
Descriptive Summary

Title: Radio Free Asia Vietnamese broadcasts

Date: 1997-2002

Collection Number: MS-SEA005

Creator: Radio Free Asia

Extent: 137.4 linear feet (189 boxes)

Languages: The collection is in English and Vietnamese

Repository: University of California, Irvine. Library. Special Collections and Archives.
Irvine, California 92623-9557

Abstract: The collection is comprised of broadcast transcripts and audio recordings of the Radio Free Asia (RFA) Vietnamese radio programs for the years 1997-2002 (later years are retained by RFA). The broadcast transcripts include a morning and evening broadcast for each day, and are accompanied by audio cassette recordings for most of the transcripts. The radio programs include news articles of events occurring that day, as well as commentary on world events. The recordings are in Vietnamese, while the transcripts are in Vietnamese and/or English.

Access

The collection is open for research. Original sound recordings may not be used. Researchers must request that duplicate use copies be made for access.

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Acquisition Information

Gift of Nguyen Ngoc Bich, Director of Radio Free Asia, 1997-2002.

Processing History

Processed by Julia Stringfellow, 2004. Translation services provided by Thu Huyen, 2004. Processing was supported by a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant.

Historical Background

Radio Free Asia (RFA), a private, non-profit corporation, aired its first broadcast in Mandarin to China on September 29, 1996. Its first Vietnamese broadcast aired on February 5, 1997. Located in Washington D.C., the organization was founded to broadcast news and information from an American viewpoint to Asian countries where full and accurate news reports were not available. Besides its news broadcasts, RFA is also a "university of the air," meaning that it broadcasts works of fiction and nonfiction that would be censored in RFA's target countries. The organization is funded by grants from the United States Congress, and it is journalistically independent. The autonomy of RFA is vital to providing objective domestic news and information.

Daily broadcasts include reports from correspondents throughout Asia. RFA broadcasts are in the local languages and dialects of each of its target countries, including Vietnamese, Lao, Mandarin, Cantonese, Cambodian, and Korean. The broadcasts serve as the free press lacking in the countries, and the news and commentary is specific to each of the target areas. Since the beginning, RFA has also provided its listeners with opportunities to call in to the broadcast and voice their opinions. Six call-in programs are done daily where listeners can dial a toll free number and speak directly with a broadcast host.

Each of the 105 RFA broadcasters are able to record and edit their own programs simultaneously using the organization's studio system and digital audio storage. All of the broadcasts originate from the central Washington D.C. office. In addition to its headquarters in Washington D.C., RFA also has bureaus in Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei, Tokyo, and Phnom Penh. Smaller offices are located in Ankara, Kathmandu, Seoul, and Dharamsala, India. The organization also publishes a monthly digest of top news and features from its main language services.

For further information on RFA, see the organization's [website](#) .

Collection Scope and Content Summary

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Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged in 2 series.

- Series 1. Broadcast transcripts, 1997-2002. 103 linear feet
- Series 2. Broadcast recordings, 1997-2002. 34.4 linear feet

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects

Radio Free Asia--Archives.

Radio broadcasting--Washington (D.C.)--Archives.

Radio broadcasting--Asia--Archives.

Genres and Formats of Materials

Audiocassettes--20th century.

Audiocassettes--21st century.

Sound recordings--20th century.

Sound recordings--21st century.

Broadcasts--20th century.

Broadcasts--21st century.

Transcripts--20th century.

Transcripts--21st century.

Titles

Southeast Asian Archive.

Series 1. **Broadcast transcripts 1997-2002**

Physical Description: 103 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

The series is comprised of transcripts of broadcasts from the radio program for the Vietnamese audience. There are two transcripts for each day, an AM and a PM broadcast. Each transcript consists of a program summary that includes segment titles and running times. A newslist states the world news discussed. A detailed description, mostly in Vietnamese, gives the order of broadcast items, such as music bridges and news headlines. News articles deal with a wide array of topics, including both political and non-political events throughout the world. Topics include world relations, social conditions, economy and business, arts and culture, and science and health. Some news stories come from sources such as the South China Morning Post, Asia Times, and online sources including CNN, Los Angeles Times, Infoseek, and Yahoo. The news articles, program summary, and newslist are mostly in English, while the remainder of the materials for each broadcast are in Vietnamese.

Arrangement

The transcripts are arranged chronologically by year, month, day, and broadcast.

Box : Folder 1 : 1 - **1997**
15 : 34
Box : Folder 1 : 1 - 1 **February 1997**
: 28
Box : Folder 1 : 29 - **March 1997**
2 : 18
Box : Folder 2 : 19 - **April 1997**
3 : 27
Box : Folder 3 : 28 - **May 1997**
4 : 35
Box : Folder 4 : 36 - **June 1997**
6 : 4
Box : Folder 6 : 5 - 7 **July 1997**
: 30
Box : Folder 7 : 31 - **August 1997**
9 : 15
Box : Folder 9 : 16 - **September 1997**
11 : 2
Box : Folder 11 : 3 - **October 1997**
12 : 26
Box : Folder 12 : 27 - **November 1997**
14 : 10
Box : Folder 14 : 11 - **December 1997**
15 : 34
Box : Folder 16 : 1 - **1998**
36 : 36
Box : Folder 16 : 1 - **January 1998**
17 : 28
Box : Folder 17 : 39 - **February 1998**
19 : 12
Box : Folder 19 : 13 - **March 1998**
20 : 36
Box : Folder 21 : 1 - **April 1998**
22 : 24
Box : Folder 22 : 25 - **May 1998**
24 : 10
Box : Folder 24 : 11 - **June 1998**
25 : 34

Box : Folder 25 : 35 - **July 1998**
27 : 24
Box : Folder 27 : 25 - **August 1998**
29 : 22
Box : Folder 29 : 23 - **September 1998**
31 : 14
Box : Folder 31 : 15 - **October 1998**
33 : 12
Box : Folder 33 : 13 - **November 1998**
35 : 10
Box : Folder 35 : 11 - **December 1998**
36 : 36
Box : Folder 37 : 1 - **1999**
59 : 38
Box : Folder 37 : 1 - **January 1999**
38 : 28
Box : Folder 38 : 29 - **February 1999**
40 : 18
Box : Folder 40 : 19 - **March 1999**
42 : 16
Box : Folder 42 : 17 - **April 1999**
44 : 14
Box : Folder 44 : 15 - **May 1999**
46 : 14
Box : Folder 46 : 15 - **June 1999**
48 : 16
Box : Folder 48 : 17 - **July 1999**
50 : 18
Box : Folder 50 : 19 - **August 1999**
52 : 18
Box : Folder 52 : 19 - **September 1999**
54 : 16
Box : Folder 54 : 17 - **October 1999**
56 : 10
Box : Folder 56 : 11 - **November 1999**
58 : 8
Box : Folder 58 : 9 - **December 1999**
59 : 38
Box : Folder 60 : 1 - **2000**
79 : 40
Box : Folder 60 : 1 - **January 2000**
61 : 26
Box : Folder 61 : 27 - **February 2000**
63 : 10
Box : Folder 63 : 11 - **March 2000**
65 : 10
Box : Folder 65 : 11 - **April 2000**
67 : 2
Box : Folder 67 : 3 - **May 2000**
68 : 32
Box : Folder 68 : 33 - **June 2000**
70 : 24
Box : Folder 70 : 25 - **July 2000**
72 : 12
Box : Folder 72 : 13 - **August 2000**
74 : 2
Box : Folder 74 : 3 - **September 2000**
75 : 24

Box : Folder 75 : 25 - **October 2000**
77 : 2
Box : Folder 77 : 3 - **November 2000**
78 : 22
Box : Folder 78 : 23 - **December 2000**
79 : 40
Box : Folder 80 : 1 - **2001**
98 : 26
Box : Folder 80 : 1 - **January 2001**
81 : 18
Box : Folder 81 : 19 - **February 2001**
82 : 34
Box : Folder 82 : 35 - **March 2001**
84 : 14
Box : Folder 84 : 15 - **April 2001**
85 : 36
Box : Folder 85 : 37 - **May 2001**
87 : 14
Box : Folder 87 : 15 - **June 2001**
88 : 32
Box : Folder 88 : 33 - **July 2001**
90 : 16
Box : Folder 90 : 17 - **August 2001**
91 : 40
Box : Folder 92 : 1 - **September 2001**
93 : 22
Box : Folder 93 : 23 - **October 2001**
95 : 12
Box : Folder 95 : 13 - **November 2001**
96 : 36
Box : Folder 97 : 1 - **December 2001**
98 : 26
Box : Folder 99 : 1 - **2002**
103 : 21
Box : Folder 99 : 1 - **January 2002**
100 : 24
Box : Folder 100 : 25 **February 2002**
- 102 : 6
Box : Folder 102 : 7 - **March 2002**
103 : 21

Series 2. **Broadcast recordings 1997-2002**

Physical Description: 34.4 linear feet

Scope and Content Note

The series is comprised of audio cassette recordings of the radio program. The recordings are in Vietnamese and follow the broadcast transcripts. The broadcasts include news stories of world events and contain music.

Arrangement

The recordings are arranged chronologically.

Access Information

Original sound recordings may not be used. Researchers must request that duplicate use copies be made for access.

Box : Folder 104 : **1997**

A0001 - 121 : A0541

Box : Folder 104 :

February 1997

A0001 - A0025

Physical Description: 25 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 105 :

March 1997

A0026 - A0054

Physical Description: 29 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 106 :

April 1997

A0055 - A0097

Physical Description: 43 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 107 :

May 1997

A0098 - A0140

Physical Description: 44 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 108 :

June 1997

A0141 - 109 : A0184

Physical Description: 48 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 110 :

July 1997

A0185 - 111: A0241

Physical Description: 56 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 112 :

August 1997

A0242 - 113 : A0299

Physical Description: 58 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 114 :

September 1997

A0300 - 115 : A0360

Physical Description: 60 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 116 :

October 1997

A0361 - 117 : A0424

Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 118 :

November 1997

A0425 - 119 : A0486

Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 120 :

December 1997

A0487 - 121 : A0541

Physical Description: 55 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 122 : **1998**
A0542 - 139 : A1248
Box : Folder 122 : **January 1998**
A0542 - 123 : A0605
Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 123 : **February 1998**
A0606 - 124 : A0662
Physical Description: 56 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 125 : **March 1998**
A0663 - 126 : A0729
Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 126 : **April 1998**
A0730 - 127 : A0795
Physical Description: 60 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 128 : **May 1998**
A0796 - 129 : A0859
Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 129 : **June 1998**
A0860 - 130 : A0920
Physical Description: 60 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 131 : **July 1998**
A0921 - 132 : A0983
Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 132 : **August 1998**
A0984 - 133 : A1045
Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 134 : **September 1998**
A1046 - 135 : A1105
Physical Description: 60 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 135 : **October 1998**
A1106 - 136 : A1166
Physical Description: 61 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 137 : **November 1998**
A1167 - 138 : A1223
Physical Description: 57 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 138 : **December 1998**
A1224 - 139 : A1286
Physical Description: 63 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 140 : **1999**
A1287 - 157 : A2026
Box : Folder 140 : **January 1999**
A1287 - 141 : A1346
Physical Description: 60 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 141 : **February 1999**
A1347 - 142 : A1404
Physical Description: 58 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 143 : **March 1999**
A1405 - 144 : A1468
Physical Description: 64 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 144 : **April 1999**
A1469 - 145 : A1529
Physical Description: 60 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 146 : **May 1999**
A1530 - 147 : A1592
Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 147 : **June 1999**
A1593 - 148 : A1653
Physical Description: 60 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 149 : **July 1999**
A1654 - 150 : A1717
Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 150 : **August 1999**
A1718 - 151 : A1780
Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 152 : **September 1999**
A1782 - 153 : A1842
Physical Description: 60 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 153 : **October 1999**
A1843 - 154 : A1905
Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 155 : **November 1999**
A1906 - 156 : A1964
Physical Description: 58 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 156 : **December 1999**
A1965 - 157 : A2026
Physical Description: 61 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 158 : **2000**
A2027 - A2953

Box : Folder 158 : **January 2000**
A2027 - 159 : A2087
Physical Description: 60 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 159 : **February 2000**
A2088 - 160 : A2145
Physical Description: 57 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 161 : **March 2000**
A2146 - 162 : A2205
Physical Description: 59 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 162 : **April 2000**
A2206 - 163 : A2267
Physical Description: 61 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 164 : **May 2000**
A2268 - 165 : A2331
Physical Description: 63 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 165 : **June 2000**
A2332 - 166 : A2392
Physical Description: 60 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 167 : A2393 - 168 : A2455	July 2000 Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 168 : A2456 - 169 : A2538	August 2000 Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 170 : A2539 - 171 : A2588	September 2000 Physical Description: 49 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 171 : A2589 - 172 : A2651	October 2000 Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 173 : A2652 - 174 : A2711	November 2000 Physical Description: 60 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 174 : A2712 - 175 : A2773	December 2000 Physical Description: 61 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 176 : A2774 - 189 : A3317	2001
Box : Folder 176 : A2774 - 177 : A2835	January 2001 Physical Description: 61 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 177 : A2836 - 178 : A2890	February 2001 Physical Description: 54 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 179 : A2891 - 180 : A2945	March 2001 Physical Description: 54 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 180 : A2946 - 181 : A3001	April 2001 Physical Description: 55 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 182 : A3002 - 183 : A3062	May 2001 Physical Description: 60 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 183 : A3063 - 184 : A3122	June 2001 Physical Description: 60 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 185 : A3123 - 186 : A3184	July 2001 Physical Description: 62 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 186 : A3185 - 187 : A3245	August 2001 Physical Description: 61 cassette tapes
Box : Folder 188 : A3246 - A3287	September 2001 Physical Description: 44 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 189 :
A3288 - A3316

October 2001

Physical Description: 28 cassette tapes

Box : Folder 189 :
A3317

November 2001

Physical Description: 1 cassette tape