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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Paraguay Bureau--March 1986

I. GENERAL

The Bureau has been notified by Engineering Support Group that the equipment for our Associate ROSET was placed into the MAC system on the 28th. In addition, Mike Tzanakis, the consultant engineer from S.T. Research of Newington, Virginia, arrived in Asuncion on 1 April. He will make the final contractor selection and supervise construction of the ROSET pad and erection of the antenna. If all goes well, the Bureau hopes to have the ROSET operable by the end of April or early May.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Reaction to U.S. policy initiatives, statements by U.S. officials, and U.S. actions were the subject of much of the Bureau's reporting this month. Most of this reaction came from Chile, where the foreign minister and the interior minister, among other officials, denounced a U.S.-sponsored resolution approved by the UN Human Rights Commission on the 12th in Geneva that censured the government's human rights record. In coordination with Panama Bureau, which for the first time used its ROSET for real-time coverage of a breaking news story in Paraguay Bureau's coverage area, the Bureau filed urgent items on this reaction for which it and Panama received thanks from the Wire. A predictably strong reaction also greeted U.S. White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan's comment that "for the time being" the U.S. would not try to

destabilize Chile. Terrorist activities, increasing in recent months, peaked on the night of the 26-27th, when the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front claimed responsibility for more than 40 attacks against banks, power stations, public offices, and buses. On the political front, Gabriel Valdes, the Christian Democratic Party leader, on the 13th called on the opposition forces to unite and conduct a national mobilization with the aim of toppling the Pinochet regime. This speech, carried live by Santiago Radio Chilena, was passed to the Bureau by our Santiago contractor. Also on the 13th, the government issued a decree slightly loosening media restrictions on reporting on political activities.

2. In Brazil, the Foreign Ministry denounced and denied a statement President Reagan made on the 16th during a speech in Washington that Nicaragua is supporting guerrillas in Brazil, Argentina, and other countries. The ministry summoned the U.S. charge d'affaires to discuss the allegation. On the 15th, a Panamanian-flag ship, the "Nobistor," carrying a cargo of weapons ostensibly bound for Ghana, was seized in Rio. Eight Americans aboard the ship claimed to be mercenaries and were arrested, along with 10 Argentines. Brazilian and Argentine authorities are still investigating the case. On the 28th, after several delays, the Brazilsat SBT8 A2 communications satellite was launched aboard an Ariane rocket from the Kourou space center in French Guiana.

3. The Argentine Government reacted to President Reagan's charges of Nicaraguan support for guerrillas by summoning the U.S. ambassador to the Foreign Ministry, and it subsequently issued a communique denying the charge. Peruvian President Alan Garcia arrived in Buenos Aires on the 14th for a 3-day visit. During his stay, Garcia spoke to the Argentine Congress, which the Bureau covered live from Buenos Aires Domestic Service, and the Bureau staffed a shift on Sunday morning, the 16th, to cover a press conference he gave. The powerful General Confederation of Labor on the 25th staged its second nationwide strike against the Alfonsin government in 2 months to protest its labor and salary policies. Although the government claimed that only 55 percent of the workers complied with the strike order, this second strike points up the growing frictions between organized labor and the government.

4. At the beginning of the month the Bolivian interior minister lashed out at the U.S. Government, criticizing a Senate resolution to cut aid to Bolivia until it undertakes an all-out struggle against drug trafficking. On the 27th, the previously unknown People's Command claimed responsibility for a bomb explosion at the U.S. Embassy in La Paz that caused slight property damage.

5. At home in Paraguay, the government of President Stroessner kept up its pressure on the opposition and peasant and labor groups, and the media continued their campaign against Ambassador Taylor, alleging interference in the country's domestic affairs. The Bureau gave wide coverage to this reportage and commentary, for which it

received a note from the Ambassador giving "special thanks to your 'crew of experts' for the fine job." Since the most vituperative commentaries are broadcast on the "Voz del Coloradismo" program, the Bureau has added the Saturday and Sunday casts to coverage.

#### B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of DCM Dan Clare, the Bureau queried LRB and received permission to file copy on Paraguay directly to the State Southern Cone Desk.

2. LRB passed to the Bureau the "appreciation for your excellent selection of recent articles on narcotics" from the coordinator of the Southwest border region of NNBIS in El Paso.

3. At the request of BBC, the Bureau filed responsive materials on the visits Foreign Office Minister Baroness Young and a parliamentary delegation made to the Falkland Islands.

#### C. Cruising

During the visit by Peruvian President Garcia to Argentina, the cruiser conducted a reception check of Buenos Aires Domestic Service in support of the monitorial staff. He also surveyed Havana International Service in Quechua to Ecuador, Bolivia, and Peru in coordination with Panama Bureau after a Peruvian deputy alleged Havana was inciting the population against the government.

#### D. Technical

1. Two major projects were started this month. The first is in preparation for the Associate ROSET. The Bureau had a local contractor design and build furniture for a new television monitoring booth. It will house five televisions and video recorders and allow two monitors to work simultaneously. In addition, for added flexibility one position also will have radio capability. The furniture has been delivered and the technicians are now installing the equipment and wiring.

2. The other project entails the complete rewiring of the Main Radio patch panel. We are replacing the old patch panel with one received from Headquarters.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### Personnel

On 10 March, the Bureau issued the checks to the local staff for the local holiday back pay owed them from 1 May 1983 to 1 November 1985. Needless to say, they were well-received in light of the rapidly rising cost of living in Paraguay. The back payment was necessary because of a Bureau management misunderstanding of the

Embassy regulations for holiday pay for local employees. As a result of this exercise, this policy has been clarified for the entire Mission.

IV. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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This year FBIS was well represented at the Tuesday Night Bowling Awards Banquet. [redacted] the husband of Editor [redacted] received a first place trophy for being on the winning team, and Chief [redacted] a second place trophy. Furthermore, 3 weeks into the new season, [redacted] is leading the men's category with a 219 scratch game.

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CC: Panama Bureau  
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Attachments: Monthly Production Report

## Paraguay Bureau Production Report for March 1986

## I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	313392
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	80710
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1390

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7076.00 min.	40770.00 min.	177.23 issues

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

## ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in Spanish	5190		
Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish	8080		
Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish		5730	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish		13160	
Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish		14990	
Buenos Aires AMBITO FINANCIERO in Spanish			0
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in English			17580
Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish			660
Buenos Aires GENTE in Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in Spanish			1200
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in Spanish			1340
Buenos Aires TIEMPO ARGENTINO in Spanish			430

## BOLIVIA

La Paz La Red Panamericana in Spanish	14740		
La Paz Radio Illimani in Spanish	1400		
La Paz El Diario in Spanish			1130

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish			1130
BRASIL			
Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	6730		
Brasilia Radio Nacional da Amazonia Network in Portuguese	7142		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes Network in Portuguese	360		
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese			5760
Rio de Janeiro LATIN AMERICA DAILY POST in English			0
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese			0
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese			5000
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			22300
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			5560
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese			0
CHILE			
Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	23140		
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	18570		
Santiago ANALISIS in Spanish			13100
Santiago CAUCE in Spanish			0
Santiago COSAS in Spanish			1000
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish			4060
Santiago HOY in Spanish			900
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish			140
Santiago MENSAJE in Spanish			0
CHINA			
Beijing Beijing in Spanish	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in Spanish			33280
PARAGUAY			
Asuncion Cerro Cora Sistema Nacional de Television in Spanish	410		
Asuncion Domestic Service in Spanish	2890		
Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in Spanish	1050		
Asuncion Red Privada de Teledifusora Paraguaya Television in Spanish	620		
Asuncion EL DIARIO in Spanish			1580
Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish			4680
Asuncion HOY in Spanish			6090
Asuncion LA TARDE in Spanish			3900
Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish			3900
Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish			0
Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish			3340
PERU			
Lima Cadena America Television in Spanish	90		
Lima Canal 9 Television in Spanish	5830		
Lima Latinoamericana Television in Spanish	110		
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	2420		
Lima Radio del Pacifico in Spanish	470		
Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish	1290		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	3300		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Lima CARETAS in Spanish			0
Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish			430
Lima EL DIARIO MARKA in Spanish			510
Lima EXPRESO Spanish			2080
Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			0
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		26960	
URUGUAY			
Montevideo Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Montevideo Radio Carve in Spanish	2690		
Montevideo Radio El Espectador in Spanish	220		
Montevideo LA HORA in Spanish			0
Montevideo EL DIA in Spanish			860
USSR			
Moscow Radio Magallanes in Spanish	280		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish to Latin America	320		
Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Chile	2590		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	680		