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FBIS 5000-87
5 November 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Acting Chief, Operations Group
FROM:
Chief, Okinawa Bureau
SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - October 1987

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I. GENERAL

A. "These are the times that try men's souls" is a historic phrase that aptly describes Okinawa's multiple trials and tribulations in the last 10 days of October. They came about when the bureau's most important coverage event in 5 years, the 13th Chinese Communist Party Congress, coincided precisely with inauguration of the new FBA-1 computer system and numerous crashes thereof, the worst communications outages in recent memory, and a seemingly endless flow of visitors in and out. We all survived and learned from the crises, thanks to extra efforts and dedication by our entire staff. Our joint translation with Hong Kong Bureau of the major CPC Congress document, Zhao Ziyang's 2 1/2-hour work report broadcast and televised on 25 October, earned "high praise" from the BBC Monitoring Service for "extremely fast" processing. Countless immediate and priority items reporting on Congress daily press briefings, committee meetings and the like kept all consumers informed despite recurring outages on both Mode I and V channels. We learned after only a few days that the new FBA-1 press agency system could not cope with the high volume of Xinhua English, building up enormous backlogs of nonperishable materials until we changed back, with Headquarters approval, to the previous paper print and tape system for this service. We sent some 110 Xinhua items by military Express Mail to unclog the system. By Congress' end the system stopped crashing and all staff became faster and more adept at using it, and commo outages dropped to normal levels. System problems were detailed in numerous messages to Headquarters.

B. Evan Hineman, Deputy Director for Science and Technology, paid his first-ever visit to Okinawa and the bureau 25-27 October, meeting many bureau and U.S. military personnel and families at cocktail buffets, touring the bureau on CPC Congress opening day, and meeting and briefing top U.S. commanders on 26 October, with a 1-hour helicopter tour of Okinawa as a high point.

C. Evidence of persistent Okinawan resentment against mainland Japan's role in bringing widespread death and destruction at the close of World War II surfaced in the bureau's local village, Yomitan, on 26 October. The Hinomaru, Japan's national flag, was burned by a Yomitan man at the opening ceremonies for the softball tournament held in Yomitan as part of Okinawa's first hosting of the National Athletic Games. The protestor turned himself in after making a protest statement. No further incidents were reported against the Emperor or Crown Prince Akihito, who visited in place of his convalescing father, for the games' opening on 25 October.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Our new, flexible processing approach in the Chinese Unit passed its toughest test with flying colors for the CPC Congress opening day, enabling us to move some 16,000 words of Zhao's main report in about 10 hours, while keeping up with video reportage from Beijing domestic TV carrying its first public Congress opening. Our half was done entirely from the excellent satellite TV sound, with secondary radio coverage being deferred briefly to permit moving the main document.

2. The main problem with FBA-1 press agency processing, as shown in our first experience starting 20 October, was the extremely slow, cumbersome computer manipulations required to retrieve, process and pass along Xinhua English items compared to the previous retrieval, editing and handling system using Extel printouts and perforated tape. The FBA program required moving back and forth from WriteNOW wordprocessing to database modes and slow scanning of the computer-stored Xinhua log, and the problem was accentuated by Xinhua's high traffic volume and long hours of operation. Computer directories became so large it took editors 3-4 times as long to get an item as it did before. At month's end, Lockheed specialists were devising a better way, while we were reducing our backlog by using tape and printouts on Xinhua for current material. By contrast, FBA-1 has greatly speeded handling of translated material once it reaches the editors, and monitors are becoming familiar with the system.

3. Two significant coverage transfers took place. Bangkok Bureau assumed primary coverage of Hanoi's VNA English press agency transmissions on 25 October, just in time to relieve Okinawa of that burden as the CPC Congress opened; Okinawa continues to monitor and store VNA in its FBA-1 press agency station to backup Bangkok. We took over both Moscow and Beijing Korean commentary program coverage from Seoul Bureau on 5 October to relieve Seoul's monitoring staff, reduced by illness and resignation. At month-end we agreed to loan Japanese/Korean senior monitor [redacted] to Seoul starting 2 November to assist until Seoul's monitoring staff returns to manageable levels.

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4. Our Japanese Unit had major coverage of its own--Prime Minister Nakasone on 20 October chose ex-Finance Minister Noboru Takeshita to succeed him, and the new Liberal Democratic Party chief held his first televised press conference on 31 October. We also were urged by Headquarters to provide expanded coverage of Japan's reaction to the 19 October Wall Street "Black Monday" crash and the gyrations of Tokyo's own stock exchange, the world's largest, and other financial and economic developments.

5. We exchanged views with Hong Kong, London and MOD on how best to back up our primary coverage of Beijing Xinhua English when it shows seasonal propagation problems each fall and spring, usually during local late evening. All have agreed to continue with London as a primary backup for this service, using its new computer storage, to avoid Hong Kong late-night staffing problems.

B. Cruising

We reported another Moscow Mandarin change in announcements for four local evening transmissions from 1100 through 1500 GMT, again describing them as for listeners in Southeast Asia. Cruisers provided fall seasonal updates on Beijing and Moscow Radio and Moscow Peace and Progress broadcasts in international services and noted both Tokyo KYODO English and Iran's IRNA English transmissions on the 63 East satellite. Satellite cruising was very limited because of Beijing and Moscow TV commitments on our single 10-meter dish.

C. Technical

1. Bureau technicians played a major role in timely completion of the FBA-1 computer system installation, which had to be placed in steel conduit to avoid serious EMI damage to low-level RF signals running in the same cable trenches from our surrounding antenna field. They also rewired press agency converters to serve both the FBA-1 press agency computer as well as eight press printers for our most important press coverage. These allow continuous monitoring of reception quality, not possible with FBA-1, and also provide perforated paper tape for primary and backup use.

2. Regional Engineer [] was TDYed to Manila to install radios and related gear for the new remote monitoring system, unfortunately right in the middle of catastrophic Okinawa communications outages and new FBA-1 system crashes on 27-30 October. [] kept so busy inside the Embassy that none of the 28 October sniper attacks could target him. As a result of the sniper attacks and general unrest in the Philippines, Kadena Air Base has imposed tight controls over all travel to Clark AFB, and leave travel to the Philippines is banned completely.

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3. Technical installation of equipment for testing new international direct dial modems was completed, allowing TDYing GE contractor [] to test transmissions to Far Eastern bureaus and Headquarters during his 16-31 October TDY. The IDD system is a possible future backup communications altroute.

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4. A new 4.5 -meter ROSET antenna system purchased by Bangkok Bureau for Okinawa arrived on 27 October, only 4 days after MAC shipment, and was being unpacked and readied for installation at month-end. It will replace the "Pesos" dish destroyed by Typhoon Dinah on 29 August.

D. Communications

The bureau experienced its worst communications outages in at least 5 years in late October, mostly on Mode I, simultaneously with inauguration of the new FBA-1 system. Repeated checks and queries established that the primary causes lie in Guam ASC. These outages reemphasized the value of our Mode V Yokota ASC backup circuit, which enables us to send and receive secure cables as well as back up other Asian FBIS bureaus sending to us by telex. [redacted]

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Chinese monitor [redacted] was promoted from trainee FBN-7 to FBN-8. Trainee [redacted] advised us he intends to resign and return to Taiwan in December. Processing of replacement monitor applicants continue.

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2. Four bureau TCN employees were presented federal service pins in bureau chief's office ceremonies 21 October: associate editor [redacted] 25 years, Japanese monitor [redacted] 20, associate editor [redacted] and Chinese monitor [redacted] 10 years each.

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3. The dollar began sinking to new all time record lows against the Japanese yen at month-end, in the 137 to \$1.00 range, apparently ensuring that Okinawa's Class 25 COLA will remain intact for the foreseeable future. This is the lowest rate since 1948.

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4. Regional medical officer [redacted] paid his first visit to Okinawa since arriving this summer, examining and certifying three TCN families for Overseas Medical Benefits Program coverage, and paying calls on major commanders at the Camp Lester Navy Hospital, accompanied by admin officer [redacted] We have now arranged a charge system with Lester hospital, so that a monthly billing will take care of all bureau personnel medical visits.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

Lt. Col Jerry Berry, Okinawa Area commander, Corps of Engineers, visited the bureau 20 October with his staff to provide the first of new monthly updates on our FBIS housing recap program. We have been advised that all materials have now arrived to complete the new 3-bedroom duplex and the seven 4-bedroom house renovations. We were given revised cost

estimates to remodel a 3-bedroom house into a 2-bedroom duplex, but costs still appear too high. We also discussed further the next design stage for the 16-house GSWK renovation project. GSWK houses were inspected to determine the extent of any termite damage in roof substructures and air conditioning units. We expect to have 90 percent design drawings completed by the end of November, with contract award early in 1988.

IV. VISITORS

To the Bureau:

Lockheed Electronics Co. computer specialists [redacted] arrived 2 October for FBA-1; LEC's [redacted] on 9 October; ADD's [redacted] and GE contractor [redacted] on 16 October; Tokyo communications trainer on 19 October; Seoul security technicians to install alarm systems 22-24 October; DD/S&T Evan Hineman 25-27 October; RMO [redacted] 28-30 October for orientation and tour of Camp Lester Navy Hospital; DOD Special Representative Yokota specialists Randy Casper and Sergeant Clack, on 7 October for briefing on ROSET antenna capabilities.

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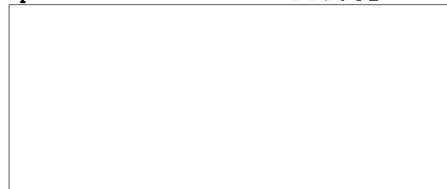
Bureau chief to First Special Forces Group, First Battalion, Torii Station, on 5 October for courtesy call on commander Lt. Col Travis Griffin; bureau chief, accompanying Evan Hineman, for courtesy calls and briefings with 313th Air Division commander Brig. Gen. Peter D. Robinson and III Marines Amphibious Force/3rd Marine Division Commander Maj. Gen. Norman H. Smith, and to Hanza Naval Security Group Activity commander Capt. John Moore, all on 26 October; Logistics officer [redacted] Headquarters TDY on 19 October while on R&R leave in the U.S.; regional engineer [redacted] to Manila 27-30 October for installation of Hong Kong remote equipment; LEC computer installers [redacted] departed 22 and 24 October, and [redacted] on 29 October; GE contractor [redacted] departed on 31 October for Seoul and further modem testing.

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

A number of FBIS and Lockheed employees with families made a 12 October Columbus Day boat trip to Tsuken Island for snorkeling, SCUBA lessons and picnicking. Bureau personnel and spouses met DDS&T Evan Hineman at a 25 October cocktail buffet at the bureau chief's residence, and Okinawa military and consul general leadership met him on 26 October at a similar soiree.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Production Report
- Engineering Equipment Attachment

OKINAWA BUREAU ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT ATTACHMENT

EQUIPMENT RECEIVED: SONY U-MATIC VIDEO RECORDER, MDL 5630,
 S/N 64236, 64252, 64255, 64257.

 SHARP TV MONITOR, MDL 14S11-A1, S/N
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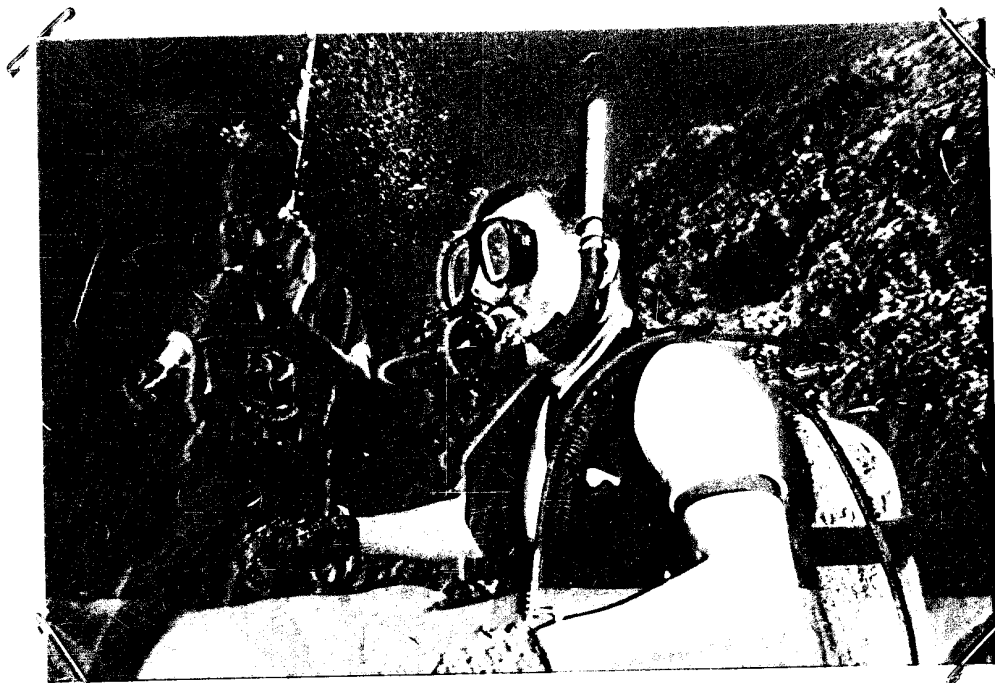
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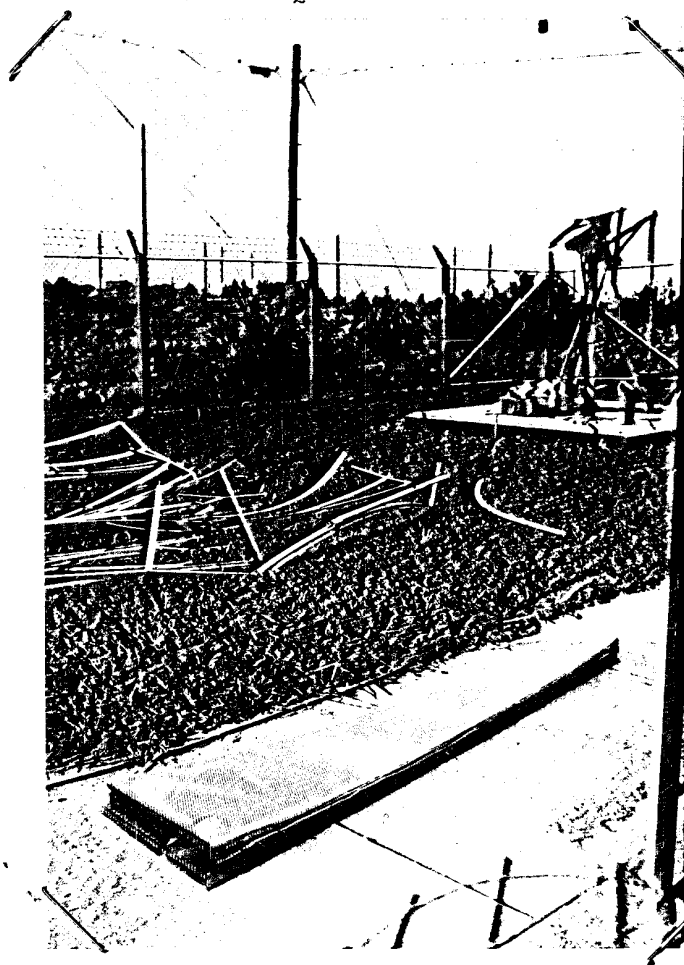
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EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL: NONE.

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OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 985,890
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 543,150
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 2,909

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	21,225 min.	17,280 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in
English

CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in
English

Beijing International Service to North America in
English

2,940

Beijing International Service in
Japanese

1,040

Beijing International Service in
Korean

1,070

Beijing International Service in
Mandarin

Beijing to Taiwan in
Mandarin

3,490

Beijing to the USSR in
Russian

6,380

Beijing Domestic Service in
Mandarin

32,950

Beijing Television Service in
Mandarin

22,210

Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in
Mandarin

980

Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in
Mandarin

910

Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in
Mandarin

4,500

Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in
Mandarin

5,460

Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in
Mandarin

3,310

Shanghai City Service in
Mandarin

6,580

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing HONGQI in Chinese			28,180
Beijing XINHUA in English		450,970	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		88,860	
Beijing BELJING REVIEW in English			27,660
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			1,660
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			2,240
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			3,410
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			530
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			2,110
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			3,450
Miscellaneous Editorial Reports	4,040		
JAPAN			
Naha Radio NHK in Japanese	180		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	5,510		
Tokyo JPS in English		950	
Tokyo KYODO in English		115,350	
Tokyo JIJI in English		5,480	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			---
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			---
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			7,360
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			700
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			8,510

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Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			6,890
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,910
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,610
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			7,970
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			4,570
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			---
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,460
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			---
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			600
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English			---
LAOS			
Vientiane KPL in English			---
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		730	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		3,860	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	5,580		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	3,280		
Taipei CNA in English		15,170	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			3,150
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			950
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---

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Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	3,230		
Moscow International Service in Mandarin	7,410		
Moscow to Southeast in Mandarin	---		
Moscow Radio Peace & Progress to Asia-Pacific Region in Mandarin	1,110		
Moscow International Service in Korean	650		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	7,720		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	---		
Hanoi VNA in English		52,710	