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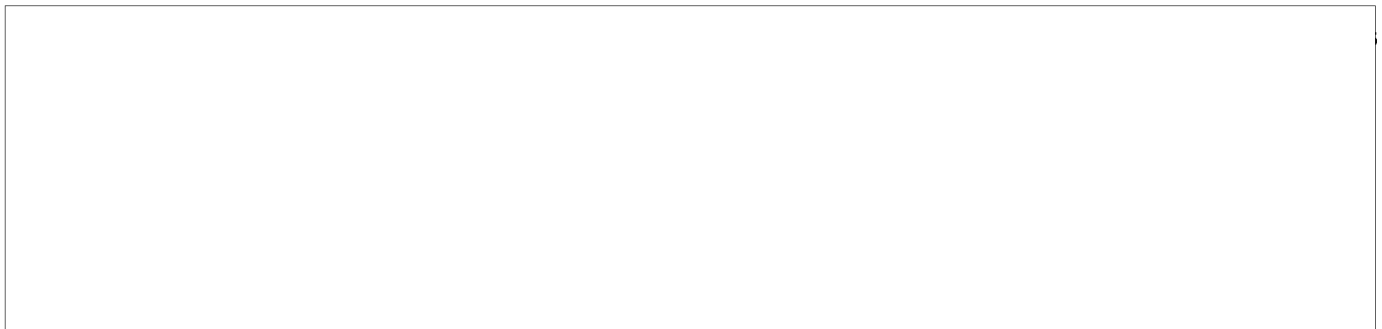
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
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I. GENERAL

1. Coverage of Philippines TV via satellite enabled the bureau to provide up-to-the-minute reportage on the attempted coup that took place in Manila 28 August. For some 5 hours on that date, Quezon City GMA 7 Television in English was up on the 77 East Palapa Satellite carrying such significant live events as President Aquino's speech to the nation in which she declared that she had ordered a military assault on the rebels, which "is to continue until the rebellion is crushed," a phoned-in report by an army colonel on the scene as the military campaign was underway to recapture Camp Aguinaldo from the rebels, and phoned-in correspondents' reports on the situations in Cebu and Mindanao. GMA 7, which appeared on the same frequency that Quezon City RPN 9 Television normally occupies for its weekday 1030 GMT newscast, has not been seen before or since, leading the bureau to conclude that the Philippine Government must have placed all tv stations in network 28 August while the coup was in progress.

2. The bureau went on open watch 18 August in covering the grenade attack on the Sri Lankan president and his cabinet in Colombo that resulted in two dead and several wounded. It subsequently intercepted a Colombo Rupavahini television feed on the 80 East Intelsat the same day carrying a recorded statement on the attack by a blood-stained but unhurt President Jayewardene. The videotape was expedited to MOD by Purolator Courier.



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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The "Cocktail Party" proposed to Vietnam by the Indonesian foreign minister on behalf of ASEAN on 29 July in an attempt to bring the two warring Cambodian factions together for talks, to be followed later by the participation of Vietnam and other interested parties, resulted in a spate of unique material as the Indochinese countries and ASEAN kept changing the ground rules for the meeting. First the Indochinese countries accepted the initial proposal on 6 August, but did it so subtly that the ASEAN states didn't realize they had until after the ASEAN foreign ministers had met on 16 August and come up with a greatly revised proposal that Vietnam found totally unacceptable. At month's end, each side was still refusing to budge from their positions, discord was evident among the ASEAN states on the issue, and the Indonesian foreign minister was denying that he was going to relinquish his role as ASEAN spokesman.

2. The various monitoring units were occupied with processing the presidential/prime ministerial speeches marking the national/independence days of Singapore, Indonesia, Pakistan, and India.

3. At Headquarters request, Vietnamese Unit Chief [] undertook the processing of the Vietnamese Communist Party's revised party statutes, a copy of which the Bangkok-based Reuter correspondent had passed on to the bureau following a trip to Vietnam. By month's end, [] was nearing completion of the 104-page epic and the teleops were breathing a sigh of relief upon hearing that it was all being done on the computer.

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B. Lateral Services

Extensive reportage and reaction to General Vessey's and NSC staffer Childress' visits to Vietnam and Laos, respectively, to discuss the MIA issue were provided to two State Department consumers at AG's request, as well as to the embassy political section, USIS, and VOA.

C. Technical

1. On 20 August, the bureau was visited by two members of the State Department TDY survey team. The reason for the visit was to discuss the bureau's microwave communications requirements for the new chancery building.

2. Lightning struck two HF antennas at Bang Ping, destroying the coupling transformers. Both transformers have been replaced and the antennas are again operational.

3. On 15 August, the bureau's in-house communications circuits were changed from 60MA loop to low level. By changing over to low level and installing a new switching box, the bureau's communications have been greatly simplified, facilitating the installation of FBA 1.

4. The equipment for Phase 1 of FBA arrived 24 August, with the LEC installation crew arriving 26, 27, and 28 August. Installation is now in progress and on schedule.

5. New Equipment:

- A. RF Section MDL HP 8553B F/U/W
- HP-141 Spectrum Analyzer SN.2429A13941

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Editor [redacted] arrived PCS 2 Aug. STAT
2. Lao Monitor [redacted] a charter, 20-year employee at Bangkok Bureau, is currently using up his excess leave and will officially retire 12 September 1987. STAT
3. Cambodian monitorial candidate [redacted] visited the bureau 25-31 August for testing and preliminary processing. He has accepted our offer and is now awaiting clearance. STAT
4. [redacted] joined the FBIS Bangkok ranks 10 August as a contract electronic technician. The long-time teletype maintenance contract with Aerothai will be terminated effective 30 September. STAT

B. Building and Grounds

Construction of a four-car concrete parking slab at Bang Ping was begun during the reporting period. Construction will take approximately three weeks.

IV. VISITS

1. Judith Strotz, a newly arrived political officer, visited the bureau for a briefing and tour on 7 August.
2. Okinawa Bureau Technician [redacted] who was in Bangkok 21-30 August on private travel, stopped at the bureau for a visit 28 August. STAT

3. [redacted] FBIS personnel officer responsible for foreign nationals, visited the bureau 28 Aug-2 Sep. STAT

4. [redacted], ADD engineer and former bureau engineer, arrived 28 August as the ADD representative for the FBA-1 installation. STAT

5. A five-person contingent from the Singapore Embassy led by First Secretaries Peter Mok and Chuang Tsu Li and including three analysts from Singapore, visited the bureau on 31 August for a briefing and tour.

6. [redacted] a Far Eastern Topical Talks writer for BBC, Bush House, visited the bureau 1 September. STAT

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau

BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR AUGUST 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	709,100
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	247,730
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	2,440

	<u>BROAD-CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI-CATION</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	22,738 min.	36,450 min.	269.50 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ROSET SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

INDIA

Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in English	1,420		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	0		
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in Hindi	4,140		
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	0		

INDONESIA

Jakarta TVRI Television Network in Indonesian	8,210		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		5,250	

MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur RTM Television Network 1 in Malay	4,240		
Kuala Lumpur BERNAMA in English		12,110	

PHILIPPINES

Manila Television Feed in English	1,680		
Quezon City RPN 9 Television in English	12,530		
Quezon City GMA 7 Television in English	4,250		
Manila PNA in English		4,570	

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo Rupavahini Television Feed in English	830		
Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English		17,730	
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow Television Feed in Malay	1,040		
IV. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>			
Melbourne Overseas Service in English	12,540		
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English			0
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English			0
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			0
<u>BANGLADESH</u>			
Dhaka Overseas Service in English	1,830		
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	8,150		
Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	2,820		
Dhaka BSS in English		0	
Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			6,030
Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali			1,790
<u>BRUNEI</u>			
Kuala Belait THE BORNEO BULLETIN in English			430
<u>BURMA</u>			
Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	7,610		
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			610
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			830
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			0
Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese			0

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>CAMBODIA</u>			
Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	18,580		
Phnom Penh SPK in English		13,520	
Phnom Penh SPK in French to KPL Vientiane		0	
Phnom Penh SPK in French		3,970	
Phnom Penh VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi		0	
Phnom Penh VNA in French to VNA Hanoi		0	
<u>CHINA</u>			
Beijing International Service in Bengali	260		
Beijing International Service in Burmese	430		
Beijing International Service in Indonesian	0		
Beijing International Service in Lao	0		
Beijing International Service in Thai	840		
Beijing in Cambodian to Cambodia	4,870		
Beijing in Hindi to India	0		
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	800		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0		
Beijing International Service in Vietnamese	190		
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) Voice of Tamil Eelam in English		0	
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	18,310		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	5,130		
(Clandestine) Voice of the Khmer in Cambodian	7,800		
(Clandestine) Voice of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian	4,380		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese	2,810		
(Clandestine) Voice of Tamil Eelam in Tamil		0	

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		70,790	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	2,000		
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in English	1,420		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	43,860		
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in Hindi	4,140		
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	440		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		2,160	
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			2,900
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			960
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			8,100
Delhi PATRIOT in English			2,840
Delhi THE HINDUSTAN TIMES in English			6,290
Delhi THE HINDU in English			3,850
Delhi INDIA TODAY in English			0
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			300
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta International Service in English	990		
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	7,100		
Jakarta TVRI Television Network in Indonesian	8,210		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		5,250	
Jakarta JAKARTA POST in English			3,870
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			0
Jakarta BERITA BUANA in Indonesian			50
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			160
Jakarta MERDEKA in Indonesian			560
Jakarta JAKARTA TEMPO in			2,460

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>INDONESIA</u> (continued)			
Jakarta SUARA PEMBARUAN in Indonesian			860
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Laos	45,600		
Vientiane KPL in English		18,780	
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 VNA in Vietnamese to VNA Hanoi		0	
Vientiane PASASON in Lao			4,450
Vientiane VIENTIANE MAI in Lao			0
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	7,270		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	960		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	0		
Kuala Lumpur RTM Television Network 1 in Malay	4,240		
Kuala Lumpur BERNAMA in English		12,110	
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			1,110
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0
Kuala Lumpur BERITA HARIAN in Malay			1,140
Kuala Lumpur BERITA MINGGU in Malay			0
Kuala Lumpur MINGGUAN MALAYSIA in Malay			0
Kuala Lumpur UTUSAN MALAYSIA in Malay			0
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Kathmandu External Service in English	0		
Kathmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			840

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>NEW ZEALAND</u>			
Auckland THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD in English			0
Wellington THE EVENING POST in English			0
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Overseas Service in English	1,290		
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	0		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	3,830		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	14,620		
Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English			7,060
Karachi DAWN in English			5,100
Islamabad THE PAKISTAN TIMES in English			2,480
Karachi JASARAT in Urdu			0
Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu			0
Rawalpindi HAIDER in Urdu			910
Lahore JANG in Urdu			1,190
Karachi NAWA-I WAQT in Urdu			1,390
<u>PHILIPPINES</u>			
Manila Television Feed in English	1,680		
Quezon City RPN 9 Television in English	12,530		
Quezon City GMA 7 Television in English	4,250		
Manila PNA in English		4,570	
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	1,350		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			2,090
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			660

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	4,510		
Colombo International Service in Hindi	700		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	180		
Colombo Rupavahini Television Feed in English	830		
Colombo Domestic Service in Tamil	460		
Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English		17,730	
Colombo DAILY NEWS in English			620
Colombo SUN in English			1,530
Colombo WEEKEND in English			460
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	3,930		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Cambodian	0		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Lao	0		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	4,800		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Vietnamese	0		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	2,850		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	7,750		
Bangkok First Army Division Radio in Thai	260		
Bangkok Army Television Channel 5 in Thai	770		
Bangkok Thai Color Television Channel 9 in Thai	790		
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			28,710
Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English			3,870
Bangkok THE NATION in English			32,880
Bangkok KHAD PHISSET in Thai			2,310
Bangkok LAK THAI in Thai			0
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			2,410
Bangkok MATICHON SUT SAPDA in Thai			0

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>THAILAND (continued)</u>			
Bangkok NAED NA in Thai			1,360
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			1,960
Bangkok SIAM RAT SAPDA WICHAN in Thai			0
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			790
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			1,730
Bangkok ZHONG HUA RIBAO in Chinese			430
Bangkok XING XIAN RIBAO in Chinese			0
Bangkok XIN ZHONG YUAN RIBAO in Chinese			1,350
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow International Service in Tamil	700		
Moscow International Service in Vietnamese	0		
Moscow Television Feed in Malay	1,040		
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh	0		
Moscow in Burmese to Burma	0		
Moscow in Cambodian to Cambodia	2,410		
Moscow in Hindi to India	1,060		
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia	2,880		
Moscow in Lao to Laos	0		
Moscow in Thai to Thailand	0		
Moscow in Urdu to India	0		
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan	630		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Indonesian	0		
<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>			
London BBC World Service in English	9,580		
<u>VIETNAM</u>			
Hanoi International Service in English	5,600		

	<u>BROAD-</u> <u>CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS</u> <u>AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI-</u> <u>CATION</u>
<u>VIETNAM</u> (continued)			
Hanoi International Service in Cambodian	0		
Hanoi International Service in Thai	730		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	71,680		
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			8,820
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			3,280
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese			1,430
Hanoi TAP CHI QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			0
Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG in Vietnamese			7,700