

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--March 1987

I. GENERAL

A. The joint declaration between China and Portugal on the return of Macao to the PRC, which was signed 26 March, created only a small stir in Hong Kong. The reaction of the business community (including Hong Kong's volatile stock market) and the Hong Kong government was restrained. While the language and provisions of the joint declaration on Macao are not significantly different than those that were negotiated for Hong Kong the Portuguese plan in theory would give up to 100,000 Macanese the right to resettle in Portugal while the British Nationalities Act of 1982 effectively shuts the door on Hong Kong residents emigrating to the UK.

B. What began as an innocuous looking provision in a new Hong Kong press law triggered a heated marathon debate this month in the Hong Kong Legislative Council (LEGCO) that provoked cries of press censorship and fueled public interest in direct elections. The bill, which was ultimately passed by the Legislative Council, provides for prison terms and fines for anyone convicted of publishing or broadcasting "false news which is likely to or has caused public alarm or public disorder." The legislation was roundly condemned by the Hong Kong media as well as international press organizations. Following the passage of the legislation there were a number of news reports about instances of government censorship of the press as well as reports of past censorship of films considered possibly offensive to the PRC. Whatever the outcome of the public debate it is clear that for the moment the freewheeling nature of the Hong Kong media establishment has been temporarily restrained.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau's split coverage of the National People's Congress (NPC) session with Okinawa Bureau has proceeded well. While Okinawa Bureau assumed responsibility for filing the brunt of the time-sensitive material, Hong Kong bureau was involved in the expeditious processing of several lengthy items which came out of the session.

The bureau assisted Okinawa in processing approximately half of the government work report delivered by PRC Premier Zhao Ziyang at the 25 March opening session. The processing assistance was part of

an offer made by the bureau to assist Okinawa with material carried on Beijing Domestic Service during the 16-day NPC session. Despite the fact the bureau's Chinese monitors have had little experience in dealing with major live speeches they managed to complete their portion of the processing in good time.

2. A Nefax machine was installed in the bureau on 11 March and successfully tested with Okinawa bureau. The fax machine will be in a receive mode 24 hours a day.

3. Construction of a new Philippine monitoring unit has been completed. The unit, which is located next to the bureau's radio room, puts the Philippine monitors on the same floor as the Chinese section and the editors. The move was made largely because of the crisis prone nature of the bureau's Philippine coverage and the need to facilitate communication between the editors and monitors during crises.

4. Preparations to pave the way for the bureau modernization have been going on throughout the month. Carpentry work to reconfigure the ~~the~~ editorial room so that it will accommodate the new pc's should be completed by no later than mid-April. The rewiring of the bureau for the pcs and LAN network got underway 31 March and should also be completed before mid-April.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

A. One of the bureau's vacant Chinese monitor positions has now been filled with the new monitor to start work in the beginning of April. The other vacant position hopefully will be filled by May. Two candidates have been identified and are currently being processed.

B. Bureau Chief [redacted] departed on tdy to Bureau Chiefs Conference 13 March.

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Visitors

Islamabad unit chief [redacted] visited bureau 31 March during unexpected layover in Hong Kong.

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Attachment and 3 - HQs
cc: 1 - C/Bangkok
1 - C/Okinawa
1 - C/Seoul

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MARCH 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1140080
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	88470
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1471

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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2985	14550	244
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)			

CHINA			
BEIJING DOMESTIC SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8130		
BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	2700		
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	11840		
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9390		
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9970		
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4750		
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5900		
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3570		
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6130		
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3420		
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7750		
SHIJIAZHUANG HEBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	890		
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	13840		
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	11250		
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8230		
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12060		
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6000		
YINCHUAN NINGXIA REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	2110		

ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12480	
BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE		5950
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE		23730
BEIJING BAOGAO WENXUE IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH		26050
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE		30440
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE		46720
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE		2520
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE		24100
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE		71840
BEIJING JIEFANGJUN BAO IN CHINESE		52150
BEIJING JIEFANGJUN WENYI IN CHINESE		1800
BEIJING JINGJI CANKAO IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE		3560
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE		19580
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE		50200
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE		11680
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE		12410
BEIJING QUNYAN IN CHINESE		2970
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE		100600
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE		11110
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE		0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE		12220
BEIJING WENYI BAO IN CHINESE		5220
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE		0

BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN CHINESE	2220
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	3880
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN CHINESE	7190
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU KAIFANG IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	9220
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG LIAOWANG OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	48300
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
KUNMING YUNNAN SIXIANG ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU GANSU RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAobao IN CHINESE	2680
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	6690
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	7650
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	4690
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	8170

HONG KONG HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN ENGLISH	150
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	470
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED IN ENGLISH	250
HONG KONG AFP IN ENGLISH	

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HONG KONG ZHONGGUO TONGXUN SHE IN CHINESE	10420
HONG KONG ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	20860
HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN ENGLISH	4450
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN CHINESE	7200
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN ENGLISH	3040
HONG KONG HONGKONG STANDARD IN ENGLISH	21490
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN CHINESE	5750
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG MING PAO IN CHINESE	8180
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN CHINESE	0
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN ENGLISH	36640
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA SUNDAY MORNING POST IN ENGLISH	2240
HONG KONG SUNDAY STANDARD IN ENGLISH	5150
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN CHINESE	7980
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN ENGLISH	2070
HONG KONG TUNG HSIANG IN ENGLISH	2510
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN CHINESE	22080
NEW ZEALAND AUCKLAND THE NEW ZEALAND HERALD IN ENGLISH	3570
WELLINGTON THE EVENING POST IN ENGLISH	4920

PHILIPPINES		
BAGUIO CITY MOUNTAIN PROVINCE BROADCASTING COMPANY IN		
ENGLISH	5050	
DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN		
TAGALOG	0	
LAGAG CITY NATION BROADCASTING COMPANY CORP. STATION DWRI IN		
ILOCANO	0	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN		
ENGLISH	13040	
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN		
TAGALOG	7260	
QUEZON CITY RADYO NG BAYAN IN		
TAGALOG	8050	
QUEZON CITY SPORTS RADIO 738 IN		
ENGLISH	5380	
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN		
ENGLISH		0
DAVAO CITY PERYODIKO DABAW IN		
ENGLISH		460
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN		
ENGLISH		0
MANILA MANILA BULLETIN IN		
ENGLISH		20740
MANILA PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER IN		
ENGLISH		21060
MANILA THE MANILA CHRONICLE IN		
ENGLISH		25600
MANILA THE MANILA TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		4660
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN		
ENGLISH		0
MANILA THE NEW PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN		
ENGLISH		0
MANILA THE PHILIPPINES STAR IN		
ENGLISH		2380
MANILA THE SUNDAY TIMES IN		
ENGLISH		1040
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN		
ENGLISH		10760
QUEZON CITY BUSINESS DAY IN		
ENGLISH		25380
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN		
ENGLISH		530
QUEZON CITY WE FORUM IN		
ENGLISH		0