

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 1987

I. GENERAL

1. The Bureau Chief hosted an afternoon asado at her residence on the 25th that was attended by most Bureau personnel, the Charge'de Affaires, and many Embassy officers. This Paraguayan-style barbecue was held to welcome [redacted] and to honor retiring Chief Monitor [redacted]. During the gathering, [redacted] read a letter of commendation to [redacted] from FBIS Director [redacted] and presented [redacted] with the FBIS Career Medal. [redacted] now is doing much better following his surgery in February.

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2. On the local scene, the Embassy Security Officer has alerted all personnel that there are two gangs of thieves operating in Asuncion that uncharacteristically are using handguns. Their modus operandi involves car hijackings and then taking the occupants out of the city where they are robbed and abandoned and their car is stolen. Another gang is breaking into homes and has broken into the home of one British diplomat and apparently tried a second time but failed. Bureau personnel have been briefed to take precautions.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. As a result of the rationalization of Bureau coverage sponsored by the Managing Editor and the Focus Committee, Paraguay Bureau has made the following coverage adjustments:

- Downgraded coverage of the Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in Spanish 2200-2300 GMT cast to "C" coverage from "B" coverage.
- Dropped Buenos Aires GENTE in Spanish.
- Dropped the Rio de Janeiro Rede Globo Television in Portuguese 0230-0300 GMT cast.

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-- Dropped Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese.
-- Dropped Santiago MENSAJE and QUE PASA in Spanish.
-- Dropped Lima CARETAS, LA REPUBLICA, and EL NUEVO
DIARIO in Spanish

These adjustments were made to help streamline Bureau coverage and give the monitorial staff more time for processing copy. Thus far, it seems to have worked and the Bureau is better able to keep up with the timely processing of copy.

2. A 4-day nationwide police strike in Peru from the 14th to the 19th caused alarm in Lima and forced Peruvian President Alan Garcia to delay by several hours a trip he was planning to Montevideo. On the night of the 17th, the Bureau moved its ROSET dish to cover Peruvian television reportage on the strike since the Bureau was unable to monitor any Peruvian broadcasters via terrestrial antennas. The dish was again swung on the 18th, and a government communique ordering the police to return to work and threatening Armed Forces intervention was monitored. The Bureau remained open 2 hours past normal closing time both nights to cover the situation.

3. The Bureau remained open 2 hours past closing time the night of 30 May because of an Argentine press agency report that the police had taken control of all military buildings in Buenos Aires. Sounding like a coup was in the making, the Bureau instituted open-speaker watches on monitorable Argentine radios. The Bureau opened the next day, Sunday morning, for an abbreviated shift during which a monitor and editor reviewed the Argentine press agencies file and monitored morning news programming. After it was determined that nothing untoward was in the making, the Bureau called the Wire to inform it of developments and that the Bureau was closing.

4. On 1 June at 1600 GMT, Paris AFP in Spanish ceased its operations in Asuncion because of the large financial losses it suffered over the past year and the recent readjustments to its fees by ANTELCO, the local telecommunications monopoly. AFP expects to resume transmissions in some 3 months, which in the local vernacular could mean anytime in the next year or so.

5. After coordinating with MOD, the Bureau added three newscasts from Santiago Universidad de Chile Television Network to coverage. These newscasts will be recorded and fed to the Bureau by the Santiago contractor. From Paraguayan television, the Bureau added two newscasts from Asuncion Red Privada de Television and one cast from Asuncion Cerro Cora Sistema Nacional Television.

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6. The Bureau is conducting a 1-week survey of Lima Domestic Service in Spanish carried off the 53.0W Intelsat in order to consider whether it warrants coverage. The Bureau does this by moving its Associate ROSET from Brasilsat before press agency transmissions begin but returning it to Brasilsat before they do. The Lima cast comprises five 30-minute blocks of news, and the initial feeling is that the first two blocks from 1100 to 1200 GMT warrant coverage while the last three blocks are redundant. The Bureau likewise has been using the dish to cover the Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish cast at 1030-1215 GMT off the same satellite.

B. Lateral Services

1. At the request of the Managing Editor, the Bureau has started mailing the newspaper Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese directly to ELAAD in order to shorten the lag time in receipt.

D. Technical

1. Bureau technicians this month performed routine preventive maintenance on the monitorial booths, the microwave equipment at the Bureau, and EXTEL RO machines.

2. The Bureau's new technician, [redacted] is continuing his training and at this point is working shifts by himself.

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E. Cruising

1. In response to a request from Headquarters, the cruising monitor checked reception of Managua ANN and Havana PRELA from the 34.5W Intelsat. PRELA was unmonitorable and ANN was monitored with poor reception.

2. In further ROSET cruising off the 53.0W Intelsat, the cruising monitor observed Lima Radio Nacional and Lima Panamericana de Television. Reception of both stations was good on SCPC.

3. The spring-summer secondary adjustments by Moscow International Service introduced in the 2d week of May were cruised.

4. At the request of the BBC, the cruiser conducted a survey of Buenos Aires International Service broadcasting that the BBC cannot monitor. He also surveyed the Spanish and Portuguese broadcasts of Beijing International Service.

III. VISITS

1. On the 7th, Cheryl Coviello, the regional personnel officer based in Montevideo, briefed the Bureau Chief on the most recent Embassy wage scale survey. The Embassy now is awaiting the Department's conclusions on the data provided.

2. [redacted] chief, FBIS Administrative Staff, and [redacted] chief, FBIS Personnel, visited Asuncion from the 17th to the 20th. On the 18th, [redacted] addressed a meeting of Bureau employees to discuss personnel issues.

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3. Chief of Operations [redacted] TDY'ed to Asuncion from the 24th to the 27th. During his visit, he met with Charge'de Affaires Jim Mack and other Embassy officials. On the 26th he briefed American staffers on FBIS issues.

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Chief, FBIS Paraguay Bureau

Paraguay Bureau Production Report for May 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	260510
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	92590
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	831

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	10420.00 min.	50220.00 min.	174.23 issues

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

ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires Argentina Televisora Color Network in Spanish	6240		
Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish	6040		
Buenos Aires DYN in Spanish		11930	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in Spanish		15300	
Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish		17920	
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in English			13300
Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish			890
Buenos Aires GENTE in Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in Spanish			990
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in Spanish			640
Buenos Aires LA RAZON in Spanish			0

BOLIVIA

La Paz La Red Panamericana in Spanish	13970		
La Paz El Diario in Spanish			610
La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish			2090

BRAZIL

Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	3380		
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Brasilia Radio Nacional da Amazonia Network in Portuguese	6570		
Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese	0		
Rio de Janeiro Rede Globo Television in Portuguese	4600		
Rio de Janeiro Rede Manchete Television in Portuguese	0		
Sao Paulo Bandeirantes Television in Portuguese	0		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese	100		
Brasilia EBN in Portuguese		10620	
Rio de Janeiro AJB in Portuguese		3790	
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese			1510
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese			0
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese			2790
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			8620
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			11940
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese			3550
CHILE			
Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	5510		
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	7620		
Santiago Radio Portales in Spanish	0		
Santiago Television Nacional de Chile Network in Spanish	0		
Santiago ANALISIS in Spanish			50
Santiago AFSI in Spanish			1270
Santiago COSAS in Spanish			0
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish			410
Santiago FORTIN MAPOCHO in Spanish			1560

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Santiago HOY in Spanish			0
Santiago LA EPOCA in Spanish			350
Santiago LA SEGUNDA in Spanish			1680
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish			1000
Santiago MENSAJE in Spanish			0
Santiago QUE PASA in Spanish			0
CHINA			
Beijing in Spanish to Latin America	0		
FRANCE			
Paris AFP in Spanish		32050	
PARAGUAY			
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 Nacional de Television in Spanish	1010		
Asuncion EL DIARIO in Spanish			1650
Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish			0
Asuncion HOY in Spanish			5510
Asuncion LA TARDE in Spanish			760
Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish			0
Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish			1350
Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish			4460
PARAGUAY			
Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in Spanish	0		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
PERU			
Lima Cadena America Television in Spanish	0		
Lima Canal 9 Television in Spanish	1880		
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	490		
Lima Latinoamericana Television in Spanish	0		
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	2430		
Lima RBC Television in Spanish	1580		
Lima Radio del Pacifico in Spanish	580		
Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish	2590		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	4570		
Lima CARETAS in Spanish			0
Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish			0
Lima EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			0
Lima EXPRESO Spanish			0
Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			0
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		25170	
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow Radio Magallanes in Spanish	540		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish to Latin America	890		
Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	700		
Moscow in Spanish to Chile	920		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	450		
URUGUAY			
Montevideo Radio Carve in Spanish	1280		
Montevideo Radio El Espectador in Spanish	960		
Montevideo LA HORA in Spanish			1180
Montevideo EL DIA in Spanish			400
Montevideo EL PAIS in Spanish			0
Montevideo LA DEMOCRACIA in Spanish			270

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Rio de Janeiro AJB in Portuguese	3790
Brasilia Radio Nacional da Amazonia Network in Portuguese	6570
Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	3380
Sao Paulo Bandeirantes Television in Portuguese	0
Rio de Janeiro Rede Globo Television in Portuguese	4600
Rio de Janeiro Rede Manchete Television in Portuguese	0
Santiago Television Nacional de Chile Network in Spanish	0
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	800
Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	330
	TOTAL; 30,090