

MPY-5031
5 June 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Paraguay Bureau -- May 1985

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. May's main focus of attention in Argentina was the escalation of right-wing extremism, which has been marked by a number of bombing attacks on party and union offices throughout the country. President Alfonsin and his government have shown considerable concern over this problem and the security forces are conducting investigations into its causes. Another major story was Argentine reaction to the British inauguration of an airport in the Falkland Islands. Buenos Aires alleges that the airport will be used for military purposes, that its length makes it usable by aircraft with sufficient range to strike targets in Argentina, and that it involves South America in the superpower rivalry and makes it a target for their nuclear weapons. Foreign Minister Caputo carried Argentina's protest to the OAS Permanent Council and the UN Security Council. His speech before the OAS on the 15th, broadcast live by Buenos Aires Domestic Service, was covered by the bureau with an augmented staff.

2. In Bolivia, the government of President Siles Zuazo at month's end announced the reestablishment of ambassadorial relations with Cuba, cut in 1964. On the 9th, the cabinet resigned en masse to allow Siles to form his team before the 14 July presidential elections and several cabinet members to declare their candidacies. Eighteen political parties are fielding candidates. In the unreal world of the Bolivian economy, on the 14th the government announced a 50-percent devaluation of the peso, making the official exchange rate 75,000 to the dollar and pushing the blackmarket, or "street," rate up to 300,000 to the dollar.

3. Brazilian President Sarney dealt with one of his many serious crises during the month, caused by heightened demands from unions which touched off squabbling between two of his principal ministers. As the month closed, most of the striking workers had returned to work after agreements had been reached and Sarney apparently had succeeded in patching

up, at least temporarily, the differences. The bureau's receipt of Brazilian papers was cut 30 April - 6 May because of a Brazilian airport workers strike. ELAAD backstopped the bureau during this period.

4. The terrorist actions of the extreme leftist Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front highlighted the bureau's coverage of Chilean affairs. Bombings claimed by the Front blacked out Santiago and other major cities twice during the month, in addition to causing a number of civilian casualties. President Pinochet's government on the 3d extended the state of siege in force throughout the country for another 90 days. The opposition on the 30th held another day of protest, but it was largely uneventful.

5. The Peruvian Government of President Belaunde Terry on the 23d imposed an embargo on Soviet fishing trawlers in Peruvian harbors following a campaign led by the fisheries minister to revamp the fishing agreement with Moscow. The dispute, according to the prime minister, never affected relations, and the embargo was lifted after it was proved the Peruvian company associated with the Soviet agreement, and not the Soviets themselves, was responsible for the overdue payments. On the 16th, Shining Path bombings hit several embassies, including that of the United States, in Lima. Although the government claims the Shining Path is withdrawing from its original base areas because of losses resulting from government pressure, the terrorists have vowed to continue their struggle.

6. On the 15th, the bureau covered the Paraguayan Independence Day celebrations and provided a video recording of the military parade to the Defense Attache Office, for which it expressed appreciation.

7. The bureau again has sent Panama Bureau a 2-day file of the Paris AFP in Spanish take received at Paraguay. We have noticed that the AFP service received at Paraguay does not carry many items on Panama's coverage area, particularly on Central America. Panama will compare the two services and then report its findings.

B. Cruising

1. During the month, the cruiser surveyed the secondary adjustments by Moscow on its International Service, Radio Peace and Progress, and Radio Magallanes. As of this writing, Moscow appears to be conducting an additional realignment of its broadcast frequencies, which will be reported when it is completed.

2. The cruiser also conducted surveys of Uruguayan medium wave stations from the new remote long-wire antenna, of radios in Panama Bureau's coverage area to assist in the writing of the bureau's backstop coverage plan, and of Havana International

Service.

C. Technical

1. During Regional Engineer [redacted] 5-day tdy to the bureau, a low-level performance bench test was conducted on the 1403 Modified Frederick Tape Reader. The 1203 Converters for the TELAM, DYN, and NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS news agencies were modified for low-level operation. To modify the AFP and EFE news agencies, which are land-line, high-level sources, the bureau needs special relay interfaces to go to low level. Engineering Division will supply these as soon as possible. The 1403 Tape Reader is available for low-level operation, but we need an additional interface board for our backup EXTEL B-315 ASR before the communications circuit is modified. This board has been ordered. Arv's visit proved to be very productive.

2. Working two successive Saturdays with the help of GSO technicians, jackhammers, and acetyline torches, we finally were able to remove the steel supports to the two transformers mentioned in last month's report. There was considerable concern that we would break or crash through the ceiling of the office located below FBIS. The small room in which the transformers were located is being remodeled to locate one of the two IBM PC work positions.

3. Ten new IBM Selectric III typewriters were received.

II. ADMISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. The bureau's new part time secretary, [redacted] [redacted] starting working on the 27th.

2. The bureau has begun interviewing and testing for the recently approved associate editor position. We received applications from some 50 candidates, some of whom have impressive credentials.

3. Bureau personnel 20-31 May received training from the visiting SDS/CRW team on the use of the IBM PC's. Eveyone who received the training was very pleased with the course and all agreed that the computers can be well applied to the bureau's operations. Those receiving training were: chief [redacted] senior editor [redacted] administrative assistant [redacted]

[redacted] technicians [redacted] cruiser and [redacted] and teletypists [redacted]

III. VISITS

1. Regional engineer [redacted] TDY to the bureau from the 5-10 May on an aperiodic working visit.

3. [redacted] director of the Office of Communications, and [redacted] chief of ATO/Miami, to the bureau on the 24th for

a briefing.

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4. [redacted] the members of the CRW PC training team, TDY to the bureau 19-31 May.

IV. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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[redacted] the chief of the communications section and now [redacted] was married on the 4th. Many bureau personnel attended the church service and the subsequent reception at a local country club.

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Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

cc: C/Panama Bureau
C/Key West Bureau

Attachments: Monthly Production Report

PARAGUAY BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FG., MAY 1985

<u>TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:</u>			332,380
TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING THE MONTH:			259,810
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING THE MONTH:			72,570
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING THE MONTH:			728
	<u>BROAD-CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC-ATIONS</u>
I. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u>	7,085 (min)	39,990 (min)	17.00 (issues)
II. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u>			
<u>ARGENTINA</u>			
Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish	25,480		
Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in Spanish	2,530		
Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish		20,560	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish		14,810	
Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish		5,380	
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in English			17,970
Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish			0
Buenos Aires GENTE in Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in Spanish			600
Buenos Aires AMBITO FINANCIERO in Spanish			0
<u>BOLIVIA</u>			
La Paz Radio Illimani Network in Spanish	2,160		
La Paz Cadena Panamericana in Spanish	8,800		
La Paz EL DIARIO in Spanish			470
La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish			350
<u>BRAZIL</u>			
Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	8,030		
Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese	850		

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC- ATIONS</u>
<u>BRAZIL -- continued</u>			
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes Network in Portuguese	6,670		
o Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese	750		
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese			5,790
Rio de Janeiro LATIN AMERICA DAILY POST in English			430
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese			0
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese			3,520
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			3,980
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			5,190
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese			0
<u>CHILE</u>			
Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	10,800		
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	3,820		
Santiago COSAS in Spanish			0
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish			1,900
Santiago HOY in Spanish			0
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish			710
Santiago QUE PASA in Spanish			0
<u>HINA</u>			
Seijung in Spanish to Latin America			0
<u>RANCE</u>			
PARIS AFP in Spanish		38,640	

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC- ATIONS</u>
<u>PARAGUAY</u>			
Asuncion Domestic Service in Spanish	2,550		
Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in Spanish	320		
Asuncion Red Privada de Teledifusora Paraguaya Television in Spanish	0		
Asuncion EL DIARIO NOTICIAS in Spanish			670
Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish			3,080
Asuncion HOY in Spanish			2,090
Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish			3,880
Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish			570
Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish			1,180
<u>PERU</u>			
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Lima Television Service in Spanish	0		
Lima Cadena America Television in Spanish	1,490		
Lima Cadena Panamericana Television in Spanish	2,570		
Lima Television Lima in Spanish	1,080		
Lima Radio del Pacifico in Spanish	780		
Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish	3,670		
Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish			1,920
Lima EXPRESO in Spanish			80
Lima OAY-4Z Television Service in Spanish	230		
Lima EL DIARIO MARKA in Spanish			0
Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			0
Lima CARETAS in Spanish			0

	<u>BROAD- CASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCY</u>	<u>PUBLIC- ATIONS</u>
<u>SPAIN</u>			
MADRID EFE in Spanish		28,450	
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	1,450		
Moscow in Spanish to Chile	4,090		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	0		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish to Latin America	1,390		
Moscow Radio Magallanes in Spanish to Chile	2,320		
<u>URUGUAY</u>			
Montevideo Radio El Espectador Network in Spanish	3,070		
Montevideo Radio Carve in Spanish	1,650		
Montevideo LA HORA in Spanish			0
Montevideo EL DIA in Spanish			1,040
Montevideo OPINAR in Spanish			0