



FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Hong Kong Bureau -- October 1983

I. GENERAL

Hong Kong Talks -- The latest round of talks between Britain and the PRC on the future of Hong Kong, which ended in Beijing on 20 October, appear to be the most positive since negotiations began. Both sides termed the talks "constructive" and Prime Minister Thatcher, in a BBC interview, expressed her optimism over these and the next round of talks to be held in November. The upbeat expressions have had little visible effect on Hong Kong, however, where residents remain skeptical about their future.

Local Currency -- The Hong Kong Government intervened further during the month to prop up the local currency, which recently plunged to HK\$9.55 against the U.S. dollar, pegging it to the U.S. currency at a rate of HK\$7.80. The government also abolished the withholding tax on Hong Kong dollar deposits in a bid to bolster the economy. Thus far the exchange rate has stayed around the official peg.

Typhoon Season -- The bureau closed six hours early on 13 October after the number eight signal was hoisted for typhoon Joe. The typhoon, which had followed an erratic course from its beginning, veered away from Hong Kong during the evening, causing minimal damage.

II. VISITS

To The Bureau:

1. Donald McDonald, INR, on 7 October to discuss consumer requirements and feedback.
2. [REDACTED] FBIS admin staff, 20-26 October. The visitors and the bureau chief met with the consulate's personnel officer and representatives of the bureau's local staff to discuss the new FBIS classification system and bureau wage scale and staffing pattern.

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II. VISITS (Cont'd.)

3. [redacted], London Bureau communications deputy chief, and his wife, a BBC employee, on 26 October. They were given a tour of the bureau and talked with the bureau's communications supervisor about various communications problems. STAT

4. Capt John Newman, U.S. Army Field Station, Okinawa, 21 October - 1 November to record Beijing television material for use in a Chinese-language training and refresher program being developed by the army in Okinawa.

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Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

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Attachments:

A. Production Report

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C/Okinawa
C/Seoul

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1983

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	814,000
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	119,690
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	923

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	MIN. 4,485	MIN. 4,200	ISSUES 219

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA			
BEIJING TELEVISION SERVICE IN MANDARIN	300		
BEIJING CITY SERVICE IN MANDARIN	0		
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12,180		
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5,220		
HUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7,670		
GUYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4,470		
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	2,850		
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10,150		
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6,840		
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	5,640		
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	11,270		
SHIJIAZHUANG HEBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	560		
TAIYUAN SHANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9,660		
TIANJI CITY SERVICE IN MANDARIN	0		
URUMI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12,110		
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	13,410		
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8,750		
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	7,480		
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9,780		
BEIJING XINHUA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN CHINESE		3,660	
BEIJING ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE		15,110	
BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE			0
BEIJING BEIJING REVIEW IN ENGLISH			8,800
BEIJING BEIJING RIBAO IN CHINESE			1,160
BEIJING BEIJING WANDAO IN CHINESE			0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH			10,780
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE			3,980
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE			56,670
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE			0
BEIJING HONGYI IN CHINESE			91,610
BEIJING HUANDIAN IN			

BEIJING JIEFANGJUN MENYI IN CHINESE	5,570
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE	17,630
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE	33,000
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE	49,800
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE	15,050
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	166,680
BEIJING SHIDAI DI BAOQAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	17,570
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENXUE PINGLUN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENYIBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE	1,920
BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHUXUE YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO MINGNIAN BAO IN CHINESE	5,410
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	2,270
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN CHINESE	5,000
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN CHINESE	2,400
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN CHINESE	0
KUNMING YUNNAN SIXIANG ZHANXIAN IN CHINESE	0
LANZHOU GANSU RIBAO IN CHINESE	4,160
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAQBAO IN CHINESE	8,430
SHIJIAZHUANG HEBEI RIBAO IN CHINESE	6,770
XIAN SHANXI RIBAO IN CHINESE	790
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN CHINESE	10,070

HONG KONG	
HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED	
IN ENGLISH	260
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ENGLISH	3,270
HONG KONG CHANNANG IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN	
CHINESE	3,700
HONG KONG CHISHIH NIENTAI IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN	
ENGLISH	4,360
HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD IN	
ENGLISH	12,040
HONG KONG HSIANG KANG SHIH PAO IN	
CHINESE	200
HONG KONG HSIN PAO IN	
CHINESE	900
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN	
CHINESE	1,250
HONG KONG HSING TAO JIN PAO IN	
CHINESE	210
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG MING PAO IN	
CHINESE	3,380
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN	
CHINESE	0
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN	
ENGLISH	19,140
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
CHINESE	9,800
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN	
ENGLISH	1,300
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN	
CHINESE	19,310

PHILIPPINES	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCAST COMPANY IN	
ENGLISH	17,260
QUEZON CITY MAHARLIKA BROADCASTING SYSTEM	
IN ENGLISH	2,780
CEBU CITY VISAYAN HERALD IN	
ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN	
ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN	
ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN	
ENGLISH	0
MANILA BULLETIN TODAY IN	
ENGLISH	9,250
MANILA BUSINESS DAY IN	
ENGLISH	11,370
MANILA METRO MANILA TIMES IN	
ENGLISH	17,240
MANILA TIMES JOURNAL IN	
ENGLISH	4,150