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4 September 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

FROM:   
Chief, Okinawa Bureau

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I. GENERAL

A. A powerful Typhoon Dinah struck Okinawa the weekend of 29-30 August, the first major typhoon this summer and the strongest in 18 years. Dinah, packing centerwinds of 105 knots, destroyed the bureau's small "PESOS" satellite dish, blowing pieces of it around the yard after 3 of 6 guywires snapped in winds reaching more than 80 mph at the bureau, and over 100 mph at Kadena Air Base. Regional Engineer  went out and gathered up the pieces at the height of the typhoon, but the damage proved too great to allow repairs. Five of seven beverage antennas suffered damage ranging from broken wires to tipped poles, and rhombics had broken guys, uprooted anchor rods and broken curtain wires. There was minor water leakage at the Bolo operations site and at about half a dozen FBIS houses at Kadena from some 10 inches of rain that fell in 24 hours. Uprooted trees and broken limbs were common, but no major damage occurred. U.S. military elements estimated some \$500,000 damage total. Only one death occurred--a U.S. Air Force man injured when he was tossed against rocks at the Sunabe seawall while watching huge waves pushed by Dinah.

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B. The new bureau chief arrived on Okinawa 26 August after two days of visits with Tokyo Embassy contacts en route, ending a summer hiatus in chieftery dating from 20 June. The new chief attended his first change of command ceremony on 28 August at Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, where Brig. Gen. Frank A. Huey took over from Brig. Gen. H.C. Stackpole III as commanding general. He paid courtesy calls on 31 August to 313th Air Division commander Brig. Gen. Keith Connolly, Kadena AFB commander Col. Frank Garza, Consul General Karl Spence Richardson, Army Corps of Engineers Okinawa area engineer Lt. Col. Jerry L. Berry, DOD Special Representative for Okinawa Charles Gibson, and Lt. Col. Paul R. Schaffenberger, commander of the 6990th Electronic Security Group. On 1 September he and the deputy chief met and were briefed by the U.S. Forces Japan Okinawa Area Field Office secretary, Lt. Col. Chris Tragakis, on relations with the Japanese and among USFJ elements on Okinawa. The new chief was welcomed at a small cocktail buffet at the deputy chief's house, just as Typhoon Dinah reached the 1-Emergency stage the evening of 29 August.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Loss to Typhoon Dinah of the small "PESOS" ROSET dish, which had been used since February 1986 to monitor Moscow TV from the Orbita 1 transmission on the 140 East satellite, will cost Okinawa coverage of only one Class B scheduled Moscow TV program during local evening hours, 1000-1500 GMT when our 10-meter dish is committed to Beijing TV. The period dedicated to Beijing may extend if special Beijing TV coverage occurs during the October CPC Congress. Our dispersed Moscow TV coverage during the rest of the day will mean little dish time available for satellite cruising. We have asked Headquarters to seek a replacement dish in the U.S. that could replace PESOS until a second large dish becomes available--a replacement that preferably could be easily dismantled and stored during typhoons.

2. Okinawa provided a week-long television monitoring shortcourse for Seoul Bureau associate editor [redacted] 2-8 August. He worked with Russian, Japanese and Chinese television monitors in live and recorded processing and also worked the editorial desk one evening.

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3. Chinese monitor [redacted] resigned 28 August to return to Taiwan; new Chinese monitor trainee [redacted] arrived 11 August to replace him. Chief Monitor [redacted] was presented a quality step increase on 28 August in recognition of his sustained superior performance for many years.

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4. London Bureau advised us on 24 August of its new, improved computer-controlled Xinhua English press agency backup capability. Bureau editors were alerted to the need for fast alerts to London if our Xinhua English reception deteriorates--a problem that usually occurs only during the fall and spring when propagation becomes poor before Xinhua changes.

5. The Bureau is reviewing Chinese Unit program and processing assignment schedules with a view to gaining flexibility when major lengthy items are to be processed quickly. This will ensure maximum processing capability for the Chinese party congress, now announced to start 25 October.

### B. Cruising

Attempts to monitor the clandestine, Pyongyang-controlled Voice of National Salvation broadcasts that Seoul Bureau had difficulty monitoring due to a powerful interfering transmitter were unsuccessful at Okinawa also, falling below the level of monitorability. Satellite cruising provided updates on Moscow's 140 E for Orbita 1 Moscow TV first program and Moscow TV second program double 1, as well as other Moscow TV spans on the 90E and 80E satellites.

C. Communications

Headquarters telex tests and message exchanges with FBIS Asian bureaus clarified confusion over the correct telex codes. Asian bureaus use 07279898, while Headquarters must use 781 in lieu of 72. Okinawa experienced an unusual number of Mode I and V outages in August, which the Guam and Yokota ASCs reported were largely due to satellite or tropospheric scatter link malfunctions. These outages also affected reliability of our secure communications traffic through Yokota's Mode V.

D. Lateral Services

The U.S. Defense Liaison Office in Hong Kong requested restoration of Beijing TV videoselection list service from Okinawa that had been dropped in October 1986 after we assumed direct satellite coverage of this service from Hong Kong Bureau. DLO also asked for selected Beijing TV tapes in a PLA anniversary series.

E. Technical

Bureau technical preparations for the planned FBA-1 computer installation now set tentatively for October were largely completed. All monitoring booths have been reworked to lower and enlarge desks for the computers, excess unused cables have been pulled from cable trenches where possible, and all radioteletype equipment was modified to low-level, RS-232 outputs to conform to FBA requirements, primarily for press agency circuits. Minor booth renovation in the Russian booths continues.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. [redacted] of the FBIS Administrative Staff, Foreign National Unit, TDYed at the bureau 20-28 August, holding discussions with bureau managers and large numbers of TCN employees about pay, benefits, and privileges, and also studying the Master Labor Contract system applied to our 50 MLC employees.

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2. Bureau engineer [redacted] was promoted to GS0-12 effective 5 July, and logistics officer [redacted] was promoted to GS0-11 effective 2 August.

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3. The Okinawa Post Allowance class decreased from 25 to 20 effective 2 August, evidently based on a short-lived dollar upsurge against the yen. The yen soon regained its strength and the exchange rate is again hovering in the 140 or 142 to \$1 range it held last spring when the COLA class was raised to 25.

4. [redacted] NEAD deputy chief who TDYed at Okinawa from 27 June, departed 5 August to return to Washington after assisting in bureau management and studies for a proverbial 40 days and nights.

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5. Kadena AFB security police applied a "hands-on" ID card policy most of August, under a "Threat condition alpha" alert due to the Persian Gulf tension and concern about possible terrorist incidents in Japan. Long waiting lines ensued at base main gates until the month-end, when the policy returned to normal.

6. Bureau editors became involved in a SCUBA death incident at Bolo Point on 22 August, when swimmers accompanying the victim used our phone to alert rescue units that a diver had suffered an air embolism at the point; the diver died at Camp Lester hospital.

B. Buildings and Grounds

1. Message exchanges with Headquarters established that additional FY-87 funds can be reserved to continue the bureau housing recapitalization program without interruption during FY-1988. Completion of the new 3-bedroom duplex and the first three 4-bedroom house renovations under the FY-86 contract continued to be stalled for lack of CONUS-supplied building and window materials, cabinets and the like. We have pressed the Corps of Engineers and the contractor for new completion dates, which should be 60 days after the missing materials arrive on site. The FBIS playground tennis court renovation project is expected to be completed by mid-September.

IV. VISITORS

To the Bureau:

Army Captains Jones, Coles and Hines, of the U.S. Army Information Systems Command Battalion at the Buckner ASC, on 19 August for bureau orientation; [redacted] FBIS Administrative Staff, 20-28 August for orientation and discussions.

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From the Bureau:

Bureau engineer [redacted] to Bangkok Bureau while on private travel to Thailand 21-29 August.

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Attachments:

- Engineering Equipment Attachment
- Production Report

## OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR AUGUST 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1,018,830
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	514,340
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	3,128

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	21,015 min.	19,065 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

## CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in  
English

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## CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	---
Beijing International Service to North America in English	990
Beijing International Service in Japanese	2,290
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	---
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	3,070
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	3,060
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	10,660
Beijing Television Service in Mandarin	2,610
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	1,830
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,020
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,530
Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	10,840
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	5,460
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	7,720

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing HONGQI in Chinese			46,680
Beijing XINHUA in English		453,920	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		103,150	
Beijing BELJING REVIEW in English			5,600
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			3,480
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			4,570
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			580
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			940
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			3,900
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			2,050
Miscellaneous Editorial Reports	1,980		
JAPAN			
Naha Radio NHK in Japanese	640		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	7,420		
Tokyo JPS in English		4,090	
Tokyo KYODO in English		115,740	
Tokyo JJI in English		40,000	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			80
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,210
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			5,810
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			560
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			9,410

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,000
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			5,250
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			3,830
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			8,130
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			6,040
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			200
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,940
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			380
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			---
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English			---
LAOS			
Vientiane KPL in English			---
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		340	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		4,740	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	6,260		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	1,670		
Taipei CNA in English		17,350	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			3,600
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			1,430



	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLIC- CATIONS
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			2,010
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	5,800		
Moscow International Service in Mandarin	11,510		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	17,170		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	---		
Hanoi VNA in English		45,290	