

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--May 1986

I. GENERAL

A. Eventual occupation of the controversial Bonham Road apartment complex became less a reality during the month. Two high-level State Department officials visited Hong Kong in early May and were sympathetic with the Consulate's position. A local company had been retained to do a survey of alternatives for housing. The feeling now is that there is a 50-50 chance that the Consulate will not have to occupy the complex.

B. On 20 May Hong Kong Governor Sir Edward Youde announced that he will remain at least two more years as Hong Kong's chief executive at a press conference held on his return from London. This was greeted with approval as continuity of leadership is seen as contributing to Hong Kong's stability.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Beijing's switch to summer time on 4 May did not have the adverse impact on the bureau's monitoring of provincial radios as first feared. Loss of some coverage was balanced by the gain of other. Early morning casts which had faded with the changing seasons were again audible when provincial stations began broadcasting an hour earlier. Hong Kong, by the way, has opted not to go to daylight savings time.

2. A China Airlines (CAL) cargo jet commandeered by its ROC pilot on 3 May and flown to Guangzhou triggered negotiations resulting in the first direct Beijing-Taipei contacts in almost 40 years. Bureau reporting followed events as historic talks between CAL and the Civil Aviation Administration of China were agreed to and took place in Hong Kong. The 20-day saga ended with the PRC handover of both the plane and two crew members at Hong Kong's Kai Tak International Airport.

3. ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE, the third PRC news agency which we began receiving last month, continues to transmit over the China News Service circuit. We have learned that it is a Hong Kong-registered company and will be using the China News Service

circuit for a trail period estimated to last about a year. Transmitted items include news, sports and commentaries or signed articles. Topics range from domestic Chinese issues to Hong Kong-related subjects to international affairs with emphasis on the Far East and overseas Chinese affairs.

4. Reception of Philippine radios deteriorated during the month due to changes in broadcasting by these radios. The 6170 KHZ transmitter used by Quezon City DZFM radio in English is now being used almost exclusively by Radyo Ng Bayan in Tagalog although other stations also infrequently broadcast on this transmitter. The audio quality of Radyo Ng Bayan, however, is very poor owing, we suspect, to a microphone problem. DZFM is now only audible on a very low-power transmitter making it too weak to monitor. FEBC, the third main station, remains audible. Highlights of our reporting this month included Secretary of State Shultz's visit and talks with President Aquino, debate over issuing a passport to Marcos so that he could leave Hawaii, and Aquino's trip to Cebu and Mindanao.

5. Our search for a capable Ilocono translator resumed again after the young lady we had earlier identified could not reach an agreement with her regular employer over a work schedule which included FBIS. We then expanded our advertising, tested several more candidates and identified one who will begin work on a part-time basis next week. Our previously found translator will be changing employers the beginning of July. We hope at that time to be able to bring her back as a part-timer. The added flexibility of an additional part-time Ilocono/Tagalog monitor will be useful when the remote increases our Tagalog coverage.

B. Lateral Services

The bureau responded with several items on Hong Kong activities to the BBC request for liberal worldwide coverage of events associated with "Sport Aid" in support of African famine relief. BBC newsroom expressed its thanks for the effort.

C. Technical

1. The future relocation of the Cable & Wireless antenna field from Mt. Butler was again raised when Chief, Operations, the bureau chief and deputy visited the site during the former's visit. C&W is still looking at relocation sites offered by the Hong Kong government but has not made any decisions.

2. After our many teething problems with the megamux equipment, our new microwave backup system performed well for several weeks. Based on this, we formally accepted the system during the month.

3. The new AFP printer which was installed to handle the upgraded AFP circuit had teething problems of its own during the month causing us to call on Bangkok Bureau to assume coverage several times. A faulty assembly carriage was found to be the problem,

Personnel

1. [redacted] arrived PCS on 9 May to take over duties as Deputy Bureau Chief and Chief Editor. STAT

2. Senior Editor [redacted] departed PCS back to the States on 16 May where he will take home leave before reporting to DRD. STAT

3. The bureau's foreign national performance evaluation panel held its semiannual meeting during the month. Promotion recommendations have been sent to Headquarters for approval.

IV. VISITS

[redacted] 14-18 May as part of a round-the-world management trip. STAT

V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

A bureau "hello and farewell" buffet dinner was held at the bureau chief's residence the evening of 15 May. Honored guests were visiting Chief, Operations Group [redacted], departing [redacted] and [redacted] and recently arrived [redacted]. STAT
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Bureau Chief

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Attachment: Monthly Production Report

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

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MAY 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1160240
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	105510
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	2178

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	5225	10140	308
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

CHINA	
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	2670
BEIJING TELEVISION SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1510
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12550
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9580
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9230
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5940
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	490
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10260
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10940
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9280
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9840
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9050
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10480
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12150
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12220
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4540
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	14380
BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE	

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BEIJING ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	23120	
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE IN CHINESE	13000	
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING BAOGAO WENXUE IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING BEIJING WANBAO IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH		23500
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE		5210
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE		20420
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE		3430
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE		98630
BEIJING HUANQIU IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING JIEFANGJUN WENYI IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING JINGJI CANKAO IN CHINESE		2110
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE		22560
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE		9730
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE		24140
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE		18190
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE		85320
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE		1450
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE		1020
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE		13190
BEIJING WENXUE PINGLUN IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING WENYI BAO IN CHINESE		0

BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE	5350
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	1600
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN CHINESE	1410
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU YANJIU IN CHINESE	6300
GUANGZHOU KAIFANG IN CHINESE	6290
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	920
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
HAIKOU HAINAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG LIAOWANG OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	58670
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	1310
KUNMING YUNAN SIXIANG ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU GANSU RIBAO IN CHINESE	2000
LANZHOU LANZHOU WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAobao IN CHINESE	5730
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	1310
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	940
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	480
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN CHINESE	23510
ZHENGZHOU HENAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0

HONG KONG		
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN ENGLISH	0	
HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCAST LTD IN ENGLISH	0	
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN ENGLISH	1810	
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	1280	
HONG KONG AFP IN ENGLISH		117350
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN ENGLISH		3110
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN CHINESE		10540
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN CHINESE		10790
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN CHINESE		0
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN ENGLISH		4140
HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD IN ENGLISH		8120
HONG KONG SUNDAY STANDARD IN ENGLISH		0
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN CHINESE		2730
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN CHINESE		6730
HONG KONG MING PAO IN CHINESE		5370
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN CHINESE		1510
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN ENGLISH		24750
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA SUNDAY MORNING POST IN ENGLISH		3230
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN CHINESE		12100
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN ENGLISH		2230
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN CHINESE		6820
NEW ZEALAND		
AUCKLAND THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD IN ENGLISH		450
WELLINGTON THE EVENING POST IN ENGLISH		4870

PHILIPPINES		
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN ENGLISH	20950	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN TAGALOG	2170	
DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN TAGALOG	1340	
QUEZON CITY DZFM RADIO IN ENGLISH	13070	
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN TAGALOG	11970	
MANILA MANILA BULLETIN IN ENGLISH		38550
MANILA MR. & MS. (SPECIAL EDITION) IN ENGLISH		0
MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER IN ENGLISH		19520
MANILA THE MANILA EVENING POST IN ENGLISH		12200
MANILA THE MANILA TIMES IN ENGLISH		1890
MANILA THE NEWS HERALD IN ENGLISH		22100
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH		27510
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH		1130
MANILA THE PHILIPPINE TRIBUNE IN ENGLISH		1140
MANILA THE SUNDAY TIMES IN ENGLISH		0
MANILA TIMES JOURNAL IN ENGLISH		0
CEBU CITY VISAYAN HEARLD IN ENGLISH		910
DAVAO CITY MINDANAO MIRROR-BULLETIN IN ENGLISH		600
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN ENGLISH		0
DAVAO CITY THE DAILY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN ENGLISH		2110
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN ENGLISH		0
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN ENGLISH		14740
QUEZON CITY BUSINESS DAY IN ENGLISH		89720
QUEZON CITY NEW DAY IN ENGLISH		8210
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN ENGLISH		2600
QUEZON CITY WE FORUM IN ENGLISH		7920