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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Bangkok Bureau -- November 1987

I. GENERAL

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1. FBIS Deputy Director [redacted] and Chief of Operations [redacted] visited the bureau 11 to 15 November. Included in their busy schedule was a Buddhist merit-making Tham Bun ceremony at the bureau in which nine traditionally-garbed monks blessed the new computer system, followed by a feast consisting of the traditional specialties of the bureau's various nationalities. A trip to Bang Ping that included a sumptuous meal put on by the local personnel was also on their agenda. They also met with Ambassador Brown [redacted]

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2. The bureau has the distinction of being the "authoritative" translator for the Office of the Personal Representative of HRH Norodom Sihanouk in Kampuchea and Asia, located in Bangkok, of FUNCINPEC, the National United Front for an Independent, Neutral, Peaceful and Cooperative Cambodia. It has been learned that because the FUNCINPEC office no longer has any native speakers on its staff, it considers the FBIS versions of items more authoritative than its own press communiques. The press communiques, which are mailed to various government offices and news agencies around town, including FBIS, contain a statement or speech in French, then (UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION), followed by its English rendition. The bureau has no idea how the office is obtaining FBIS items, but is glad to be of assistance.

3. A record drug bust by Thai authorities in October led to two death threats in mid and late November against Consulate and USIS officials in the northern Thai city of Chiang Mai by the Burmese-based Khun Sa rebel forces. As a precautionary measure, all official dependents were evacuated to Bangkok and local security was stepped up at U.S. official offices and residences in Chiang Mai following reports that the Khun Sa group was very unhappy over the seizure of 680 kilos of its heroin and blamed the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency for its loss. At month's end, the dependents were still awaiting clearance to return to Chiang Mia, while U.S. tourists were obviously flocking there in

droves to take advantage of the "Year of Thailand."

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The South Asian Unit was kept busy throughout the month with the summit meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation 2-4 November, from which numerous presidential speeches were filed, the ongoing accounts of the Indian Peacekeeping Forces' activities to restore peace in Sri Lanka, and the continuous strikes and demonstrations by the opposition parties in Bangladesh in their attempts to topple the Ershad government. In a counter move, the Ershad government declared a state of emergency on 27 November and the president gave a speech on 28 November calling for the restoration of peace in the country. Because of communications problems somewhere in the circuit between the bureau and headquarters, resulting in extensive garbling at the headquarters end, the bureau advised that it was staying open two hours beyond its normal closure to answer any queries that the Wire might have on the Ershad speech. However, this measure proved unnecessary when Headquarters lost all its communications, although the answer to one query received just before the outage was phoned in.

2. Vietnam's much ballyhooed withdrawal of 20,000 of its "volunteer" troops from Cambodia on 27 November resulted in a spate of rallies, speeches, interviews, and commentaries, but failed to achieve one of the objectives Vietnam was seeking: the attendance of ASEAN observers at the event. The Indochina media lashed out at those who termed the withdrawal "merely a troop rotation," and maintained that many countries would have sent observers to the event except for "certain deplorable difficulties."

3. The celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution were not limited solely to the Soviet Union. In addition to processing the speeches and activities of the Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Lao leaders at the event itself, the Indochina monitors were kept fully occupied covering local events, speeches, interviews, and editorials in praise of the USSR and its all-round assistance to the three Southeast Asian countries.

### B. Cruising

1. While awaiting the arrival of parts from Headquarters to repair the analysis and operational Roset antennas, the former has been fixed permanently on the 60-east satellite and parts from it installed in the latter so that bureau coverage and cruising can be maintained.

2. After the Philippines' Quezon City RPN Channel 9 went unheard for a few days, it was found to have moved from the 77-east Palapa to the 113-east Palapa and coverage resumed. Unfortunately, this may be short-lived as AFP has reported that Indonesia has canceled the satellite lease of an unnamed private Philippines TV station for failure to pay its bills. Channel 9 is the only Philippine station found on satellite.

3. At MOD's request, a check was made for Soviet Ekran transmissions beamed to Ho Chi Minh City, but nothing was found.

4. On 24 November, an unscheduled feed was observed on the 80-east carrying a live broadcast of the inaugural ceremonies of "the Hanoi-Moscow Television Link."

### C. Lateral Services

1. At the request of the embassy in Vietiane, Laos, the bureau continued to send all its traffic to it despite a 5-19 November minimize.

2. The new second secretary of the Australian Embassy personally requested that he receive two copies of the bureau's incoming and outgoing file on Indochina, Thailand, and Burma, one for himself and one to pass on to his counterpart at the embassy in Hanoi. His predecessor had been receiving the Indochina file but found that he couldn't keep up with it.

### D. Technical

1. After being on the altroute for almost a month while the embassy telecommunications unit was awaiting a part to restore our primary circuit, the bureau thought its problems were over when the necessary repairs were made. However, it was not to be. Headquarters and, to a lesser extent, BBC, began receiving our copy garbled, and despite constant contact with [redacted] headquarters, the problem had still not been resolved by month's end. The fact that the fault is definitely not at our end of the circuit has given little solace to the editorial staff, who have been kept busy answering up to 15 queries a day from frustrated DR editors.

2. A new PABX internal telephone system was installed throughout the bureau. The contractor is now in the process of installing the tie lines to connect the bureau with Bang Ping, which is expected to be completed some time in December.

3. A new Concord modem was received from the embassy telecommunications unit and installed on the bureau's primary circuit.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. During the month, three monitors were promoted to FBN-10, the senior monitorial level: Thai monitor [redacted] Cambodian monitor [redacted] and Indonesian monitor [redacted] South Asian monitor [redacted] was promoted to FBN-9.

2. On a much sadder note, the father of teletypist [redacted] passed away suddenly on 23 November.

B. Building and Grounds

1. At Bang Ping, a garage for the official vehicles was constructed and a retention wall and landscaping completed at the main building site there.

IV. VISITS

1. FBIS Deputy Director [redacted] and Chief of Operations [redacted] visited the bureau 10-15 November.

2. On 17 November, the newly arrived embassy personnel officer, Terry Larson, visited the bureau.

3. On the same day, headquarters Thai Analyst [redacted] visited the bureau to discuss requirements. She strongly praised the bureau's file on Thailand.

4. On Tuesday, 24 November, Tim Mazzarol, second secretary of the Australian Embassy in Bangkok, and Sean Kelly, second secretary of the Australian Embassy in Hanoi, visited the bureau to discuss lateral services for both embassies.

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau

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## BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	802,780
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	245,440
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,747

	<u>BROAD-CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI-CATION</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	20,637 min.	22,135 min.	336.46 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ROSET SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

INDIA

Delhi General Overseas Service in English	5,060
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in English	17,930
Delhi Domestic Service in English	49,240
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	160

INDONESIA

Jakarta ANTARA in English	6,260
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MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur RTM Television Network 1 in Malay	3,090
Kuala Lumpur BERNAMA in English	7,380

NEPAL

Kathmandu Nepal Television Feed in English	7,770
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PHILIPPINES

Quezon City RPN 9 Television in English	4,340
Manila PNA in English	1,390

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CASTS      AGENCIES      CATION

SRI LANKA

Colombo LANKA PUWATH in  
 English      25,480

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

AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in  
 English      29,080

Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in  
 English      0

Sydney THE BULLETIN in  
 English      0

Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in  
 English      0

BANGLADESH

Dhaka Overseas Service in  
 English      900

Dhaka Domestic Service in  
 English      15,920

Dhaka Domestic Service in  
 Bengali      4,300

Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in  
 English      2,110

Dhaka SANGBAD in  
 Bengali      340

BRUNEI

Kuala Belait THE BORNEO BULLETIN in  
 English      0

BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in  
 Burmese      6,380

Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in  
 English      1,700

Rangoon BOTATAUNG in  
 Burmese      0

Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in  
 Burmese      0

Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in  
 Burmese      0

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh Domestic Service in  
 Cambodian      26,170

Phnom Penh SPK in  
 English      13,920

Phnom Penh SPK in  
 French to KPL Vientiane      0

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>CAMBODIA (continued)</u>			
Phnom Penh SPK in French		10,830	
<u>CHINA</u>			
Beijing International Service in Bengali	0		
Beijing International Service in Burmese	430		
Beijing International Service in Indonesian	0		
Beijing International Service in Lao	240		
Beijing International Service in Thai	730		
Beijing in Cambodian to Cambodia	1,390		
Beijing in Hindi to India	0		
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	650		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0		
Beijing International Service in Vietnamese	0		
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	8,160		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	5,440		
(Clandestine) Voice of the Khmer in Cambodian	7,010		
(Clandestine) Voice of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	3,260		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese	540		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		55,770	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	5,060		
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in English	17,930		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	49,240		
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	160		



	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>INDIA (continued)</u>			
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		70	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			0
Delhi PATRIOT in English			3,950
Delhi THE HINDUSTAN TIMES in English			500
Delhi INDIA TODAY in English			1,120
Madras DINAMALAR in Tamil			160
Bombay NAVBHARAT TIMES in Hindi			0
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			550
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta International Service in English	1,390		
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	8,850		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		6,260	
Jakarta JAKARTA POST in English			1,560
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			830
Jakarta BERITA BUANA in Indonesian			0
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			10,020
Jakarta MERDEKA in Indonesian			560
Jakarta TEMPO in Indonesian			0
Jakarta SUARA PEMBARUAN in Indonesian			1,700
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Laos	37,990		
Vientiane KPL in English		26,230	
Vientiane KPL in English to SPK Phnom Penh			0
Vientiane KPL in French to SPK Phnom Penh			0
Vientiane SPK in French to SPK Phnom Penh			0
Vientiane PASASON in Lao			0
Vientiane VIENTIANE MAI in Lao			0

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<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	4,840		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	560		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	590		
Kuala Lumpur RTM Television Network 1 in Malay	3,090		
Kuala Lumpur BERNAMA in English		7,380	
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			1,490
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0
Kuala Lumpur BERITA HARIAN in Malay			200
Kuala Lumpur BERITA MINGGU in Malay			1,010
Kuala Lumpur MINGGUAN MALAYSIA in Malay			0
Kuala Lumpur UTUSAN MALAYSIA in Malay			550
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Kathmandu External Service in English	250		
Kathmandu Nepal Television Feed in English	7,770		
Kathmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			6,480
<u>NEW ZEALAND</u>			
Auckland THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD in English			0
Wellington THE EVENING POST in English			0
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Islamabad Oversea Service in English	1,090		
Islamabad Domestic Service in English	3,270		
Islamabad Domestic Service in Urdu	11,220		
Islamabad Oversea Service in Urdu	0		
Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English			6,780
Karachi DAWN in English			0
Rawalpindi HAIDER in Urdu			500

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PAKISTAN (continued)

Lahore JANG in Urdu 0  
 Karachi NAWA-I-WAQT in Urdu 1,220

PHILIPPINES

Quezon City RPN 9 Television in English 4,340  
 Manila PNA in English 1,390

SINGAPORE

Singapore Domestic Service in English 2,330  
 Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English 900  
 Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English 120

SRI LANKA

Colombo International Service in English 4,150  
 Colombo Domestic Service in English 0  
 Colombo Domestic Service in Tamil 0  
 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English 25,480  
 Colombo DAILY NEWS in English 0  
 Colombo SUN in English 920  
 Colombo WEEKEND in English 0  
 Colombo VIRAKESARI in Tamil 190

THAILAND

Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English 2,820  
 Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Cambodian 0  
 Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai 6,600  
 Bangkok Domestic Service in English 1,470  
 Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai 6,170  
 Bangkok First Army Division Radio in Thai 1,040  
 Bangkok Army Television Channel 5 in Thai 2,360

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<u>THAILAND (continued)</u>			
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			36,310
Bangkok THE NATION in English			38,920
Bangkok KHAO PHISSET in Thai			0
Bangkok LAK THAI in Thai			0
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			3,300
Bangkok MATICHON SUT SAPDA in Thai			0
Bangkok NAEO NA in Thai			1,640
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			4,790
Bangkok SIAM RAT SAPDA WICHAN in Thai			590
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			0
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			1,890
Bangkok ZHONG HUA RIBAO in Chinese			2,870
Bangkok XING XIAN RIBAO in Chinese			0
Bangkok XIN ZHONG YUAN RIBAO in Chinese			0
Bangkok DAILY NEWS in Thai			210

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

Moscow International Service in Tamil			0
Moscow International Service in Vietnamese			1,070
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh			0
Moscow in Burmese to Burma			0
Moscow in Cambodian to Cambodia			4,190
Moscow in Hindi to India			380
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia			550
Moscow in Lao to Laos			0
Moscow in Thai to Thailand			2,570
Moscow in Urdu to India			0
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan			0

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<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u> (continued)			
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Indonesian	0		
<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>			
London BBC World Service in English	1,200		
<u>VIETNAM</u>			
Hanoi International Service in English	14,110		
Hanoi International Service in Cambodian	0		
Hanoi International Service in Thai	290		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	95,560		
Hanoi VNA in English		75,590	
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			9,540
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			2,210
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese			12,560
Hanoi TAP CHI QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			0
Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG in Vietnamese			4,470