

**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--May 1986

I. GENERAL

With last month's installation of the Associate ROBOT, the Bureau this month concentrated its efforts on cruising out Brasilsat A1. The Bureau established a schedule for surveying the four principal Brazilian television stations. As the month closed this survey was nearing completion and cruising and admin messages requesting formal sourceline approval were in the drafting stages.

On 6 and 8 May, Paraguay and Panama Bureaus, respectively, located Rio de Janeiro AJB and Brasilia EBN in Portuguese on the satellite. Since then Paraguay has had both on ad hoc coverage until the formal cruising survey is completed by the Headquarters cruiser in June.

The Bureau filed some 8,500 words from Brasilsat sources, the bulk from EBN. It has been found that EBN carries a significant amount of material on government activities that previously was not available to the Bureau.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The major story in Argentina in May was the apparent bomb attempt against President Alfonsin while he was visiting the III Army Corps Headquarters in Cordoba. Although confusion surrounds the incident and the Defense Ministry and the military have tried to downplay the incident, the corps commander accepted responsibility and

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resigned and the defense minister has quit for "health reasons." No group has claimed responsibility for the bomb attempt. There has been also an increasing number of bomb attacks in Argentina since the courts handed down long prison terms to three of the principals of the military government during the Falklands War. These attacks have mainly focused on the ruling party's offices throughout the country.

2. In the most serious incident since the 1982 Falklands War, an Argentine Coast Guard cutter on the 28th surprised two Taiwan fishing boats just outside the 150-mile UK "exclusion zone" around the islands, over which Argentina claims sovereignty. One of the Taiwan boats was disabled by machinegun fire from the Coast Guard ship, which picked up the crewmen, several of whom were injured, one died of an apparent heart attack, and one is missing. The Argentine Naval Prefecture and the Foreign Ministry issued communiques justifying Argentina's action, which the British Foreign Office condemned in a "stiff public rebuke."

3. The open conflict in Paraguay between supporters and opponents of the government continues. The independent Radio Nanduti, which was attacked early in the month, is continuing to suffer jamming by an unknown source. The programming of the Catholic Radio Caritas also has been jammed occasionally when carrying programs critical of the government, and Radio Primero de Marzo has received threatening phone calls. The Bureau has filed a series of radio behavior FYI's on this jamming. In addition, several opposition demonstrations in Asuncion have been broken up by the police, but last month's severity has been tempered somewhat. In a diplomatic faux pas, Paraguay's ambassador to Argentina accused some Argentine Radical Party deputies of aiding Paraguayan subversives in Buenos Aires. Following the strong Argentine official reaction, Paraguay disavowed the envoy's statement and he has since been recalled. An interesting footnote to the Paraguayan situation is that an Argentine television station in Formosa, just across the border, has been giving extensive coverage to the opposition's activities. The Bureau filed an editorial wrapup on this coverage that the Embassy appreciated and has placed Formosa Television on coverage for video footage of developments in Paraguay that is not available from Paraguayan sources.

4. Terrorist violence continued in Peru, highlighted by the murder by the Shining Path of a vice

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admiral in Lima on the 6th and an unsuccessful assassination attempt against a leading ruling party official on the 27th. Additionally, several ruling party branch offices have been attacked. This upsurge in terrorist activity has forced President Garcia to cancel trips to Panama, Mexico, and Europe as well as plans to meet with other world leaders.

5. Anticipating U.S. retaliation for a Brazilian Government decision to "reserve its market" for Brazilian-made computers, the Foreign Ministry on the 16th issued a communique calling the protectionist measure "a legitimate expression of national sovereignty." Feathers were smoothed during a month-end visit by U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead, and it was agreed the two countries would work together and avoid using the word "reprisals."

B. Lateral Services

1. Upon his return from annual leave and consultations in the United States, Ambassador Taylor told the 30 May Country Team meeting that everyone he talked to in Washington, particularly in Congress, was well-informed about the situation in Paraguay, in great part owing to the Bureau items being published in the DAILY REPORT.

2. In response to a request from the BBC Newsroom, the Bureau filed several items dealing with the alleged excommunication of officials in the Maranhao, Brazil, state government.

C. Cruising

Most of the cruiser's activities this month centered around the new Associate ROSET antenna. After receiving some training on the operation of the antenna from the Regional Engineer during his April TDY, the cruiser used it to survey Brazilian radio and television stations and press agencies. He also completed the survey of Moscow's secondary frequency adjustments. In June he and Headquarters Cruiser [redacted] will conduct a complete cruise-out with the ROSET and Bureau terrestrial antennas.

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D. Technical

During the month the technicians gave invaluable assistance to the cruiser and the monitors surveying Brasilsat A1. Construction of the permanent long-wire antenna was begun and is nearing completion at the remote

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site at the ANTELCO field in Luque. The new racks for the Bureau's equipment at the remote site are being fabricated, and it is expected the enhanced microwave system will be installed by the end of June. The Bureau received and bench-tested a new teletype time printer that will be used to print the time on the press agencies monitored at the Bureau. At the request of Panama Bureau, the Bureau tested two excess Crown recorders that Panama wishes to use. It was found that one works well and that Panama can use the other to cannibalize for spare parts.

III. ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

1. After a local recruitment effort and extensive testing and evaluation, the Bureau has selected as its newest monitor-candidate [redacted] a native of Paraguay and a graduate in architecture from the University of Washington in Seattle. [redacted] an older brother of the Bureau Administrative Assistant, is currently undergoing preemployment processing.

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2. [redacted] joined the Bureau on the 26th as the new part-time contract secretary. She will work a minimum of 64 hours per pay period. [redacted] is from Mississippi and is married to [redacted] an exchange officer serving in Asuncion.

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IV. VISITS

1. On 6 May, State Department INR/D analysts Dona Brown and Karen Boushie visited the Bureau for a briefing on operations.

2. [redacted] ALA analysts for Paraguay and Argentina, respectively, visited the Bureau for a briefing on the 22d. They said they made "great use" of Paraguay Bureau's materials.

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3. On the 28th the Bureau Chief briefed a group of new officers to the Mission and their spouses on Bureau operations.

V. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

On the night of 19 May, Asuncion suffered a violent thunderstorm with near-hurricane or hurricane force winds. Bureau operations were interrupted for only a few minutes, but large areas of the city, including the homes

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of several staffers and local employees, were without power for as long as 4 days. It is estimated that over 2,000 trees were toppled by the storm in Asuncion alone. The Bureau's antennas survived without any damage.



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Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

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Chief, Key West Bureau

Attachments: Monthly Production Report
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Paraguay Bureau Production Report for May 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	227570
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	93710
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1431

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	9306.00 min.	42450.00 min.	174.23 issues

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

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in Spanish	3140		
Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish	8080		
Formosa LT 88 Television in Spanish	2500		
Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish		4960	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish		15380	
Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish		15950	
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in English			7440
Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish			3140
Buenos Aires GENTE in Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in Spanish			810
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in Spanish			1270
Buenos Aires TIEMPO ARGENTINO in Spanish			210

BOLIVIA

La Paz La Red Panamericana in Spanish	4380		
La Paz Radio Illimani in Spanish	40		
La Paz El Diario in Spanish			520

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	BROAD-- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-- CATIONS
La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish			1040
BRAZIL			
Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	2920		
Brasilia Radio Nacional da Amazonia Network in Portuguese	5040		
Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese	0		
Rio de Janeiro Radio Globo Network in Portuguese	740		
Sao Paulo Bandeirantes Television in Portuguese	560		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese	1120		
Sao Paulo Television Globo in Portuguese	170		
Brasilia EBN in Portuguese		7730	
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese			630
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese			0
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese			3010
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			2300
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			3290
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese			0
CHILE			
Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	7700		
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	9180		
Santiago QUE PASA in Spanish			0
Santiago ANALISIS in Spanish			2280
Santiago CAUCE in Spanish			0
Santiago COSAS in Spanish			0
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish			2650

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Santiago HOY in Spanish			0
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish			2300
Santiago MENSAJE in Spanish			0
CHINA			
Beijing Beijing in Spanish	0		
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in Spanish		28990	
PARAGUAY			
Asuncion Radio Nanduti in Spanish	1440		
Asuncion Cerro Cora Sistema Nacional de Television in Spanish	0		
Asuncion Domestic Service in Spanish	2330		
Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in Spanish	2370		
Asuncion Red Privada de Teledifusora Paraguaya Television in Spanish	1130		
Asuncion EL DIARIO in Spanish			3020
Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish			1080
Asuncion HOY in Spanish			6540
Asuncion LA TARDE in Spanish			2500
Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish			1410
Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish			0
Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish			5460
PERU			
Lima Cadena America Television in Spanish	550		

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Lima Canal 9 Television in Spanish	5200		
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Lima Latinoamericana Television in Spanish	0		
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	3460		
Lima Radio del Pacifico in Spanish	660		
Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish	1420		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	2940		
Lima CARETAS in Spanish			0
Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish			120
Lima EL DIARIO MARKA in Spanish			0
Lima EXPRESO Spanish			480
Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			2630
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		27680	
URUGUAY			
Montevideo Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Montevideo Radio Carve in Spanish	1580		
Montevideo Radio El Espectador in Spanish	1070		
Montevideo LA HORA in Spanish			190
Montevideo EL DIA in Spanish			930
USSR			
Moscow Radio Magallanes in Spanish	0		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish to Latin America	1290		

	BROAD-- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-- CATIONS
Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Chile	620		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	0		

WORDAGE FILED FROM ROSET SOURCES

Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes Television in Portuguese	560
Brasilia EBN in Portuguese	7730
Sao Paulo Television Globo in Portuguese	170