

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 --
November 1986

I. GENERAL

1. During November, the Paraguayan Government cracked down more severely than usual on the opposition. Jamming of the opposition Radio Nanduti increased during the last week of the month to its highest level since it began 7 months ago -- at times the interference has been almost continuous. Earlier in the month, the interior minister denied that the government has anything to do with the jamming, which the station owner has said is causing sponsors to withdraw commercials, thus reducing station revenues and putting the station near bankruptcy. One of the radio's reporters was beaten and arrested, allegedly for reporting on demonstrations by politically active employees and doctors at the Hospital de Clinicas in Asuncion who have clashed with police several times this year. The reporter now is reported missing and the leader of the protesting doctors union has been jailed.

2. Further signs of government intransigence were contained in remarks by two generals. At a graduation ceremony, the major general who heads an officers training school said that President Stroessner will rule "until the end of his days." Another general, in a comment that surprised no one, said that the Army will defend the government "with arms if necessary."

3. As part of the State Department's effort to bolster security at embassies overseas, all Embassy employees are now required to wear Embassy I.D. badges and personal and official vehicles must be registered and display an Embassy decal to enter the compound.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorail/Editorial

1. Following a 30 October JORNAL DO BRASIL report that Paraguayan President Alfredo Stroessner is very ill with gallstones and an infection, and that he has been advised to receive treatment in the United States, the

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Bureau initiated a log of Stroessner's daily appearances on local television news programs. The longest period during which Stroessner did not appear was 4 days -- from the 7th to the 10th. No subsequent reports of his illness have been monitored.

2. The Bureau this month began covering a new Paraguayan opposition newspaper, LA DEMOCRACIA. The paper's masthead states that it expresses the thinking of Paraguayan liberalism.

3. In November, the Bureau filed 34,340 words exclusively from Brasilsat sources, up from 18,140 words in October. A large part of this increase was the result of coverage of the announcement of the Brazilian Government's new economic measures and the subsequent protests by opposition politicians and the first violent riots against the democratic government since it was installed.

B. Technical

1. The Bureau this month started experiencing some reception problems with the two press agencies monitored off Brasilsat. It was discovered that the No. 1 TVRD-270-FDM generates a signal that interferes with the No. 2 TVRD-270 FDM, causing extensive garbling. It was also discovered that there is interaction among the TVRD-270-70 and TVRD-270-FDM receivers. To improve our reception until a permanent solution is found, the Bureau has turned off the No. 1 FDM and the No. 2 "70." S.T. Research is sending a technician to the Bureau the week of 7 December to look into the problem.

2. Bureau technicians successfully tested and installed the antenna selector unit at the remote site near Luque. This system will be used with the microwave expansion project.

3. The technicians also installed the IBM-XT in the computer room.

C. Cruising

The cruiser spent 2 weeks cruising Brasilsat SBTS A1 in an unsuccessful search for more public media sources. He also checked the frequency changes for Beijing International Service and secondary frequency changes for Moscow International Service.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Since receiving Headquarters approval to increase the FBN T/O to 25, the Bureau has obtained Embassy approval to bring another monitor on board. This will bring the Bureau's monitorial strength up to 15. The Bureau has sent letters to two candidates from the last hiring campaign who look promising and will begin advertising the position in local newspapers in January-February.

IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Paraguay Bureau experienced a baby boom in November. On the 7th, Bureau Administrative Assistant [redacted] gave birth to a daughter, [redacted]. And on the 30th, the wife of Monitor Supervisor [redacted] had a boy named [redacted].

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Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

Paraguay Bureau Production Report for November 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	260450
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	89660
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	832

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	11020.00 min.	50220.00 min.	173.23 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

ARGENTINA			
Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in			
Spanish	450		
Buenos Aires Domestic Service in			
Spanish	6210		
Formosa LT 88 Television in			
Spanish	0		
Buenos Aires DYN in			
Spanish		8170	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in			
Spanish		28860	
Buenos Aires TELAM in			
Spanish		17010	
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in			
English			10460
Buenos Aires CLARIN in			
Spanish			1890
Buenos Aires GENTE in			
Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in			
Spanish			1590
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in			
Spanish			2340
Buenos Aires LA RAZON in			
Spanish			1420
BOLIVIA			
La Paz La Red Panamericana in			
Spanish	9350		
La Paz Radio Illimani in			
Spanish	0		
La Paz El Diario in			
Spanish			1830

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish			1260
BRAZIL			
Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	4140		
Brasilia Radio Nacional da Amazonia Network in Portuguese	2250		
Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese	0		
Rio de Janeiro Radio Globo in Portuguese	0		
Rio de Janeiro Rede Globo Television in Portuguese	15560		
Sao Paulo Bandeirantes Television in Portuguese	0		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese	400		
Brasilia EBN in Portuguese		9070	
Rio de Janeiro AJB in Portuguese		3320	
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese			3980
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese			640
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese			3880
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			4750
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			2360
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese			5330
CHILE			
Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	7140		
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	9840		
Santiago Radio Portales in Spanish	1830		
Santiago QUE PASA in Spanish			0
Santiago ALTERNATIVA in Spanish			0
Santiago COSAS in Spanish			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish			2100
Santiago HOY in Spanish			0
Santiago LA SEGUNDA in Spanish			0
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish			640
Santiago MENSAJE in Spanish			0
CHINA			
Beijing Beijing in Spanish	0		
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in Spanish		32860	
PARAGUAY			
Asuncion Radio Nanduti in Spanish	0		
Asuncion Cerro Cora Sistema Nacional de Television in Spanish	0		
Asuncion Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in Spanish	0		
Asuncion Red Privada de Television in Spanish	550		
Asuncion EL DIARIO in Spanish			3450
Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish			0
Asuncion HOY in Spanish			2870
Asuncion LA DEMOCRACIA in Spanish			210
Asuncion LA TARDE in Spanish			200
Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish			0
Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish			0
Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish			1360

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
PERU			
Lima Cadena America Television in Spanish	0		
Lima Canal 9 Television in Spanish	650		
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Lima Latinoamericana Television in Spanish	460		
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	550		
Lima Radio Star in Spanish	0		
Lima Radio del Pacifico in Spanish	1950		
Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish	890		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	5120		
Lima CARETAS in Spanish			0
Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish			0
Lima EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			40
Lima EXPRESO Spanish			0
Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			60
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		26000	
URUGUAY			
Montevideo Radio Carve in Spanish	3820		
Montevideo Radio El Espectador in Spanish	2300		
Montevideo LA HORA in Spanish			3090
Montevideo EL DIA in Spanish			50
Montevideo LA DEMOCRACIA in Spanish			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
USSR			
Moscow Radio Magallanes in Spanish		0	
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish to Latin America	1350		
Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil		0	
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America		0	
Moscow in Spanish to Chile	4550		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba		0	

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Rio de Janeiro Radio Globo in Portuguese	0
Sao Paulo Bandeirantes Television in Portuguese	0
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