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Monthly Report -- Bangkok Bureau

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Chief, Operations Group

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
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I. GENERAL

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2. The bureau received plaudits for its Cambodian coverage from an unexpected source when a caller claiming to represent the Information Section of the National United Front for an Independent, Neutral, Peaceful, and Cooperative Cambodia (FUNCINPEC) praised our material but insisted that we render Prince Norodom Rannarit's name "Ranariddh." The caller was told that we would take it under advisement.

3. Following Headquarters' request for wall decorations for its new Reston offices, bureau personnel conducted a photo contest throughout the month, with 45 entries submitted. Burmese Monitor STAT was awarded top honors by his peers. The best 20 or so will be STAT enlarged, mounted, and sent in.

3. BBC Newsburo sent kudos on 6 October for the bureau's extensive coverage from Melbourne radio of the Fiji Government takeover and requested continued high priority coverage of developments there.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. With the bureau's assumption of Hanoi VNA from Okinawa on

25 October, coverage of Vietnamese media became centrally located at one bureau for the first time in well over 20 years. Okinawa will continue backstopping VNA for the foreseeable future.

2. Coverage of the 8 October opening of the usually lackluster ruling Burmese Socialist Party Central Committee meeting turned out to be anything but routine for the two-person unit when the bureau was informed that one monitor had just been rushed to the hospital with a severe case of "Bangkok Belly" just after the other member of the team had left the bureau for the day. The latter was finally located at home and was able to listen to Rangoon Domestic from there with the understanding that she would come back in if anything important was aired on the meeting. Fortunately, nothing was, and the ill monitor made a speedy recovery.

3. Still on Burma, when a number of embassy consumers called 11 October asking about the crash of a domestic airliner in that country, the best the bureau could come up with that day was a Delhi Domestic version. However, true to form, Rangoon Domestic came up a day late, but with a list of the 44 killed, including several Americans, which enabled the embassy to answer queries from anxious relatives.

4. Alert Bang Ping cruisers were able to intercept an unscheduled Domsat relay of a recorded speech to Manila businessmen by Philippine President Aquino being carried by Quezon City RPN 9 Television on 20 October. Bureau personnel quickly filed the 45-minute text of what was said to be the president's toughest speech to date in which she took a firm stand against renegade military and

B. Cruising

1. Beginning 26 October and continuing through November, local Satellite Cruiser [redacted] is undergoing HF cruising training at the bureau. Once Moscow international service frequency change checks are completed, local HF Cruiser [redacted] will begin a month's training in satellite cruising techniques.

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3. An extensive check of IRNA satellite transmissions was conducted 13 October and the results sent to Nicosia to assist it in its search for IRNA after BBC's leased line went dead.

4. At MOD's request, an update of all XINHUA transmissions on satellite has been underway since 29 October. Extensive checks of English-language transmissions are being conducted to determine transmission spans.

C. Lateral Services

1. At the request of an embassy consumer, AG is pouching all the Trends pieces and analysis reports done on the Cambodian issue since the founding of the PRK in 1979.

2. Throughout the month the bureau received requests for items from the American Embassy Jordan, BBC, AG, and the local embassy Political Section, VOA and USIS.

D. Technical

1. The bureau has been on altroute continuously since 19 October and is expected to continue in this mode until at least mid-November while [redacted] awaits a part needed to restore its primary circuit. Fortunately, the altroute has suffered only one brief outage since then.

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2. A 4.5-meter dish antenna with feed and LNA was purchased and shipped to Okinawa at its request. The antenna will be used to replace the Pesos dish that was destroyed during a typhoon.

3. The elevation system on the analysis antenna has been malfunctioning. The problem is that the antenna will not move in the upward direction all the time. Inspection revealed that there is excessive wear on the drive gear and wormshaft. Although the system is still operational, the necessary replacement parts have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they arrive.

4. When it rains it pours. The AZ control system on the operational Roset antenna also malfunctioned this reporting period. The problem has been traced to the wide bandwidth synchronized isolation amplifier motor control. The unit has been placed on order. Meanwhile, the antenna can still be used operationally.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. A ceremony was held on 26 October to present a number of special awards. Chief of the IBM (Indonesia, Burma, and Malaysia) Unit [redacted] and Roset Cruiser [redacted] received Special Achievement Certificates, accompanied by substantial cash awards, for their pioneering automation efforts at the bureau. The entire Cambodian Monitorial Unit-[redacted]--were awarded Special Accomplishment Certificates and cash awards for their roles in developing the "Cambodian Personalities" reference aid. Editor [redacted] [redacted] also received a Special Achievement Certificate and cash award for supplying the computer expertise and for being the driving force behind this project.

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2. At the same ceremony, a number of bureau members received service pins. Technician [redacted] and Lao Monitor [redacted] received 20-year pins, Associate Editor [redacted] and [redacted] 15-year pins, and teletypist [redacted] a 10-year pin.

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3. [redacted] the youngest daughter of [redacted], departed for the United States and college on 16 October after a long and arduous struggle to obtain the proper identity and travel documents.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

1. The bureau kitchen was completely renovated during this reporting period. Renovations included a new ceramic tile floor, new cabinets, a stove, dishwasher, electrical wiring, and plumbing.

2. The bureau's technical shop was also renovated this month, with new flooring, workbenches, and storage facilities being installed.

IV. VISITS

1. On 16 October, the bureau chief participated in a briefing for VOA Deputy Director Alan Heil and VOA Division Chief Klecka, who were here for a review of VOA's Cambodian programs.

2. Mr. Robert Gates visited the bureau on 28 October.

3. The last remaining LEC TDYer, [redacted] left 30 October after completing the 30 days of post delivery support for FBA-1.

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau

BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	819,870
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	238,760
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,681

	<u>BROAD-CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI-CATION</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	20,052 min.	19,250 min.	336.46 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ROSET SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

INDIA

Delhi General Overseas Service in English	4,730		
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in English	2,420		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	57,250		

INDONESIA

Jakarta ANTARA in English		3,380	
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IRAN

Tehran IRNA in English		140	
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MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur RTM Television Network 1 in Malay	3,380		
Kuala Lumpur BERNAMA in English		24,020	

PHILIPPINES

Quezon City RPN 9 Television in English	19,120		
Manila PNA in English		500	

SRI LANKA

Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English		35,090	
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<u>BROAD-</u>	<u>PRESS</u>	<u>PUBLI-</u>
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IV. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	25,570	
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	260	
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	4,090	
Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	0	
Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English		3,480
Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali		0

BRUNEI

Kuala Belait THE BORNEO BULLETIN in English		0
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BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in English	310	
Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	13,090	
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English		0
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	16,090	
Phnom Penh SPK in English		10,430
Phnom Penh SPK in French to KPL Vientiane		0
Phnom Penh SPK in French		12,130

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>CHINA</u>			
Beijing International Service in Bengali	0		
Beijing International Service in Burmese	130		
Beijing International Service in Indonesian	0		
Beijing International Service in Lao	530		
Beijing International Service in Thai	0		
Beijing in Cambodian to Cambodia	3,490		
Beijing in Hindi to India	0		
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0		
Beijing International Service in Vietnamese	320		
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	15,650		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	0		
(Clandestine) Voice of the Khmer in Cambodian	14,930		
(Clandestine) Voice of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	20,090		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese	3,750		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		90,360	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	4,730		
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in English	2,420		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	57,250		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		570	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			1,110
Delhi PATRIOT in English			5,510
Delhi THE HINDUSTAN TIMES in English			4,320

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<u>INDIA</u> (continued)			
Madras DINAMALAR in Tamil			660
Bombay NAVBHARAT TIMES in Hindi			1,820
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			0
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta International Service in English	1,260		
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	7,460		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		3,380	
Jakarta JAKARTA POST in English			970
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			0
Jakarta BERITA BUANA in Indonesian			0
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			5,820
Jakarta MERDEKA in Indonesian			2,560
Jakarta TEMPO in Indonesian			0
Jakarta SUARA PEMBARUAN in Indonesian			1,060
<u>IRAN</u>			
Tehran IRNA in English		140	
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Laos	35,260		
Vientiane KPL in English		22,970	
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			990
Vientiane VIENTIANE MAI in Lao			0

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<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	4,900		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	1,130		
Kuala Lumpur RTM Television Network 1 in Malay	3,380		
Kuala Lumpur BERNAMA in English		24,020	
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			560
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0
Kuala Lumpur BERITA HARIAN in Malay			3,040
Kuala Lumpur BERITA MINGGU in Malay			440
Kuala Lumpur MINGGUAN MALAYSIA in Malay			0
Kuala Lumpur UTUSAN MALAYSIA in Malay			0
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Kathmandu External Service in English	190		
Kathmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			1,200
<u>NEW ZEALAND</u>			
Auckland THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD in English			400
Wellington THE EVENING POST in English			1,250
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Islamabad Oversea Service in English	1,080		
Islamabad Domestic Service in English	4,820		
Islamabad Domestic Service in Urdu	16,080		
Islamabad Oversea Service in Urdu	0		
Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English			1,740
Karachi DAWN in English			2,480
Rawalpindi HAIDER in Urdu			1,390
Lahore JANG in Urdu			370
Karachi NAWA-I-WAQT in Urdu			310

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>PHILIPPINES</u>			
Quezon City RPN 9 Television in English	19,120		
Manila PNA in English		500	
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	840		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			3,800
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			0
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	9,550		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	0		
Colombo Domestic Service in Tamil	180		
Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English		35,090	
Colombo DAILY NEWS in English			790
Colombo SUN in English			4,450
Colombo WEEKEND in English			0
Colombo VIRAKESARI in Tamil			410
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	2,950		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Cambodian	0		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	2,850		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	2,840		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	8,720		
Bangkok First Army Division Radio in Thai	900		
Bangkok Army Television Channel 5 in Thai	1,090		
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			29,370
Bangkok THE NATION in English			33,290
Bangkok KHAD PHISSET in Thai			0

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<u>THAILAND (continued)</u>			
Bangkok LAK THAI in Thai			0
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			2,820
Bangkok MATICHON SUT SAPDA in Thai			0
Bangkok NAEO NA in Thai			190
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			950
Bangkok SIAM RAT SAPDA WICHAN in Thai			0
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			1,570
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			1,550
Bangkok ZHONG HUA RIBAO in Chinese			500
Bangkok XING XIAN RIBAO in Chinese			1,690
Bangkok XIN ZHONG YUAN RIBAO in Chinese			0
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow International Service in Tamil	1,950		
Moscow International Service in Vietnamese			0
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh			170
Moscow in Burmese to Burma			890
Moscow in Cambodian to Cambodia			9,090
Moscow in Hindi to India			0
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia			720
Moscow in Lao to Laos			1,860
Moscow in Thai to Thailand			0
Moscow in Urdu to India			0
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan			0
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Indonesian			0
<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>			
London BBC World Service in English			3,530

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<u>VIETNAM</u>			
Hanoi International Service in English	7,520		
Hanoi International Service in Cambodian	0		
Hanoi International Service in Thai	170		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	93,570		
Hanoi VNA in English		14,660	
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			31,660
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			4,740
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese			1,920
Hanoi TAP CHI QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			15,120
Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG in Vietnamese			2,550