE NEWS HERALD IN ENGLISH		19840
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH		22990
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH		1900
MANILA THE PHILIPPINE TRIBUNE IN ENGLISH		0
MANILA THE SUNDAY TIMES IN ENGLISH		0
MANILA TIMES JOURNAL IN ENGLISH		0
CEBU CITY VISAYAN HERALD IN ENGLISH		
DAVAO CITY MINDANAO MIRROR-BULLETIN IN ENGLISH		0
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN ENGLISH		0
DAVAO CITY THE DAILY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN ENGLISH		0
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN ENGLISH		800
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN ENGLISH		15640
QUEZON CITY BUSINESS DAY IN ENGLISH		64020

QUEZON CITY NEW DAY IN ENGLISH	1860
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN ENGLISH	0
QUEZON CITY WE FORUM IN ENGLISH	4910