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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report-Paraguay Bureau-August 1986

I. GENERAL

Wordage from ROSET sources jumped from the previous high of 13,600 in July to 19,500 in August, with the Brazilian Government news agency, Brasilia EBN, accounting for the bulk of copy. Effective the 25th, the Bureau added two newscasts from Rio de Janeiro Rede Globo Television in Portuguese to coverage. The Bureau's content survey of Brazilian television programming indicates that these two television casts should add significantly to the Brazilian coverage package.

[redacted] Chief, Engineering Support Group, TDY'ed at the Bureau 7-9 August. During his visit he inspected the Associate ROSET installation and equipment. Informed of the Bureau's continuing problem of water standing in the ROSET dish and the dish base ring, he instructed the technicians to drill drainage holes to alleviate the problem. [redacted] met with Ambassador Taylor and visited the remote antenna field in Luque and the ANTELCO earth station in Aregua. On the last day of his visit, the Bureau hosted a coffee for [redacted] during which he briefed Bureau personnel on modernization plans.

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Panama Bureau Engineer [redacted] TDY'ed at the Bureau 12-17 August to repair the Associate ROSET and give additional training to the Bureau's technicians and cruiser. He changed the down converter and tested the new one by cooling down the interior of the cabinet at the foot of the dish. He found that the previous problem of signal degradation under the influence of cold weather did not recur. He also discovered a defective demodulation card in one of the SCPC-70 dual demodulators, which has since been replaced by Headquarters. [redacted] additionally found that the ROSET is experiencing some interference on the FDM signal used to copy the two Brazilian press agencies on Bureau coverage from another FDM signal. This condition exists because Brasilsat uses linear polarization and one

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of the FDM carriers is polarized horizontally and the other vertically. The Associate ROSET, however, has only a circular polarization feed and, therefore, cannot separate the two signals. He recommended that Headquarters convert the feed for linear polarization.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In Bolivia, unrest among the powerful mineworkers was the subject of much of the Bureau's reporting this month. A strike in the mining center of Oruro, where inhabitants were unhappy over the government's decision to reorganize the state-run mining corporation and to close some unprofitable mines, evolved into a large-scale protest and march by approximately 7,000 miners on La Paz, some 230 kilometers away. As the miners approached the capital, the government reacted by setting up road blocks and cordoning off the miners with troops. As tension mounted, the Bureau instituted an open-speaker watch on Bolivian radios. On the 27th, the government imposed a state of siege in response to the growing worker protests in Oruro, La Paz, and other parts of the country in favor of the miners. The same day, government vehicles started returning the marchers to Oruro, and tension decreased. The Interior Ministry has so far announced that 161 people have been arrested and that some of them have been banished to isolated areas in the interior. Octogenarian President Victor Paz, having weathered yet another crisis in his long and turbulent career, on the 29th addressed Congress and the nation to explain the reorganization of the mines and the imposition of the state of siege. However, Bolivian radios carried only the last 9 minutes of the speech, which the Bureau texted.

2. Terrorist activity continued to be the major story in Chile. On the 11th, the government reported the discovery of a huge arms cache containing rifles, ammunition, grenades, mortars, and rockets that it alleged were brought into the country by Soviet and Cuban fishing boats and hidden for subsequent use by Chilean terrorists. The two principal Chilean terrorist groups, the Manuel Rodriguez Partiotic Front (FPMR) and the Movement of the Revolutionary Left, have denied involvement with the caches. Various personalities, including labor leader Rodolfo Seguel, and the magazine CAUCE have charged that the caches are a government hoax. Since announcing the first arms cache discovery, the government has reported finding several more clandestine arsenals and at least 21 individuals have been arrested for involvement. At the end of the month, Defense Minister Carvajal stated that the

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arrests have "virtually destroyed" the FPMR command. He also claimed that the U.S. Government supplied Chile with satellite-source information that helped in the detection of the illegal introduction of the weapons from Soviet and Cuban ships.

3. Whether or not their command structure was broken, the FPMR remained active during the month. A hooded man claiming to be the leader of FPMR units within the Army told foreign journalists at a clandestine press conference that he and other FPMR militants would consider it an honor to assassinate President Pinochet. On the 18th, the FPMR kidnapped an Army colonel, the highest ranking government or military officer ever kidnapped, and released him unharmed on the 21st. The kidnapping seems to have been designed to show the government that it is not invulnerable and allegedly to seek contacts with ranking officers. The kidnapers have alleged that they found a document on the colonel describing a secret plan in which the U.S. Government has offered Pinochet the opportunity to leave office honorably and live in the United States. The FPMR has also stepped up efforts to gain increased international support and recognition.

4. Brazilian television, Sao Paulo Rede Bandeirantes Television in Portuguese, on the 4th carried an interview with Libyan leader Mu'ammur al-Qadhdhafi in his home in Tripoli. The Bureau monitored the interview via ROSET, texted it, and sent Headquarters the video. The same day, Brazil authorized the sale of heavy weapons to Libya. On the 8th, FOLHA DE SAO PAULO created a controversy by reporting that the government is building underground facilities for testing nuclear weapons and for storing nuclear waste in northern Brazil. The government immediately issued a communique denying the report. Despite the denial, however, the Brazilian press is continuing to give heavy play to the report and to allegations that the military has a parallel nuclear program well under way.

5. On 4 August, the Peruvian Government of President Alan Garcia declared a moratorium on the payment of the public sector debt to private international banks. Prime Minister Luis Alva Castro on the 8th announced that Peru would not pay the full amount it owed to the IMF by the 15 August deadline. When the deadline passed and Peru made no additional payments, the IMF declared the country ineligible for further loans. President Garcia denounced the IMF decision and repeated his frequently asserted position of economic independence. Despite Peru's defiant posturing, the government said it would remain in the IMF.

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6. In an attempt to end a long-simmering and potentially volatile issue, the Uruguayan Government on the 28th proposed full amnesty for most of the military personnel accused of involvement in human rights abuses between 1962 and 1985, when the present civilian government assumed power. The Bureau filed excerpts of President Sanguinetti's speech, in which he gave reasons for the government proposal.

B. Cruising

During the TDY of Panama Bureau Engineer [redacted] the cruiser received additional training on ROSET cruising and operations. The cruiser contributed significantly to the monitorial coverage of the Bolivian crisis by cruising out audible Bolivian stations, especially those in the interior of the country where the miners were striking. He also began compiling information for the semiannual Panama Bureau press and radio coverage backstop plan and is about to begin cruising out Argentine, Brazilian, and Uruguayan radios with the Bureau's newly installed long-wire antenna.

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C. Technical

1. At midmonth the Bureau received Headquarters authorization to refurbish the rhombic antenna at the remote site in Luque, some 15 miles outside Asuncion. The new towers were completely erected and the antenna wires hung by 5 September. The Bureau uses the rhombic to cover Bolivian radios and when the contractor was told the project would have to be postponed because of the troubles brewing in Bolivia, he said he could put up the new towers and re-string the antenna wires without the Bureau losing 1 minute of coverage, which he did.

2. The microwave expansion project at the remote site got well under way in August. The four new racks have been installed, the equipment has been completely moved without any disruption of Bureau operations, and the complete re-wiring is in progress. The project should be completed by mid-September.

3. The television antennas positioned on the antenna pole above the Bureau were moved to another pole because they were suffering a signal degradation caused by interference from a local HAM operator. Reception has improved of local transmissions as well as those from Argentine television in Formosa.

4. Five new Toshiba televisions were installed in the television-monitoring booth.

5. The following accountable property was procured locally as part of the ROSET project:

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- 5 Toshiba 14-inch color television sets made in Japan model CJ-300 A; serial no. 47251932, 47250906, 47250527, 47251843, 662256032.
- 3 Toshiba VCR's made in Japan, model M-5130-TL; serial no. 66216880, 66214812, 66214803.
- 4 Sylver 6-inch color television sets made in Japan, model CA-111; serial no. 001, 002, 003, 004.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

Junior Editor [redacted] was promoted to GS-11, effective 3 August.

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IV. VISITS

1. [redacted] Chief, Engineering Support Group, TDY'ed at the Bureau 7-9 August.

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2. Panama Bureau Engineer [redacted] TDY'ed at the Bureau 12-17 August.

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I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	300761
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	88200
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	964

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	9376.00 min.	39840.00 min.	174.23 issues

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

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in Spanish	0		
Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish	4290		
Formosa LT 88 Television in Spanish	0		
Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish		4340	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish		7710	
Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish		12860	
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in English			6770
Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish			620
Buenos Aires GENTE in Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in Spanish			2830
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in Spanish			1260
Buenos Aires TIEMPO ARGENTINO in Spanish			2810

BOLIVIA

La Paz Domestic Service in Spanish	5730		
La Paz La Red Panamericana in Spanish	13630		
La Paz Radio Fides Network in Spanish	380		

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	BROAD-- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-- CATIONS
La Paz Radio Illimani in Spanish	1000		
La Paz El Diario in Spanish			1960
La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish			280
BRAZIL			
Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	810		
Brasilia Radio Nacional da Amazonia Network in Portuguese	4380		
Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese	0		
Rio de Janeiro Radio Globo in Portuguese	90		
Sao Paulo Bandeirantes Television in Portuguese	2530		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese	490		
Brasilia EBN in Portuguese		11680	
Rio de Janeiro AJB in Portuguese		0	
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese			7110
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese			0
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese			4470
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			9700
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			6900
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese			1280
CHILE			
Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	23310		
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	15810		
Santiago Television Service in Spanish	2070		
Santiago QUE PASA in Spanish			0
Santiago ANALISIS in Spanish			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Santiago APSI in Spanish			2860
Santiago CAUCE in Spanish			1510
Santiago COSAS in Spanish			2840
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish			3350
Santiago HOY in Spanish			3260
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish			2460
Santiago MENSAJE in Spanish			0
CHINA			
Beijing Beijing in Spanish	0		
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in Spanish		47810	
PARAGUAY			
Asuncion Radio Nanduti in Spanish	1060		
Asuncion Cerro Cora Sistema Nacional de Television in Spanish		310	
Asuncion Domestic Service in Spanish	840		
Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in Spanish	0		
Asuncion Red Privada de Teledifusora Paraguaya Television in Spanish	770		
Asuncion EL DIARIO in Spanish			1910
Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish			620
Asuncion HOY in Spanish			2470
Asuncion LA TARDE in Spanish			480
Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish			820
Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish			180

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Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish			0
PERU			
Lima Cadena America Television in Spanish	670		
Lima Canal 9 Television in Spanish	140		
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Lima Latinoamericana Television in Spanish	1620		
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	4070		
Lima Radio del Pacifico in Spanish	250		
Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish	90		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	1750		
Lima CARETAS in Spanish			0
Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish			150
Lima EL DIARIO MARKA in Spanish			0
Lima EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			1860
Lima EXPRESO Spanish			40
Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			780
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		46150	
URUGUAY			
Montevideo Radio Carve in Spanish	3230		
Montevideo Radio El Espectador in Spanish	850		
Montevideo LA HORA in Spanish			0
Montevideo EL DIA in Spanish			2550

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
USSR			
Moscow Radio Magallanes in Spanish	260		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish to Latin America	0		
Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	420		
Moscow in Spanish to Chile	5231		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	0		

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