

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
PARAGUAY BUREAU
ASUNCION - PARAGUAY

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Paraguay Bureau--July 1985

I. OPERATION

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. July's major story was the victory in Peru of social democratic President Alan Garcia Perez, leader of the American Revolutionary Popular Alliance. After ballot counting that lasted over a month, Garcia was declared the winner on the 1st. On the 10th, he formally received the presidential credentials at a small ceremony at the home of the deceased APRA party founder and delivered a 2-hour speech, primarily historical in content but with a hint of the economic changes he is planning. On Sunday the 28th, the bureau covered the presidential inauguration ceremonies in Lima by staffing an extra dayshift that day and remaining open until 0400 the next morning. The bureau covered the ceremonies live from the one Peruvian radio audible at the bureau and from some 4 hours of live phone feeds from the Lima contractor. Garcia spoke for 2 hours and outgoing President Belaunde for 30 minutes. The bureau cleared Garcia's speech before closing and Belaunde's the first thing the next morning, for which Chief, OPS sent his congratulations for the "fine" job. As part of the inaugural coverage package, Panama Bureau monitored Lima TV via satellite for 15 hours of video.

2. Bolivian coverage again proved to be turbulent because of the tension, including coup rumors and threats of coups, leading up to the general and presidential elections scheduled for the 14th, which some parties and the government were trying to postpone for the second time only three days before they were to be held. After opposition to the elections was overcome and the military came out in support of them, the elections were held as scheduled. After a long vote-counting process, former President General Hugo Banzer was declared the winner of the popular vote on the 29th. However, since none of the 18 Presidential candidates won an absolute majority in the general elections, the election was thrown into the Congress, where left-of-center former president Paz Estenssoro has won the majority of seats. The bureau staffed a dayshift on Sunday, 4

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August, to cover the congressional proceedings, which lasted until 0500 Monday morning. Estenssoro was declared president on the second ballot after he and his party put together a coalition of leftist parties. The bureau received a "well done" from the Chief, DRD for its extended coverage of the congressional session.

3. The bureau remained open the night of 5-6 July at the request of BBC and the Wire to cover the alleged hijacking of a British Airways flight from Rio to London. The situation was very confusing because the Brazilian authorities claimed that it was a hijacking, while press agencies claimed the plane was diverted to Trinidad-Tobago owing to mechanical problems, which proved to be the case.

4. During the month, the bureau received a 2-day file from Panama Bureau's satellite printout of the Brazilian news agencies Brasilia EBN and Brasilia Senado Federal (SF). After reviewing the two agencies, the bureau concluded that EBN would be a good source to tap into when we receive our ROSET, while SF, which devotes itself to coverage of the Senate proceedings, would not be a good addition to the Brazilian coverage package but could be covered during important Senate deliberations.

5. Argentine coverage suffered a setback on 1 July when the Buenos Aires Television Service cast which is relayed from Formosa and covered by the bureau changed its format. The local newscast now has a news reader who simply reads TELAM reports with no video clips except for local coverage. The bureau on the 9th dropped coverage. This means that the bureau now does not cover Buenos Aires television except for special events and relays. One such event was on the 9th when the bureau covered the Independence Day parade, which was watched by the Embassy Defense Attache, who received a copy of the recording. On the 9th, Buenos Aires Domestic Service resumed some of its shortwave transmissions, but with little impact on the bureau since the major night-time cast that is generally heard with fair to poor reception did not fall inside the new shortwave broadcast times.

6. Following the June lifting of the state of siege in Chile, the bureau reevaluated its radio and press coverage. Even though press censorship ostensibly had lessened, the bureau decided to drop coverage of the 1715-1800 Radio Cooperativa cast after noting a marked decline in the quality of news coverage vis-a-vis the Catholic Church's Radio Chilena. The bureau is now taking the 1700-1730 and 2330-0000 cast from this radio Monday through Friday, fed via phone feed by the Santiago contractor. The bureau is evaluating also the possibility of adding Chilean opposition publications, which have increased reportage on opposition activities since the lifting of the state of siege.

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7. The bureau received and reviewed a 2-week sample of the Buenos Aires REUTER news service--which has replaced the old LATIN news service--from the new REUTER office in Asuncion. Although the bureau filed a couple REUTER items, we found that the media we currently have on coverage consistently beat REUTER with the story, sometimes by as much as 24 hours. The bureau thus decided not to add REUTER at this time, but leaving open the option to review again its file at a later date after it becomes more a part of the Latin American scene.

8. Panama Bureau for a second time in recent months reviewed the Paris AFP in Spanish transmissions received by the two bureaus. After comparing the two files, Panama again concluded that we receive two different services even though the AFP London representative claims AFP has not yet branched its Latin American transmissions. The Panama file concentrates more on the countries in its coverage area, while the one Paraguay monitors is tailored more to the countries of the Southern Cone.

B. Cruising

To aid coverage of the Bolivian elections, the cruiser surveyed Bolivian radiostations and supplied current information on them to the monitorial staff. As part of the review of the Chilean coverage package, he also cruised out Chilean radios that can be heard at the bureau.

C. Technical

1. Following the May visit of Regional Engineer [redacted] the bureau forwarded excess equipment to [redacted] Headquarters and Nicosia Bureau, including the following: seven Frederick 1203 demods; three Pioneer interface suppressors MDL QRL-2B; five Melpar heterodyne notch filters; and two 2x4 DELTA Multicouplers.

2. R232 interface boards for low-level operation were installed on both land-line press agencies -- Madrid EFE and Paris AFP. In addition, an extra power supply and two more boards were installed so two more circuits can be made available if necessary. Work on the low-level project for the communications room equipment continues.

3. Work is under way to install a complete monitorial/transcribing position in the chief monitor's cubicle.

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II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

- STAT 1. Senior Editor [redacted] arrived
PCS on 6 July.
- STAT 2. New monitor [redacted]
EOD'ed on the 21st.
- STAT 3. Associate editor candidate [redacted] has been
put in for local processing.
- STAT 4. On 2 August, Federal Service 10-year pins and FBIS
10-year service certificates were awarded to monitor-supervisor
[redacted] monitor [redacted] administrative
STAT assistant [redacted] technicians [redacted] and
STAT [redacted] and communications chief [redacted]
STAT In addition, monitor [redacted] received the 10-year
service certificate from FBIS. These awards were presented by
the Chief during a coffee he hosted.
- STAT 5. Monitor-supervisor [redacted] has been selected
by Headquarters to participate in the FBN Orientation Program
9-13 September.
- STAT 6. Administrative assistant [redacted]
started working a part-time schedule (32 hours/week) on 7 July.

B. Building and Grounds

The bureau had a serious water leak during a torrential rain storm on the night of 26-27 July. Fortunately, the bureau was still open and the staff was able to move all equipment in jeopardy and to bail water off the roof to lessen the pressure in the seam of the drainage pipe, which goes through Main Radio. At the bureau's request, the GSO has agreed and started to remove the pipe and to construct a drain that will take water away from Main Radio.

III. VISITS

- STAT 1. SA/DRD [redacted] concluded his 3-week TDY on
the 20th.
- STAT 2. Panama Bureau Deputy Chief [redacted] TDY'ed
26 July-3 August.
- STAT 3. [redacted] SAF/ELAAD, visited the bureau on
the 15th during private travel to Asuncion.

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4. Area Technician [redacted] on the 26th conducted a safety-security evaluation of the bureau and staff residences.

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5. Safety Officer [redacted] inspected the bureau and staff residences 1-2 August.

V. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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1. The wife of technician [redacted] on the 17th gave birth [redacted]

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2. On the 26th, monitor [redacted] gave birth [redacted]

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3. On the 13th, bureau personnel gathered at the home of Deputy Chief [redacted] for a Paraguayan-style asado to welcome newcomers Senior Editor [redacted] and Editor [redacted]

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Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

CC: C/Panama Bureau
C/Key West Bureau

Attachments: Monthly Production Report

<u>TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:</u>	421,870
TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING THE MONTH:	311,670
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING THE MONTH:	110,200
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING THE MONTH:	852

	<u>BROAD-CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC-ATIONS</u>
I. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u>	7,505 (min)	41,310 (min)	169.00 (issues)

II. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish	7,940		
Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in Spanish	2,080		
Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish		17,660	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish		15,290	
Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish		4,810	
Buenos Aires REUTER in Spanish		2,810	
Buenos Aires AMBITO FINANCIERO in Spanish			14,440
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in English			13,410
Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish			230
Buenos Aires GENTE in Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in Spanish			3,640
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in Spanish			0

BOLIVIA

La Paz Radio Illimani Network in Spanish	3,090		
La Paz Cadena Panamericana in Spanish	22,790		
La Paz EL DIARIO			0
La Paz PRESENCIA			360

BRAZIL

Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	12,630		
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	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC- ATIONS</u>
<u>BRAZIL</u> -- continued			
Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese	1,390		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes Network in Portuguese	3,700		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese	870		
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese			3,040
Rio de Janeiro LATIN AMERICA DAILY POST in English			1,800
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese			0
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese			5,680
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			2,340
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			6,230
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese			0
<u>CHILE</u>			
Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	9,850		
Santiago Radio Cooperativa in Spanish	1,800		
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	8,340		
Santiago COSAS in Spanish			1,410
Santiago QUE PASA in Spanish			920
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish			7,420
Santiago HOY in Spanish			0
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish			320
<u>CHINA</u>			
Beijing in Spanish to Latin America	0		
<u>FRANCE</u>			
PARIS AFP in Spanish		40,840	

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC- ATIONS</u>
<u>PARAGUAY</u>			
Asuncion Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in Spanish	680		
Asuncion Red Privada de Teledifusora Paraguaya Television in Spanish	0		
Asuncion EL DIARIO in Spanish			2,610
Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish			0
Asuncion HOY in Spanish			6,230
Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish			1,800
Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish			730
Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish			1,800
<u>PERU</u>			
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	21,560		
Lima Radio del Pacifico in Spanish	4,370		
Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish	2,080		
Lima Television Service in Spanish	2,330		
Lima Cadena America Television in Spanish	1,210		
Lima Cadena Panamericana Television in Spanish	5,070		
Lima Televisora Lima in Spanish	1,290		
Lima OAY-4Z Television Service in Spanish	420		
Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish			180
Lima EXPRESO in Spanish			0
Lima EL DIARIO MARKA in Spanish			0
Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			0
Lima CARETAS in Spanish			0

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	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC- ATIONS</u>
<u>SPAIN</u>			
MADRID EFE in Spanish		16,540	
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	910		
Moscow in Spanish to Chile	2,520		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	0		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish to Latin America	0		
Moscow Radio Magallanes in Spanish to Chile	2,560		
<u>URUGUAY</u>			
Montevideo Radio El Espectador Network in Spanish	1,510		
Montevideo Domestic Service in Spanish	1,520		
Montevideo Radio Carve in Spanish	2,790		
Montevideo EL DIA in Spanish			160
Montevideo OPINAR in Spanish			0