

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 --
April 1987

I. GENERAL

1. After 3 months of interviewing and testing some 70 candidates, the Bureau is still searching for a good monitorial candidate. The knowledge of English of the majority of candidates has been minimal at best, and the two to whom the position was offered politely declined because of the low starting salary.

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2. The lifting of the state of siege in Asuncion and its immediate environs has had little to no impact on life in Asuncion. However, there has been some loosening of political restrictions. The opposition parties have been allowed to hold some meetings that previously would have been banned and a major opposition figure, Domingo Laino, has been allowed to return to the country after living in Argentina for some 5 years in exile. Otherwise, the ever-present brown uniformed policeman are still seen on many street corners of Asuncion.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Argentine President Raul Alfonsin this month survived the most serious crisis of his 3-year-old administration. Military officers disgruntled at having to face charges of human rights violations committed during the 1976-83 military government staged an abortive but bloodless rebellion that lasted from the 16th to the 19th with some aftershocks the following week. On the 19th, Easter Sunday, the Bureau staffed a special morning shift to cover the unfolding situation and remained open late and opened early on other days of the crisis.

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2. The Bureau received "general praise" from the Wire for its "timely and on target" coverage of the Argentine crisis, although some "lapses" in formatting and substance were pointed out. The BBC thanked "all those concerned for the full and speedy service provided," expressing "best regards."

3. At the beginning of the month, Pope John Paul II visited Uruguay, Chile, and Argentina. In view of both the rift between the Chilean Catholic Church and the government of President Pinochet and the good possibility of terrorist actions, the Bureau moved its Roset dish from Brasilsat to the Intelsat at 53.0 W to cover portions of the pontiff's visit. The Bureau filed VSLs and editorial reports from Chilean television on the arrival and departure ceremonies held for the pope. The departure included an incident in which the pope appeared to refuse to allow Pinochet to kiss his ring.

4. After coordination with MOD, the Bureau added the Lima RBC Television in Spanish 0400-0500 GMT newscast to coverage. This program is recorded and then phone-patched to the Bureau by our contractor in Lima.

B. Lateral Services

On the 10th, Ambassador Taylor requested that the Bureau translate an article from that day's Asuncion EL DIARIO dealing with the exchange of diplomatic notes between the U.S. and Paraguayan Governments over the February incident in which a tear-gas cannister was thrown into the yard of a home where the Ambassador was attending a party. The Bureau was able to report that the article had already been processed and filed. In another request, the Ambassador asked that the Bureau file an editorial from the BUENOS AIRES HERALD discounting the importance of the end of the state of siege in Asuncion and its environs.

C. Technical

1. Following the arrival of the newest LSL database diskettes, the Bureau was able for the first time to print out a BACH-generated hard copy of the Lateral Services List. Despite this step in the right direction, the Bureau still cannot generate a message using BACH.

2. The new Victor personal computer was received and is about to be hooked up in the communications center to test whether the problems with the BACH system stem from the software or the IBM X/T.

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3. The technicians installed wiring and connections so that television audio signals can be recorded on the Bureau's Magnasync. They also set up a new radio receiver position in the television booth, which was connected to position No. 9 on the main distribution panel in the Main Radio room. This will give the Bureau added flexibility when covering a crisis.

4. The television distribution unit provided to the Bureau by ESG was successfully bench-tested, although it has been found that the system requires television monitors and not regular televisions. The Bureau will be consulting with ESG to see if the Bureau should convert its televisions to monitors so that the system can be used.

D. Cruising

1. The cruising monitor for the first time observed that Brasilia EBN is carrying items attributed to PRENSA LATINA and to DPA. Also on Brasilsat, he observed that Rio de Janeiro Rede Manchete Television is no longer on 3917 MHz, but is still on 3778 MHz. He performed a spotcheck of Intelsat 53.0W to observe reception of Lima Panamericana Television Network.

2. The cruising monitor observed the seasonal frequency adjustments by Moscow Radio's international services. Moscow Radio Peace and Progress was observed to resume a cast in Guarani on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 0100-0130. This program had not been monitored during the period when Moscow was making its seasonal frequency adjustments. In response to a message from Panama Bureau that Havana International Service had gone off the air, the cruiser checked and reported the Bureau's observations.

3. Asuncion Channel 13 lengthened its broadcast day this month and began signing on at 1000. Cruising observations turned up a newscast from 1030 to 1130 GMT. A new newscast was also found on Asuncion Channel 9 from 0300 to 0330 GMT.

4. Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS increased its transmission speed from 50 to 75 BAUD from 25 to 30 April, during which time reception was poor-fair. Reception did not improve when NA resumed transmissions at 50 BAUD on 31 April. Meanwhile, the press agency has announced that it will resume 75-BAUD transmissions in a week.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

The Bureau's new electronics technician, [redacted] [redacted] EOD'ed on the 13th.

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IV. VISITS

1. Bureau Chief [redacted] returned to duty on the 10th following her TDY to Washington for the Bureau Chiefs Conference and subsequent annual leave.

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2. James Vanderhoff, associate director of communications for the ARA/State Department based in Montevideo, visited the Bureau on the 23d. He was accompanied by local CPU chief Henry Zenn.

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Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

Paraguay Bureau Production Report for April 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

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| TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 290860 |
| TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 67150 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: | 1094 |

| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week) | 10570.00 min. | 50220.00 min. | 174.23 issues |
| III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month) | | | |

ARGENTINA

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|--|------|-------|-------|
| Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in Spanish | 5870 | | |
| Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish | 2070 | | |
| Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish | | 29860 | |
| Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish | | 28330 | |
| Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish | | 24360 | |
| Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in English | | | 16710 |
| Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Buenos Aires GENTE in Spanish | | | 2830 |
| Buenos Aires LA NACION in Spanish | | | 1290 |
| Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in Spanish | | | 100 |
| Buenos Aires LA RAZON in Spanish | | | 0 |

BOLIVIA

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|---------------------------------------|-------|--|------|
| La Paz Domestic in Spanish | 820 | | |
| La Paz La Red Panamericana in Spanish | 13640 | | |
| La Paz Radio Illimani in Spanish | 0 | | |
| La Paz El Diario in Spanish | | | 1310 |

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| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish | | | 1910 |
| BRAZIL | | | |
| Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese | 3330 | | |
| Brasilia Radio Nacional da Amazonia Network in Portuguese | 5520 | | |
| Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese | 0 | | |
| Rio de Janeiro Rede Globo Television in Portuguese | 6620 | | |
| Rio de Janeiro Rede Manchete Television in Portuguese | 240 | | |
| Sao Paulo Bandeirantes Television in Portuguese | 0 | | |
| Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese | 1520 | | |
| Brasilia EBN in Portuguese | | 16320 | |
| Rio de Janeiro AJB in Portuguese | | 500 | |
| Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese | | | 1460 |
| Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese | | | 0 |
| Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese | | | 4730 |
| Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese | | | 5170 |
| Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese | | | 9340 |
| Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese | | | 0 |
| CHILE | | | |
| Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish | 10410 | | |
| Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish | 5500 | | |
| Santiago Radio Portales in Spanish | 190 | | |
| Santiago Television Nacional de Chile Network in Spanish | 700 | | |
| Santiago Universidad de Chile Television in Spanish | 330 | | |

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| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Santiago QUE PASA in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Santiago ALTERNATIVA in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Santiago COSAS in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish | | | 1950 |
| Santiago HOY in Spanish | | | 950 |
| Santiago LA EPOCA in Spanish | | | 790 |
| Santiago LA SEGUNDA in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Santiago MENSAJE in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Santiago QUE PASA in Spanish | | | 0 |
| CHINA | | | |
| Beijing in Spanish to Latin America | 0 | | |
| FRANCE | | | |
| Paris AFP in Spanish | | 34580 | |
| PARAGUAY | | | |
| Asuncion Cerro Cora Sistema Nacional de Television in Spanish | 0 | | |
| Asuncion Domestic Service in Spanish | 2420 | | |
| Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in Spanish | 0 | | |
| Asuncion Red Nacional de Television in Spanish | 900 | | |
| Asuncion EL DIARIO in Spanish | | | 1910 |
| Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Asuncion HOY in Spanish | | | 410 |
| Asuncion LA DEMOCRACIA in Spanish | | | 0 |

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|---|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Asuncion LA TARDE in Spanish | | | 1050 |
| Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish | | | 3060 |
| PARAGUAY | | | |
| Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in Spanish | 230 | | |
| PERU | | | |
| Lima Cadena America Television in Spanish | 0 | | |
| Lima Canal 9 Television in Spanish | 580 | | |
| Lima Domestic Service in Spanish | 0 | | |
| Lima Latinoamericana Television in Spanish | 0 | | |
| Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish | 3760 | | |
| Lima RBC Television in Spanish | 0 | | |
| Lima Radio del Pacifico in Spanish | 710 | | |
| Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish | 1400 | | |
| Lima CARETAS in Spanish | 6720 | | |
| Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Lima EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish | | | 530 |
| Lima EXPRESO Spanish | | | 0 |
| Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish | | | 1780 |
| | | | 70 |
| SPAIN | | | |
| Madrid EFE in Spanish | | | 24150 |

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| | BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS | | | |
| Moscow Radio Magallanes in Spanish | 90 | | |
| Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish to Latin America | 0 | | |
| Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil | 0 | | |
| Moscow in Spanish to Latin America | 0 | | |
| Moscow in Spanish to Chile | 220 | | |
| Moscow in Spanish to Cuba | 0 | | |
| URUGUAY | | | |
| Montevideo Radio Carve in Spanish | 170 | | |
| Montevideo Radio El Espectador in Spanish | 90 | | |
| Montevideo LA HORA in Spanish | | | 950 |
| Montevideo EL DIA in Spanish | | | 410 |
| Montevideo EL PAIS in Spanish | | | 0 |
| Montevideo LA DEMOCRACIA in Spanish | | | 0 |

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| Brasilia EBN in Portuguese | 16320 |
| Rio de Janeiro AJB in Portuguese | 500 |
| Brasilia Radio Nacional da Amazonia Network in Portuguese | 5520 |
| Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese | 3330 |
| Sao Paulo Bandeirantes Television in Portuguese | 0 |
| Rio de Janeiro Rede Globo Television in Portuguese | 6620 |
| Rio de Janeiro Rede Manchete Television in Portuguese | 240 |
| Santiago Television Nacional de Chile Network in Spanish | 700 |
| | Total: 33,230 |