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**FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
HONG KONG BUREAU**

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

The continuing proliferation of Chinese publications, an agenda topic at the upcoming Bureau Chiefs Conference, has underscored the need to streamline the Bureau's press coverage of China. The Bureau this month requested and received approval to drop from coverage the following publications: Beijing XINWEN ZHANXIAN, Beijing SHIJIE LISHI, Beijing ZHEXUE YANJIU, Beijing FAZHI RIBAO, Kunming YUNNAN RIBAO, Lanzhou GANSU RIBAO, Wuhan HUBEI RIBAO, Xian SHAANXI RIBAO, and Zhengzhou HENAN RIBAO. The Bureau will continue to receive the five provincial dailies as a backstop of major speeches by the provincial party secretaries in case reception difficulties hamper processing from the radios.

The Beijing contractor at the beginning of the month pouched to the Bureau copies of the new PRC monthly DANG JIAN (PARTY BUILDING). The Bureau's review of this journal revealed that it included many articles that fell into the mandatory processing category. Since the Okinawa Bureau deputy chief had recently, during a visit to Hong Kong, requested that Hong Kong look for ways to share out some good PRC publications, the Bureau offered the DANG JIAN journal to Okinawa, and it accepted coverage after coordination with NEAD.

The Beijing contractor also was able to obtain the first issue of the new Chinese journal JUNSHI SHIJIE (MILITARY WORLD). The Bureau offered this monthly to NEAD for coverage because of its heavy reliance on pictures, charts, and graphs as part of the articles. NEAD has accepted coverage of this journal.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The principal news stories out of China this past month were the meetings of the Chinese leadership in the resort city of Beidaihe, Japanese Prime Minister Takeshita's visit, and the visit of Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Rogachev to discuss the issue over Cambodia and Vietnam's withdrawal from the country. The Bureau filed a high volume of materials on these events both from the Chinese central media and the Chinese Hong Kong press, which was particularly revealing on the Beidaihe meetings and included reports of problems among the leadership over the pace of reform.

2. Coverage of the Philippines included a Muslim kidnapping of an American couple in retaliation for the downing of the Iranian airliner, a request by deposed President Marcos to return, Vice President Laurel's breaking with the Aquino administration and forming a new opposition coalition, and a call by renegade Army Colonel Honasan for President Aquino's overthrow. The call by Honasan for Aquino's overthrow came just days before the first anniversary of his attempted coup and Aquino's departure for Brunei, so the Bureau staffed an additional Philippine monitor shift on Sunday the 28th to cover an Aquino speech that day and to watch for any untoward developments.

3. The Bureau's Manila contractor is continuing to work with the contractors recommended by the Regional Communications Office to improve Metro Manila television reception. This project has been slowed by the fact that one antenna cannot bring in all four television stations with good reception. A second antenna currently is being erected, and a switch will allow the contractor to choose between the two antennas. This project should be completed within the next few weeks.

### B. Lateral Services

1. At the the BBC's request, the Bureau conducted cruising surveys at the beginning and end of the month in search of a reported broadcast by Radio Television Hong Kong beamed at Vietnam for the purpose of discouraging boat people from coming to Hong Kong. Both surveys produced negative results.

2. The Bureau processed on a priority basis a RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION interview with the Chinese Marine commander for the Consulate Defense Liaison Office. The DLO expressed its appreciation.

C. Technical

1. All of the IC's on the interface card in the Mount Butler remote site Megamux equipment, damaged by a lightning storm in July, have been replaced. However, the equipment continued to suffer from frequent failures. An inspection by the Bureau technicians revealed that the autoframe card could not work in a slave mode. This problem was overcome by exchanging the card being used at the Bureau with the defective one.

2. The Bureau has been informed by Action Computer Enterprise that the Telebit engineers in the States are processing the necessary forms to obtain permission from the Hong Kong Telephone Company to allow use of the Telebit IDD modem in Hong Kong. This whole process will take 3 to 4 months.

III. ADMINISTRATION

At an office gathering on the 17th, the Bureau Chief presented promotions to: Chinese Monitor [redacted] to 10/1; Chinese Monitor [redacted] to 9/1; [redacted] to 9/1; System Administrator [redacted] to 8/6; Deputy System Administrator [redacted] to 7/3; Commo Supervisor [redacted] to 7/2; and Teletypist [redacted] to 6/1.

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IV. VISITS

[redacted] a senior China analyst at Headquarters, and Lee Sands, an economic officer at the American Embassy Beijing, visited the Bureau on the 10th for a briefing and tour of the Bureau with the Bureau Chief.

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V. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

A farewell luncheon was held on the 30th for [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] at the Indonesian Restaurant in Causeway Bay. [redacted] is returning to Headquarters to work on the Daily Report.

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