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PARAGUAY BUREAU
ASUNCION, PARAGUAY

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Paraguay Bureau--January 1986

I. GENERAL

1. General John Rogers Galvin, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Southern Command, headquartered in Panama, visited Paraguay and the Asuncion Mission 26-28 January. The Bureau Chief attended the limited country-team briefing chaired by Ambassador Taylor on the 26th. The Ambassador introduced the Chief to Gen Galvin and explained the Bureau's mission. The general said he is familiar with FBIS and particularly the work of Panama Bureau. The Chief also attended a Paraguayan-style asado (barbecue) at the Ambassador's residence that night for Gen Galvin. The bureau provided the Office of Defense Cooperation with a compendium of television reportage on the general's visit.

2. Paraguay and southern Brazil have been suffering the hottest and driest summer on record. Temperatures have consistently been above 100 degrees and rainfall has been insignificant, causing severe crop damage and significant problems for the agriculture-based Paraguayan economy. Additionally, a sudden, freak dry-wind storm hit Asuncion on the 12th with hurricane-force winds of over 80 mph. As winds of this strength are rare in Asuncion, the storm was a good test for the Bureau antennas at both the remote site and on the Embassy compound. No damage was discovered.

3. Because of the drought, the Rio Paraguay is at a record low level, resulting in river shipment problems for some commodities, including crude oil. Shortages have occurred, the most troublesome being automobile alcohol, which reportedly will be out of supply for four months, and various grocery store items. The Bureau has made contingency plans for the driver to transport staff who own alcohol-fueled cars to and from work when their cars' thirst cannot be quenched and public transportation is unavailable. The government monopoly that produces automobile alcohol says it can do nothing about the shortage, which affects some 10,000 cars in Asuncion. Evidently the "black market" and "contrabandistas" will have to supply car alcohol -- of course, at exorbitant prices. Meanwhile, prices for other commodities also have risen drastically recently -- all of which points to a tough economic year for the Paraguayans.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Ambassador Taylor on 3 January met with the National Accord, a loose coalition of four small opposition parties. Government officials, high-ranking members of the ruling Colorado Party, and the official press reacted strongly and negatively to the meeting. The Bureau filed several broadcast and published statements and editorials condemning the ambassador's "meddling" and "interference," some of which were hand-carried to the ambassador as soon as they were translated. On the 7th, the Ambassador sent the Bureau a memo expressing his thanks for the rapid and accurate reporting on his meetings and subsequent media reaction. He later forwarded a copy of a letter he received from U.S. Congressman Tony P. Hall of Ohio commending the Ambassador for the meetings, which Hall said he learned about "from information carried by the Foreign Broadcast Information Service."

2. As the storm over the Ambassador's meeting was subsiding, U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy, on a trip to South America -- which did not include Paraguay -- said on the 10th in a telephone interview from Brazil with Asuncion Radio Nanduti that he hoped Paraguayan President Alfredo Stroessner would open a dialogue with the opposition. A tape of Kennedy's interview was sent to Ambassador Taylor, who again thanked the Bureau, which braced itself for the ensuing barrage of editorials and statements blasting Kennedy's "interference."

3. Senator Kennedy received more than a "warm" reception in Chile on the 15th. As he was trying to leave Santiago's airport by car, progovernment demonstrators blocked the road and damaged his car. He returned to the terminal building and waited 2 hours before being taken downtown in a police helicopter. Chilean Foreign Minister Jaime del Valle denied any government involvement in the demonstrations. Later that day Kennedy addressed an opposition rally in Santiago and met with Chilean Cardinal Raul Silva Enriquez. A bomb threat forced Kennedy to interrupt the meetings he was holding in the Spanish Circle Club in Santiago. On the 16th, Kennedy departed Santiago for Lima after giving a press conference at the airport.

4. Terrorist bombings continued in Chile throughout the month. On the 19th bombs hit the U.S. Cultural Center and the railroad station in Valparaiso. On the 25th, there was an explosion in the Cardoen Arms Factory in Iquique, north of Santiago, where cluster bombs are manufactured. According to unofficial reports, 30 people were killed in the explosion, and the government did not rule out sabotage.

5. On the 13th, a large, leftist-organized demonstration was held in Buenos Aires to protest the visit by U.S. banker David Rockefeller to Argentina to chair a meeting of the Society of the Americas. A general strike was called by the General Labor Confederation (CGT) on the 24th. It is difficult to determine

whether the widespread participation in the strike was motivated by worker discontent, as the CGT claimed, or by the desire for a long summer weekend, as the government insinuated.

6. On the 9th, Brazilian official and diplomatic sources leaked that despite U.S.-imposed sanctions against Libya, Brazil planned to remain one of al-Qadhafi's main suppliers of weapons and planes. The Libyan Embassy in Brasilia, moreover, announced that a commercial and military mission would visit Brazil in February to buy more products. In an official note on the 13th, the Brazilian Foreign Ministry denied knowledge that a Libyan mission would come in February to discuss arms sales. In the end, the Libyans cancelled the visit.

7. In keeping with energy rationing in southern Brazil caused by the severe drought, a general on the 21st ordered that soldiers be given haircuts with manual rather than electric clippers.

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if Gama-Rodriguez
continues.*

B. Cruising

At headquarters' request, the cruiser surveyed Lisbon, Madrid, and Beijing International Services. He also checked Brazilian stations to find a substitute for the morning cast of Radio Bandeirantes, which had to be dropped because of poor reception.

C. Technical

1. The long-wire antenna project at the remote site got under way this month. It will replace the temporary one currently being used. The Bureau purchased most of the equipment it will need, and a contractor cleared the area where it will be erected and laid the foundations and prepared the poles. We have ANTELCO's verbal agreement to put up the antenna, and once we have the written agreement it should be up quickly. The Bureau expects this antenna to improve medium wave reception of Uruguay in particular as well as of Argentina and Brazil.

2. The technicians drew an updated azimuthal equidistance map showing the orientation of all the Bureau's antennas, including those at the remote site. It will be forwarded to Washington with a package of pictures on the Bureau and the antennas.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Monitor who has been on LWOP for 1 year, resigned her position on the 24th. She is living in Montevideo and will not be able to return to Asuncion. She has found, however, a contract position with the ODC office in Montevideo.

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2. The Paraguayan Government mandated a 15-percent increase in the minimum wage effective 17 January, which will result in a monthly increase of 7,832 guaranias for all FBN employees.

IV. VISITS

1. Bureau Chief [redacted] returned from leave in the States on the 10th.

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2. As noted above, General John R. Galvin, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command, Panama, visited the Mission 26-28 Jan. Accompanying him were, among others, Richard Moon, polrep to U.S. SOUTHCOM.

3. [redacted] while on an inspection visit of the [redacted] visited the Bureau on the 24th for a briefing on Bureau operations and [redacted] Bureau relations. The Bureau Chief was able to assure him that cooperation between the two units is excellent and that the Bureau has absolutely no complaints on its communications [redacted]

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Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

CC: Panama Bureau
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Attachments: Monthly Production Report

Paraguay Bureau Production Report for January 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	252080
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	81970
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1214

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7502.00 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	1140		
Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish	3840		
Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish		6620	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish		12570	
Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish		11870	
Buenos Aires AMBITO FINANCIERO in Spanish			0
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in English			8950
Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish			520
Buenos Aires GENTE in Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in Spanish			1890
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in Spanish			10530
Buenos Aires TIEMPO ARGENTINO in Spanish			650

BOLIVIA

La Paz Cadena Panamericana in Spanish	11850		
La Paz Radio Illimani in Spanish	260		
La Paz El Diario in Spanish			1160

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La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish			830
BRASIL			
Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	3050		
Brasilia Radio Nacional da Amazonia Network in Portuguese	4150		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes Network in Portuguese	340		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese	680		
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese			4650
Rio de Janeiro LATIN AMERICA DAILY POST in English			0
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese			0
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese			6320
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			5970
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			8330
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese			0
CHILE			
Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	10840		
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	10460		
Santiago Radio Cooperativa in Spanish	0		
Santiago Radio Minería in Spanish	0		
Santiago ANALISIS in Spanish			4950
Santiago CAUCE in Spanish			6430
Santiago COSAS in Spanish			2290
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish			2280
Santiago HOY in Spanish			2740
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish			2680

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Santiago MENSAJE in Spanish			0
CHINA Beijing Beijing in Spanish	120		
FRANCE Paris AFP in Spanish		32220	
PARAGUAY Asuncion Cerro Cora Sistema Nacional de Television in Spanish	290		
Asuncion Domestic Service in Spanish	620		
Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in Spanish	4770		
Asuncion Red Privada de Teledifusora Paraguaya Television in Spanish	1550		
Asuncion EL DIARIO in Spanish			2520
Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish			0
Asuncion HOY in Spanish			1650
Asuncion LA TARDE in Spanish			2040
Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish			4350
Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish			0
Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish			5530
PERU Lima Cadena America Television in Spanish	260		
Lima Canal 9 Television in Spanish	0		
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	550		
Lima Latinoamericana Television in Spanish	1500		

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Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	5080		
Lima Rádío del Pacifico in Spanish	710		
Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish	1340		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	400		
Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish			100
Lima EL DIARIO MARKA in Spanish			0
Lima EXPRESO Spanish			480
Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			0
Lima Lima CARETAS in Spanish			1710
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		28070	
URUGUAY			
Montevideo Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Montevideo Radio Carve in Spanish	1730		
Montevideo Radio El Espectador in Spanish	0		
Montevideo EL DIA in Spanish			190
Montevideo LA HORA in Spanish			490
USSR			
Moscow Radio Magallanes in Spanish	400		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish to Latin America	2000		
Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	430		
Moscow in Spanish to Chile	2140		

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Moscow in
Spanish to Cuba

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