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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Seoul Bureau--February 1982

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Proposals and counterproposals dominated North-South issues during the month. Following rejection by the DPRK of ROK President Chon's call for contacts, South Korea's minister for unification issued a 20-point proposal on opening of roads, rail-ways, etc. between the two areas. This was rejected by the North which then called for a 100-man conference to discuss any differences. Not only did the DPRK dictate the game to be played, it listed the players from both sides who should take part in the conference. Back came the South with ROK unification minister calling for a high-level meeting in March. This, in turn, was rejected.

The arrest in Canada of a hit team with ROK President Chon as its target generated much furor in Seoul, with the North being vigorously denounced for allegedly masterminding the plot.

The joint U.S.-ROK military exercise "Team Spirit" got underway during the month. North Korean media charged that the exercise was further evidence of U.S.-ROK moves to create war hysteria and to threaten peace in the area.

On his birthday on 16 February, Kim Chong-il was granted several honors--among which was Hero of the DPRK--which apparently signaled that he has solidified his position as successor to his father, Kim Il-song. The fact that KCNA observed its special Sunday schedule could indicate that the date has been designated an official holiday in the North.

2. There has been some slippage in the timing for bureau technician [] TDY to Okinawa for training by Okinawa Cruising Monitor []. The trip, originally planned for sometime in March, has now been postponed until after the first of May.

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B. Lateral Service

1. Upon notification by FCS, the bureau discontinued taping North Korean radio broadcasts for use by a Headquarters consumer as an aid in teaching the Korean language.

2. At the request of USICA Public Affairs Office, the bureau teletype section punched and transmitted a two-take item after regular ICA working hours. This was in accordance with an informal agreement to help their office in occasionally transmitting material as long as it does not interfere with bureau operations.

C. Technical

The bureau's Mode II was unusable for a period of time on 23 February due to inoperative tape readers. Replacements for the faulty tape readers was requested from Bangkok Bureau.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Chinese monitor [] was promoted from FSN 8/5 to FSN 9/2 on 21 February. This follows earlier State Department approval to upgrade bureau monitors. STAT

2. Editor [] was appointed bureau property officer. He is presently engaged in confirming the location of all bureau nonexpendable property and bringing bureau property records up to date. STAT

3. Teletype supervisor [] son underwent brain surgery during the month. Prognosis is guarded. STAT

III. VISITS

1. The bureau chief and deputy chief paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Richard Walker. The Ambassador expressed his appreciation for the bureau's product.

2. The bureau chief paid a courtesy call on Paul Cleveland, Deputy Chief of Mission. Mr. Cleveland raised the issue of a possible reconfiguration of embassy offices.

3. During the month, the bureau chief, deputy chief and editor [] They received a briefing by the operations officer and inspected bureau equipment located there. STAT

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4. New State communications chief Gary Bobbitt and recent arrival Bill Corbett, assigned to the Embassy Economic Section, visited the bureau for orientation. They were briefed on operations by bureau personnel.

5. [redacted] of ICS visited the bureau during an inspection tour of embassy facilities. Since this was their first visit to an FBIS field bureau, they were extensively briefed on operations. The bureau chief joined the two visitors, the Special Assistant to the Ambassador and the Defense Attache for lunch following the briefing.

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Attachment: Production Report

cc: Chief, Okinawa Bureau
Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

SEOUL BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR Feb. 1982I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	367,910
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	86,040
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	956

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	13,755 min.	4,470 min.	48 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			
CHINA (PRC)			
Beijing in			
Korean to Korea	1,350		
Changchun Jilin Provincial Service in			
Mandarin	8,130		
Harbin Heilongjiang Provincial Service in			
Mandarin	11,860		
Hohhot Nei Monggol Regional Service in			
Mandarin	8,500		
Jinan Shandong Provincial Service in			
Mandarin	8,220		
Lanzhou Gansu Provincial Service in			
Mandarin	5,170		
Shenyang Liaoning Provincial Service in			
Mandarin	7,120		
Tianjin City Service in			
Mandarin	2,330		
Xining Qinghai Provincial Service in			
Mandarin	4,400		
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Voice Of The Revolutionary			
Party For Reunification in			
Korean to South Korea	24,320		

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean	65,690		
Pyongyang KCNA in English		130,900	
KOREA (SOUTH)			
Seoul Domestic Service in Korean	4,840		
Seoul YONHAP in English		19,540	
Seoul CHOSON ILBO in Korean			4,080
Seoul CHUNGANG ILBO in Korean			5,450
Seoul HANGUK ILBO in Korean			1,850
Seoul KYONGHYANG SINMUN in Korean			1,000
Seoul SEOUL SINMUN in Korean			1,140
Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English			24,780
Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English			14,920
Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean			10,270
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Korean to Korea	2,050		