

4 August 1982
MBK-0021

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Bangkok Bureau--July 1982

I. GENERAL

July was dominated by logistical activity. Chief Engineer [redacted] and his staff were principally occupied the entire month with preparing apartments within the Embassy new housing program for the arrival of four staff officers within 5 weeks. In addition to the normal activity of hooking up all appliances and installing air conditioners, the staff had to either arrange for or move newly purchased furniture sets into the new quarters and see to the delivery and installation of carpeting and curtains. With none of the existing staff quarters being included in the housing pool, [redacted] crew was further burdened with the unusual task of dismantling and cleaning up all vacated quarters of the four departing staffers. Following this summer's large turnover, only one bureau staffer will remain outside the housing program.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Developments in Indochina remained at the center of bureau operations during the month. In an apparent attempt to turn international attention away from the formation of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea, the foreign ministers of Laos, Kampuchea and Vietnam met in Ho Chi Minh City where they issued a number of "peace proposals" designed to entice ASEAN into mitigating its support for the new coalition government and to enter into a regional dialogue with the Indochinese countries. These proposals were quickly rejected by the ASEAN countries.

One of the most striking of the Indochinese peace overtures was the announcement of a partial withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Kampuchea. This demarche started off on the wrong foot as far as the

Vietnamese were concerned, however, when in spite of numerous announcements in the Kampuchean and Vietnamese media of the departure of various units from Kampuchea and their subsequent arrival in Ho Chi Minh City where they were said to have received a festive greeting, foreign correspondents in that city reported no troop movements or gatherings of any sort. These reports led to a number of corrections and clarifications issued by the Vietnamese.

Also of great interest was the visit of SRV Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach to three ASEAN countries and Burma to explain the new Indochinese proposals. Vietnamese handling of this event was unusual in that they failed to mention his departure and subsequently reported that he was on a "private visit."

2. Alerted by a Mission contact to the possibility that the KPRLF had begun independent radio transmissions, the bureau mounted a cruising effort to monitor this new radio. Several days of listening, however, revealed no trace of the radio. Cruising efforts continue.

B. Lateral Services

1. The Bureau was asked by an officer of the Mission's Orderly Departure Program if Vietnamese media had reported a "Proclamation 31" imposing severe penalties on persons attempting to flee the country illegally. He also asked if the bureau had monitored any reports on arrests of illegal emigrants and the penalties imposed on them. The bureau provided the officer with copies of a number of reports on arrests and convictions of persons apprehended while attempting to flee Vietnam but was unable to locate any mention of "Proclamation 31." The bureau's information was incorporated into a State cable and the bureau subsequently agreed to supply the mission's Refugee Office with copies of all monitored items on refugees.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. A gala bureau party was thrown on the top floor of the bureau on 2 July in honor of departing deputy bureau chief [redacted] and editor [redacted] and to welcome the bureau's newest employee, Cambodian/French monitor [redacted]. The occasion was also used to announce FBIS' withdrawal from the State Department's FSN system, an announcement which spurred the celebrating. STAT
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2. Burmese monitor [redacted] returned to duty on 2 July following maternity leave. STAT

3. Deputy Chief [redacted] and editor [redacted] and their families departed the bureau PCS on 9 July. STAT

4. Editor [redacted] arrived PCS on 14 July. STAT

5. Most of the bureau's personnel attended the wedding on 15 July of Vietnamese monitor [redacted] The bride is [redacted]
[redacted]

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6. On 29 July, the bureau's request for an extension of Indonesian monitor [redacted] employment for 2 years beyond the local retirement age of 60 was approved by the Embassy's Personnel Office.

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7. New Deputy Chief [redacted] arrived PCS on 30 July.

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8. Indonesian/Malay monitor candidate [redacted] was put in for clearance processing at the end of the month. A trip to Singapore and Kuala Lumpur is still scheduled for later in the fiscal year to interview and test other candidates.

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9. Bureau Chief [redacted] arrived PCS on 2 August. He will assume his responsibilities on 11 August.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

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C. Other

At the request of the Ambassador, the bureau chief met with DCM Stapleton Roy and Acting Administrative Counselor Truman Brown on 21 July to discuss the impact on the Mission caused by FBIS' withdrawal from the State Department's Foreign National Wage and Classification System. Assurances were given the DCM that the withdrawal would bring about little if any change in the bureau's relationships and dealings with the rest of the Mission. Earlier in the month, similar assurances were given the local RAMC chief, Sid Blakely.

IV. VISITS

To the bureau:

1. John Muehlke, the new consul in Udorn in northeast Thailand, visited the bureau on 12 July for a briefing and tour. He requested several local lateral services, which will be arranged in August.

2. [redacted] visited the bureau 19-22 July as part of his survey of health and living conditions of FBIS foreign national employees.

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V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The bureau chief and his wife were among the official guests invited to the Embassy's traditional 4th of July reception held this year on 2 July at Ambassador Dean's residence. Ambassador and Mrs. Dean also kindly hosted a farewell reception on 3 August for the outgoing bureau chief and his wife that was attended by a number of FBIS couples and personnel from other Mission components.

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Chief, Bangkok Bureau, FBIS

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Engineer Report

Production Report

ENGINEERING ATTACHMENT

July Monthly Report

Bangkok Bureau

A. Non-Expendable Property Received:

1. The bureau's third and fourth sets of residential furniture for staff apartments (3-bedroom) were received this month under FBIS contract S48-fa-1757.

2. Three 30-inch LP gas stoves, Sears Kenmore, Model 22K71421N, were received from Headquarters Logistics.

3. The 30-channel recorder/reproducer system manufactured by Magnasync/Moviola Corporation, consisting of the following equipment, was received from headquarters:

a.	30-channel recorder	TR 2030D	1 ea
b.	30-channel reproducer	TR 2030	1 ea
c.	Time Code Generator	TAC 601/2	1 ea
d.	Time Code Reader	TAC 601/3	1 ea
e.	Magnetic Tape	P/N 030-0015	100 ea

4. Duplicator, Rex-Rotary model-22, S/N 104673350 -- purchased locally.

B. Items of Engineering Interest:

1. The long-awaited 30-channel recorder system manufactured by Magnasync/Moviola Corp. was installed [redacted] STAT
[redacted] this month. Its main function is STAT
to backstop all voice programs fed simultaneously to the
monitoring booths [redacted] Each recorded reel STAT
(24-hour capacity) will be retained for 90 days. The
system is undergoing testing and should be fully operational
in August.

2. An emergency alarm switch--recommended by the regional security officer during his June survey--was installed next to the slot editor's desk. A second switch will be installed at the bureau receptionist's desk. When activated, an alarm will alert the Marine guard on duty at the Chancery post for immediate assistance to FBIS.

BANGKOK BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JULY 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	599,090 (515,280)
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	219,550 (196,110)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,436 (1,313)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	15,035 (15,050) min.	20,085 (20,085) min.	200.23 (200.23) issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

AFGHANISTAN

Kabul KABUL NEW TIMES in English			0 (0)
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AUSTRALIA

Melbourne Overseas Service in English	23,420 (12,330)		
Sydney THE AUSTRALIAN in English			490 (0)
Sydney THE BULLETIN in English			0 (0)
Sydney THE WEEKEND AUSTRALIAN in English			0 (0)

BANGLADESH

Dacca Domestic Service in Bengali	0 (1,950)		
Dacca Domestic Service in English	3,080 (2,330)		
Dacca SANGBAD in Bengali			0 (70)
Dacca THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER in English			0 (630)

BURMA

Rangoon Domestic Service in Burmese	5,540 (3,370)		
Rangoon BOTATAUNG in Burmese			320 (0)
Rangoon LOKTHA PYEITHU NEZIN in Burmese			0 (110)
Rangoon MYANMA in Burmese			330 (0)
Rangoon WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English			300 (890)
Rangoon Domestic Service in English	240 (330)		

CHINA

Beijing in Bengali to India and Pakistan	0 (0)		
Beijing in Burmese to Burma	4,220 (0)		
Beijing in Cambodian to Kampuchea	6,130 (2,370)		
Beijing in Hindi to South Asia	0 (0)		
Beijing in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 (0)		
Beijing in Lao to Laos	1,110 (0)		
Beijing in Malay to Malaysia	0 (0)		
Beijing in Thai to Thailand	0 (0)		
Beijing in Urdu to India and Pakistan	0 (0)		

	<u>BROADCAST</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>CLANDESTINE</u>			
(Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian to Kampuchea	18,980 (26,700)		
(Clandestine) Voice of Malayan Democracy in Malay	2,320 (2,140)		
(Clandestine) Voice of the People of Burma in Burmese to Burma	1,360 (3,730)		
(Clandestine) SSPT in Thai to Thailand	2,290 (7,850)		
<u>HONG KONG</u>			
Hong Kong AFP in English		62,760 (72,800)	
<u>INDIA</u>			
Delhi General Overseas Service in English	2,750 (1,910)		
Delhi Domestic Service in English	17,750 (16,380)		
Delhi ISI Diplomatic Information Service in English		650 (1,060)	
Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English			480 (1,030)
Delhi NATIONAL HERALD in English			2,890 (3,890)
Delhi PATRIOT in English			6,490 (0)
Bombay THE TIMES OF INDIA in English			0 (0)
Calcutta ANANDA BAZAR PATRIKA in Bengali			0 (0)
Calcutta THE STATESMAN in English			0 (460)
Madras THE HINDU in English			2,940 (650)
Delhi Domestic Service in Hindi	480 (0)		
<u>INDONESIA</u>			
Jakarta Domestic Service in Indonesia	4,360 (6,100)		
Jakarta ANTARA in English		20,140 (12,390)	
Jakarta OANA in English		0 (0)	
Jakarta KOMPAS in Indonesian			4,310 (0)
Jakarta THE INDONESIA TIMES in English			5,670 (580)
<u>KAMPUCHEA</u>			
Phnom Penh International Service in English	0 (0)		
Phnom Penh International Service in Thai	0 (0)		
Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian	43,050 (37,210)		
Phnom Penh SPK in French		33,330 (24,420)	
		0 (0)	
		0 (70)	
<u>LAOS</u>			
Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao	23,280 (13,490)		
Vientiane KPL in English		15,430 (8,410)	
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Vientiane SIANG PASASON in Lao			0 (0)

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	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>MALAYSIA</u>			
Kuala Lumpur International Service in English	11,910 (8,550)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in English	4,880 (3,970)		
Kuala Lumpur Domestic Service in Malay	0 (0)		
Kuala Lumpur NEW STRAITS TIMES in English			2,320 (700)
Kuala Lumpur NEW SUNDAY TIMES in English			440 (0)
<u>NEPAL</u>			
Katmandu External Service in English	100 (0)		
Katmandu THE RISING NEPAL in English			700 (190)
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu	140 (650)		
Karachi Domestic Service in English	3,130 (7,880)		
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	6,940 (9,580)		
<u>SINGAPORE</u>			
Singapore Domestic Service in English	2,280 (9,010)		
Singapore THE STRAITS TIMES in English			1,810 (9,980)
Singapore THE SUNDAY TIMES in English			0 (810)
<u>SRI LANKA</u>			
Colombo International Service in English	1,140 (1,440)		
Colombo Domestic Service in English	1,120 (0)		
Colombo SUN in English			1,150 (1,020)
Colombo WEEKEND in English			0 (0)
<u>THAILAND</u>			
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in English	5,420 (7,360)		
Bangkok Voice of Free Asia in Thai	8,380 (4,710)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in English	5,380 (4,110)		
Bangkok Domestic Service in Thai	10,120 (10,440)		
Bangkok MATICHON in Thai			1,930 (280)
Bangkok MATUPHUM in Thai			430 (0)
Bangkok NATION REVIEW in English			32,170 (24,180)
Bangkok BANGKOK POST in English			29,740 (23,500)
Bangkok SIAM RAT in Thai			2,190 (3,600)
Bangkok SU ANAKHOT in Thai			3,980 (0)
Bangkok THAI RAT in Thai			850 (0)
Bangkok BANGKOK WORLD in English			710 (1,740)

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in Bengali to Bangladesh	0 (1,120)		
Moscow in Burmese to Burma	1,030 (0)		
Moscow in Cambodian to Kampuchea	0 (750)		
Moscow in Hindi to India	990 (620)		
Moscow in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 (0)		
Moscow in Lao to Laos	880 (1,360)		
Moscow in Thai to Thailand	910 (0)		
Moscow in Urdu to India	0 (0)		
Moscow in Urdu to Pakistan	0 (0)		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Indonesian to Indonesia	0 (0)		
<u>VIETNAM</u>			
Hanoi International Service in Cambodian	0 (0)		
Hanoi International Service in English	5,010 (6,050)		
Hanoi International Service in Thai	1,330 (0)		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	67,590 (45,890)		
Hanoi VNA in English		0 (0)	
		0 (0)	
Hanoi TAP CHI CONG SAN in Vietnamese			29,310 (15,350)
Hanoi NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			29,890 (41,770)
Hanoi QUAN DOI NHAN DAN in Vietnamese			5,790 (2,900)
Hanoi International Service in Vietnamese	0 (120)		

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NOTE: Figures in parentheses are from preceding month

BANGKOK BUREAU

EMBASSY CIRCUIT OUTAGES FOR JULY 1982

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GMT TIME</u>	<u>HRS MIN</u> <u>(PLANNED)</u>	<u>HRS MIN</u> <u>(UNPLANNED)</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
12	1336-1349		13	Bad weather
13	1415-1458		43	Bad weather
20	1420-1443		23	Bad weather
21	1325-1400		35	Unknown
22	0125-0212		47	Unknown
22	1550-1650		1	Unknown
23	0000-0111	1 11		STAT
24	0109-0129		20	Unknown
24	0944-1000		16	Unknown
25	0218-0244		26	Unknown
28	1713-1730		17	Unknown
30	0640-0651		11	STAT
TOTAL		<u>1 11</u>	<u>5 11</u>	

Total planned and unplanned outage: 6 hours 22 minutes.