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*Office of Inspector General*

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** BBG Executive Director – Jeffrey Trimble

**FROM:** OIG/ISP – Robert B. Peterson, Assistant Inspector General for Inspections *RB*

**SUBJECT:** Memorandum Report, Broadcasting Board of Governors Operations in Beijing, China (ISP-IB-10-86)

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducted a limited review of the Voice of America (VOA) operations in China and visited the Office of the VOA Bureau Chief in Beijing between May 26 and June 10, 2010. The inspection team also visited the office of the chief of the VOA Mandarin Service in Washington, DC, prior to departure to China between April 12 and 30, 2010.

**VOICE OF AMERICA**

VOA Beijing is one of 13 overseas correspondent bureaus<sup>1</sup>. The VOA office in Beijing consists of the Central News Beijing Correspondent/Bureau Chief, one Mandarin correspondent, and one Foreign Service national (FSN) staff assistant. VOA Mandarin Service in Washington has asked the Chinese government for permission to post a correspondent in Shanghai, but the government has not granted the request.

VOA conducts broadcasts using shortwave, medium wave, and Web site placements. The Chinese Government jams these broadcasts and blocks the Web sites,

VOA also has a television studio in Beijing, as well as contract reporters and support personnel. The OIG team noted that there is a standing request to the Chinese Government to increase VOA Beijing's U.S. direct-hire staff to four in China while Chinese radio broadcasts operations in the United States have a staff of approximately 65 personnel.

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<sup>1</sup> VOA overseas bureaus: Dakar, Bangkok, Beijing, Cairo, Islamabad, Jerusalem, Johannesburg, London, Moscow, Nairobi, New Delhi, Jakarta, and Seoul.

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