

7 April 1981  
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Memorandum for: Director, FBIS  
Through : Chief, Operations Group  
Subject : Paraguay Bureau Monthly Report--March 1981.

I. GENERAL

The monthly cost of living rose at a record-breaking 5.2 % rate in January in Paraguay.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The bureau began interviewing and testing applicants for the monitorial position left vacant by the resignation of trainee [redacted] STAT [redacted] in February. Response has been encouraging and a choice is STAT expected to be made early in April.

2. The attempt on President Reagan's life predictably generated a considerable volume of reaction in area media, all of it condemning the incident to one degree or another.

3. Special staffing was arranged to cover live the inauguration of General Viola as president of Argentina on the morning of 29 March when the bureau is not normally open. The inauguration of the new term of Augusto Pinochet, president of Chile, with its attendant speech, ceremonies, etc. also caused considerable translation volume.

B. Communications

There was a 3 and 1/2 hour schedule outage of the primary circuit on 4 March for repairs to the antenna at the chancery.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

FBIS editor [redacted] departed PCS WASHINGTON on 26 March. STAT

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Chief, FBIS Paraguay

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CC: Panama Bureau

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