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Exec. Reg.

Ref D.I: Apart from technical solutions that TDY accomplished, we made a breakthrough of sorts by getting approval to have our local tech into the Embassy annex for maintenance.

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FBIS 5006-88
5 February 1988



MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
FROM: Chief, Okinawa Bureau
SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - January 1988

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I. GENERAL

A. The Okinawa region was hit by its strongest earthquake in 62 years on 24 January, the quake registering 6.1 on the 8-point Japanese measuring scale. The quake was centered 37 miles north of Okinawa, and reached an intensity of 3 in the region of the bureau. It was sufficiently strong to impress even those bureau personnel who had previously lived in earthquake areas. Except for a brief power failure in the housing area, the quake did no damage other than to nerves and to the equanimity of those who can't stand crooked pictures on their walls.

B. Far eclipsing the earthquake in effect was the Air Force Operational Readiness exercise at the end of the month, which was preceded by a 10-day practice exercise. These readiness drills are run at least every 18 months under the close scrutiny of an inspection team and result in "attacks" on various base objectives by an enemy group. Those who really needed medical assistance during this period often had to traipse through masses of "wounded", with major delays resulting. Virtually all organizations on Kadena were affected, but fortunately the FBIS operations area at Bolo Point was beyond their scope. Capping off the exercise, the Commander, SAC and most of his senior staff visited during the readiness demonstration to provide extra tension for the local commanders.

C. The 13th of January marked the end of an era and a dynasty with the death of President Chiang Ching-kuo in Taiwan. The succession to Taiwanese Vice President Li Teng-hui seems to have gone smoothly thus far. Beijing's respectful treatment of Chiang on the occasion signals its concern that a Taiwan without the Chiangs might reverse the one-China policy which both the mainland and Taiwan have espoused up until now. The bureau put Taipei domestic service on open speaker watch following the initial report of Chiang's death. As the situation developed normally in accord with constitutional provisions, the watch was discontinued after 24 hours.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In addition to the death of Chiang, monitorial highlights for the month included Japanese Prime Minister Takeshita's trip to the United States and a televised meeting between Soviet Defense Minister Yazov and a group of Soviet writers. The Takeshita visit produced considerable copy, including a 4-take press conference he held for Japanese journalists at the Madison Hotel in Washington. The Yazov meeting took place in mid-December, but the telecast contained material not available in previous print versions. Yazov's expressed concerns over glasnost and its effects on the military prompted an AG TRENDS article.

2. The busy month for the Japanese section was not confined to Takeshita's trip. Other major events included the resumption of the Japanese Diet's regular session on the 25th. The prime minister, foreign minister, defense minister and the director of the economic planning agency all addressed the opening session. On the 26th, the GOJ announced its sanctions against North Korea growing out of the bombing of a KAL flight last November. The Japanese termed the sanctions "severe," and they probably were greater than they would have been had the saboteurs not used Japanese passports.

3. To compensate somewhat for the bureau's chronically poor reception of MONTSAME, particularly MONTSAME English, we added Ulanbaatar English-language radio to coverage. AG expressed appreciation.

4. The major item of interest from mainland China this month was a speech by Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Zhao Ziyang upon his return from an inspection tour of the coastal provinces. Reports of the speech announced new policies that would open the country to broader foreign trade and investment. A "non-event" on the mainland this month was the rumored release of the gang of four. A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman stated that the gang were still in jail and denounced the rumor as "groundless."

5. The bureau started its first experiment in dual editorial training this month with the arrival of [] and [] Senior editor [] is training both simultaneously. Thus far, the training is going more smoothly than many of us had expected.

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B. Cruising

1. Staff Cruising Officer [] returned to duty at Okinawa Bureau on 21 January after completing a six-month TDY at Bangkok bureau.

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2. The cruising unit completed a reception survey of all major PRC provincial, regional, and city radio services and reported reception ratings for all frequencies for three time periods (0000-0800, 0800-1600, 1600-2400 GMT). The unit also checked reception ratings of bureau backstop coverage of Hong Kong and Seoul PRC provincial radios and will recheck all PRC provincial radio backstop coverage when it updates the entire emergency coverage schedule next month. The unit completed observations of Beijing Domestic Minority Language Service and Beijing International Service to Taiwan as well.

3. A new Shanghai radio station beamed to Taiwan called "Voice of Pujiang" began broadcasting on 4 January. The station is heard with fair reception on 3280, 3990, and 4950 kHz. The station's announced aims are promoting reunification with the motherland; reporting on developments in China; and providing information and services to Taiwan residents. Unlike other provincial and city stations, this station regularly carries news reports attributed to China News Service. The bureau has put the station on coverage.

4. Cruising messages were sent reporting frequency changes of RF carriers on the 60E and 63E Intelsat. No significant changes were observed.

D. Technical

1. Regional engineer [] TDYed to Manila again at month's end and, ably assisted by [] from Hong Kong, was able to get the remote operation equipment up to full capability.

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2. Bids for replacement of the bureau's rhombic antenna poles have been prepared for sending to possible contractors. Preliminary indications are that the contractor who bid successfully last year will lower his bid in yen terms, but it is likely to be higher once we turn it into dollars. We tried to get the Air Force to do more of the work and save us from having to contract out much of the preparatory work, but they will be unable to do so.

E. Lateral Services

At the request of the U.S. consulate in Shenyang, since 1 January the bureau has been filing to the consulate Xinhua reports on Northeast China and Moscow reports on Sino-Soviet contacts.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Editorial trainee TDYers [redacted] arrived in Okinawa on 5 January for their 3-month dual training stint. As a result of vacancies in the Chinese section, they are enjoying the luxury of separate quarters.

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2. Regional engineer [redacted] and family returned from an R&R in the States highlighted by unexpected visits to procure new passports, visas, and other documents. These items and others were last seen falling off of a baggage cart in Florida.

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3. Editor [redacted] was promoted to GS-12 effective 3 January.

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4. Local broadcasts of Washington Redskins playoff games at 0230 Monday mornings daunted only a few, though the effects on subsequent editorial performances have yet to be fully assessed. Fortunately, the Super Bowl started at 0800, so after a few early morning shakes Skins fans were able to digest their breakfasts with equanimity.

B. Buildings and Grounds

1. Funds were received from Headquarters during the month enabling us to start the formal architectural design process for the next phase of the housing recapitalization program, which involves our 16 oldest 3-bedroom houses. If there are no more delays, we should be able to sign the construction contract in late July-early August. Three of the phase one new/renovated units were completed in December, with three more due for completion by the end of February. The final unit of the phase one project has been slightly delayed to reduce temporary housing problems, but final completion of this phase is still scheduled for early April.

2. Discussions were held with local military communications personnel concerning a satellite communications survey scheduled for February. The military is cooperating, and expressed willingness to work with us on the project.



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ATTACHMENTS:

Production Report

OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 997,920
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE: 525,270
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 2,755

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	21,675 min.	17,385 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in
 English

CHINA

Beijing International Service to E. and S. Africa in
 English

Beijing International Service to North America in
 English

2,700

Beijing International Service in
 Japanese

1,210

Beijing International Service in
 Mandarin

Beijing to Taiwan in
 Mandarin

590

Beijing to the USSR in
 Russian

770

Shanghai Voice of Pujiang to Taiwan in
 Mandarin

1,290

Beijing Domestic Service in
 Mandarin

9,200

Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in
 Mandarin

3,480

Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in
 Mandarin

3,730

Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in
 Mandarin

3,120

Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in
 Mandarin

8,800

Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in
 Mandarin

5,750

Shanghai City Service in
 Mandarin

4,990

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Beijing Television Service in Mandarin	1,690		
Beijing XINHUA in English		479,110	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		120,740	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in English			6,470
Beijing HONGQI in Mandarin			15,540
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			11,100
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			6,410
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			630
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			2,960
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			6,290
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			1,080
Miscellaneous Editorial Reports	---		
JAPAN			
Naha Radio NHK in Japanese	1,060		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	18,700		
Tokyo TBS Television Network in Japanese	1,240		
Tokyo JLI in English		3,580	
Tokyo JPS in English		2,600	
Tokyo KYODO in English		111,860	
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			---
Naha RYUKYU-SHIMPO in Japanese			260
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			2,130
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,400
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			8,380
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			---

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Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			9,780
Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,140
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,270
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			2,860
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			9,740
Tokyo JAPAN TIMES in English			9,960
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			1,660
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,750
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		1,960	
LAOS			
Vientiane KPL in English		---	
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar International Service in English	2,330		
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		6,050	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		1,940	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	6,470		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	4,880		
Taipei CNA in English		18,180	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			7,480
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			210

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Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			2,260
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			700
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			100
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	7,630		
Moscow International Service in Mandarin	13,720		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	1,570		
Moscow RPP to Asian-Pacific Region in Mandarin	2,620		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	13,850		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	---		
Hanoi VNA in English			---