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3. Chief, E&PS	24 Aug		J	
4. D/Director, FBIS	8/24		G	
5. Director, FBIS	25 Aug		R	
6. <del>PO-RA/E&amp;PS</del>				
7. C/ESG		8/27	<i>ORAS</i>	
8. C/FED			<i>D</i>	
9. C/ADD		9/2	<i>GM</i>	
10. C/HED		8/31	<i>BH</i>	
11. Chief, Admin Staff		8 Sep	<i>JD</i>	
12. Chief, Analysis Group		9/5	<i>mm</i>	
13. Admin Staff			<i>SA</i>	
14. Chief, B&F			<i>B</i>	
15. <i>PO/RA</i> Exec. Reg.				

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

### I. GENERAL

1. While a number of noteworthy events took place during the month, the most significant for the Bureau was the reappearance of the Philippines' Quezon City RPN 9 TV on the 77E Palapa satellite after a forced 18-month absence for not paying Indonesia for its transmission time. With its return, on 7 July the Bureau began covering the weekday 1030-1100 GMT domestic and international newscast live, and filed a number of wire-worthy items as a result, including a recorded excerpt of President Aquino's address at the opening of the Philippines Congress. According to the newspapers, the station also carries a 1530 GMT newscast on the weekends, but it is obviously not transmitted by satellite as the ROSET cruisers have found no trace of it.

2. Running a close second was Delhi TV's coverage of Indian Prime Minister Gandhi being struck by a rifle butt wielded by an obviously disgruntled Sri Lankan sailor during a farewell ceremony at the presidential palace in Colombo on 30 July. The video recording clearly shows the sailor suddenly reverse his rifle as Gandhi walks past while inspecting a guard of honor, grab the end of the rifle barrel in both hands, and swing it in an overhead arc at Gandhi's head. The prime minister is seen to instinctively try to duck out of the way and then stumble a few feet as the rifle butt catches him a glancing blow on the back of the head and back. The video then shows an apparently unhurt Gandhi being hustled away by aides as bodyguards pounce on the sailor. The videotape of the event was sent to Headquarters by Purolator Courier.

3. When an embassy component informed the Bureau that it had a satellite dish sitting in a local warehouse that it would like to give away, Bureau Engineer [redacted] jumped at the offer and immediately began making plans as how best to utilize it at Bang Ping. [redacted] even came back from his vacation a day early so he could get his hands on it that much sooner. He might as well have stayed at the beach. His new dish turned out to be nothing more than a huge plastic water container of the type found all over Bangkok on the roofs of apartment buildings.

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## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. All Vietnamese coverage with the exception of VNA was assumed by the Bureau with the retirement of Okinawa Bureau's last Vietnamese monitor on 9 July. VNA will also become Bangkok's responsibility once the modernization program is operational here sometime in September. With the assumption of all the Hanoi casts, the Bureau ceased filing one processing FYI to Okinawa and downgraded the filing of a program summary from [ ] to routine. The Vietnamese unit's ability to cope with the additional workload was aided by the fact that its newest addition, [ ] completed his training and became a full-fledged member of the team on 13 July. STAT

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2. The Bureau was alert to Indochinese reportage/reaction to speeches by Secretary Shultz and other administration officials on the MIA issue, relations with Vietnam, and General Vessey's upcoming visit to Vietnam in view of a special memorandum AG was preparing on the MIA issue, but the only reportage thus far on the topic came from AFP.

3. A "Cocktail Party" to be attended by the two warring Cambodian sides, followed by a meeting attended by Vietnam and other interest parties, was proposed by Indonesian Foreign Minister Mokhtar in his role as ASEAN representative during his visit to Vietnam 29 July. Vietnam was reported as saying that it would consider and pass on the proposal, while the other Indochinese countries merely reported it.

4. The South Asian unit was kept busy throughout the month as a result of the ongoing violence and resulting curfews in India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. Coupled with this, the unit covered a Colombo TV passfeed on 29 July of the signing of an accord by the Indian prime minister and the Sri Lankan president to end the ethnic violence in Sri Lanka. In addition, it also dealt with an Indian cabinet reshuffle and the presidential elections in that country.

5. For the first time ever, Bang Ping cruisers intercepted a pass feed from Athens, Greece to Australia on the 60 East satellite 27 July. As the cast focused on the Athens heatwave, Bangkok staffers could muster up little sympathy for the suffering Athenians.

### B. Lateral Services

The Bureau responded to two requests from the embassy in Vientiane as well as responding to ad hoc requests from the Political and Refugee sections of the Bangkok embassy and VOA.

### C. Technical

1. The Bureau has acquired two facsimile machines that were surplus to Vienna Bureau's needs. They have been installed at the Bang Ping receiver site and the Bureau. The installation of these units provides the Bureau with rapid transmissions of hardcopy logs, diagrams, messages, etc., between the two facilities. Previously, this type of material had to be delivered by courier, often on the following day.

2. A contract has been signed with International Engineering Co. Ltd. for the purchase and installation of an ITT PBAX telephone system. The new system will consolidate the Bureau's present three intercom systems into one. Installation is expected to be completed by 31 August.

3. Engineering is now in the process of converting all of the Bureau's internal communications lines from 60 MA Current loop to low level. This will also give us a chance to clean up all the wiring associated with the Bureau's communications. The changeover will be completed before the start of the FBA-1 installation.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. Deputy Chief [ ] and family arrived PCS 4 July, just in time to cook hamburgers at the Independence Day celebrations at the International School. STAT
2. Two days later, 6 July, [ ] arrived from Okinawa for a 6-month TDY as the Bureau's satellite cruiser. STAT
3. Satellite Cruiser [ ] and his wife [ ] departed 16 July for assignment in MOD. STAT  
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4. The recently hired systems administrator, [ ] entered on duty on 20 July 1987. STAT  
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5. Chief Monitor [ ] completed 30 years of dedicated service on 14 July 1987. A congratulatory message from Chief Ops was received while [ ] was on end of tour travel. STAT  
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6. Technician [ ] became the proud father of a baby girl [ ] on 8 July. STAT  
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7. Indian Monitor [ ] who refuses to drive in Bangkok, suffered a broken foot and was laid up for two weeks after a motorcyclist went over rather than around him while he was attempting to cross the street. STAT

**IV. VISITS**

1. The chief of training visited the Bureau on 7 July and briefed staffers on the latest developments. In addition, we agreed to provide OTE with some TV entertainment programs in Thai, Indonesian, Malay, and Hindi.

2. On 10 July, several Bureau staffers, including [redacted] STAT  
[redacted] and the Bureau STAT  
chief, visited the VOA reception site and received an extended tour of the facility.

3. The Bureau hosted a lunch for five Thai NIA officials on 13 July at the New Greater Shanghai Restaurant to introduce [redacted] STAT

4. On 20 July, USIS officer Bill Shauen and Ted Kuligowski, a USIS engineer on TDY, visited the Bureau for a briefing.

5. [redacted] LEC engineer, was in Bangkok 23 July-3 August to STAT  
survey the power situation at the Bureau prior to FBA-1.

6. Stephen May, DCM-designate, American Embassy, Laos, was STAT  
given a bureau briefing and tour on 28 July. We used the occasion to reiterate our need for journals and TV recordings of special events.

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau

## BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	606,770
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	249,130
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,370

	<u>BROAD-CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI-CATION</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	23,130 min.	36,240 min.	269.50 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ROSET SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

INDIA

Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in English	1,810		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	49,080		
Delhi WTN Television Feed in English	790		
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in Hindi	600		
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	870		

INDONESIA

Jakarta ANTARA in English		640	
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MALAYSIA

Kuala Lumpur RTM Television Network 1 in Malay	1,210		
Kuala Lumpur BERNAMA in English		8,100	

PHILIPPINES

Quezon City RPN 9 Television in English	10,620		
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ERI LANKA

Colombo Rupavahini Television Feed in English	4,490		
Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English		18,400	

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>IV. OUTPUT FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			
<u>AUSTRALIA</u>			
Melbourne Overseas Service in English	16,160		
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English			600
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English			0
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			0
<u>BANGLADESH</u>			
Dhaka Overseas Service in English	3,330		
Dhaka Domestic Service in English	9,840		
Dhaka Domestic Service in Bengali	570		
Dhaka BSS in English		0	
Dhaka THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			520
Dhaka SANGBAD in Bengali			0
<u>BRUNEI</u>			
Kuala Belait THE BORNEO BULLETIN in English			0
<u>BURMA</u>			
Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	4,370		
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			140
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			0
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			0
Rangoon MYANMA ALIN in Burmese			0
<u>CAMBODIA</u>			
Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	22,160		
Phnom Penh SPK in English		14,660	
Phnom Penh SPK in French to KPL Vientiane			0
Phnom Penh SPK in French			6,410

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>CAMBODIA</u> (continued)			
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			0
Beijing International Service in Burmese			0
Beijing International Service in Indonesian			0
Beijing International Service in Lao			0
Beijing International Service in Thai			0
Beijing in Cambodian to Cambodia	1,220		
Beijing in Hindi to India	170		
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0		
Beijing in Vietnamese to Vietnam	0		
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) Voice of Tamil Eelam in English			0
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian			7,920
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay			0
(Clandestine) Voice of the Khmer in Cambodian			3,930
(Clandestine) Voice of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian			14,340
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese			2,690
(Clandestine) Voice of Tamil Eelam in Tamil			0
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English			47,020
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English			8,200

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>INDIA</u> (continued)			
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in English	1,810		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	49,080		
Delhi WTN Television Feed in English	790		
Delhi Doordarshan Television Network in Hindi	600		
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	870		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		1,220	
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			0
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			1,360
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			620
Delhi PATRIOT in English			3,370
Delhi THE HINDUSTAN TIMES in English			4,820
Delhi THE HINDU in English			2,490
Delhi INDIA TODAY in English			0
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			0
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta International Service in English	3,100		
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesian	4,940		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		640	
Jakarta JAKARTA POST in English			530
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			0
Jakarta BERITA BUANA in Indonesian			0
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			2,020
Jakarta MERDEKA in Indonesian			180
Jakarta TEMPO in Indonesian			0
Jakarta SUARA PEMBARUAN in Indonesian			1,130

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Laos	34,720		
Vientiane KPL in English		27,240	
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			0
Vientiane VIENTIANE MAI in Lao			0
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	4,930		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	1,020		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	480		
Kuala Lumpur RTM Television Network 1 in Malay	1,210		
Kuala Lumpur BERNAMA in English		8,100	
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			420
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			0
Kuala Lumpur BERITA HARIAN in Malay			0
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	620		
Kathmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			80
<u>NEW ZEALAND</u>			
Auckland THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD in English			0
Wellington THE EVENING POST in English			870

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Overseas Service in English	1,150		
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	0		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	2,540		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	15,290		
Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English			5,970
Karachi DAWN in English			1,200
Islamabad THE PAKISTAN TIMES in English			730
Karachi JASARAT in Urdu			1,590
Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu			0
Rawalpindi HAIDER in Urdu			1,950
Lahore JANG in Urdu			0
Karachi NAWA-I WAQT in Urdu			0
<u>PHILIPPINES</u>			
Quezon City RPN 9 Television in English	10,620		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	1,150		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			3,870
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			0
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	5,840		
Colombo International Service in Hindi	130		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	470		
Colombo Rupavahini Television Feed in English	4,490		
Colombo Domestic Service in Tamil	0		
Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English		18,400	
Colombo DAILY NEWS in English			1,470

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>SRI LANKA</u> (continued)			
Colombo SUN in English			0
Colombo WEEKEND in English			0
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	2,740		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Cambodian	0		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Lao	0		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	5,610		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Vietnamese	0		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	1,450		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	3,960		
Bangkok First Army Division Radio in Thai	960		
Bangkok Television Service in Thai	560		
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			12,060
Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English			4,280
Bangkok THE NATION in English			30,850
Bangkok KHAO PHISSET in Thai			0
Bangkok LAK THAI in Thai			0
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			1,220
Bangkok MATICHON SUT SAPDA in Thai			0
Bangkok NAED NA in Thai			1,700
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			2,590
Bangkok SIAM RAT SAPDA WICHAN in Thai			610
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			0
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			460
Bangkok ZHONG HUA RIBAD in Chinese			120
Bangkok XING XIAN RIBAD in Chinese			0
Bangkok XIN ZHONG YUAN RIBAD in Chinese			380

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLI- CATION</u>
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow International Service in Tamil	780		
Moscow International Service in Vietnamese	1,630		
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh	0		
Moscow in Burmese to Burma	180		
Moscow in Cambodian to Cambodia	2,280		
Moscow in Hindi to India	330		
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia	1,940		
Moscow in Lao to Laos	0		
Moscow in Thai to Thailand	0		
Moscow in Urdu to India	0		
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan	1,200		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Indonesian	0		
<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>			
London BBC World Service in English	0		
<u>VIETNAM</u>			
Hanoi International Service in English	9,540		
Hanoi International Service in Cambodian	0		
Hanoi International Service in Thai	0		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	83,530		
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			9,840
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			6,990
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese			8,900
Hanoi TAP CHI QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			6,720
Ho Chi Minh City SAIGON GIAI PHONG in Vietnamese			2,970