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PARAGUAY BUREAU
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report -- Paraguay Bureau --
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I. GENERAL

1. Since last month's tear-gassing incident involving Ambassador Taylor and the war of words directed against him, the political atmosphere in Paraguay has returned to its customary quiet state. There were no incidents or notable harangues this past month, and the Paraguayan Government has given the U.S. Government an acceptable apology for the tear-gassing incident.

2. The Bureau has begun processing the pre-employment paperwork for its technician-candidate. It is expected that local clearances will be in hand early in April and that he will be able to start working by the middle of the month.

3. Prospects on the monitorial front, on the other hand, are not as bright. Our first choice for a monitorial candidate had to be dropped and advertising in the local press resumed. The Bureau now has interviewed and tested some 50 applicants, some of whom could barely speak English. The final choice on a candidate will be made at midmonth after the Bureau Chief returns from the Bureau Chiefs Conference.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. On the 11th, the Bureau moved the Associate ROSET from Brasilsat to the Intelsat bird at 53.0 W to cover an expected major speech by Chilean President Pinochet. Although the president's speech was not carried live, the speech by the minister secretary general of government, which contained the first authoritative comments on the transition to democracy in months, was.

The Bureau processed excerpts of the speech and filed a VSL that included good shots of General Pinochet and his ministers and close advisers.

2. On the 1st, Brasilia EBN in Portuguese carried the text of the introduction of President Sarney's state of the nation message to the Brazilian Congress. Neither this introduction nor the text of the speech was available to the Bureau from other Brazilian sources for several days because of the Carnival festivities and the complete lack of news broadcasts from 1-3 March. However, although there were no newscasts on these days, the Bureau's eyes were glued to the ROSET television screens in hopes of seeing the girl from Ipanema. No one was sure he saw her, but there were many other beautiful samba dancers who were nominated for her title.

3. The Bureau filed 30,890 words of publishable copy from ROSET sources during the month.

4. Although [redacted] did not feed the Bureau any extraordinary material or speeches during the month, he was able on the 27th to refute an AFP report that [redacted] radio stations were reporting that Peruvian Air Force planes had buzzed [redacted] and that coup rumors were rampant.

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Television station, which the Bureau has placed on "C" coverage.

5. The Bureau received a tip from Panama Bureau that an interview with Cuban President Fidel Castro would be broadcast on the 15th by Uruguayan television. Although Paraguay Bureau neither monitors Uruguayan television nor has a contractor in Montevideo, it mounted an open-speaker radio watch on Uruguayan radios the night of the 15th in hopes of monitoring the interview. However, it was not monitored.

B. Technical

1. At the remote site in Luque, Bureau technicians installed a second transformer, a motor-driven model 5M264T P/N 246. The new transformer was necessary to ensure the operation of the 6 additional microwave channels and newly installed receivers. They also connected a rhombic antenna offered to the Bureau by Antelco with no strings attached that is beamed toward Brazil (45 degrees) to the Delta 1 X 10 multicoupler. Use of this antenna

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should improve terrestrial reception of Brazilian short-wave radios if the Bureau ever experiences problems with the ROSET, or if the Bureau is covering a critical situation elsewhere.

2. At the Bureau, the technicians completed the refurbishment of the multidipole antennas. They took down the 7-year-old coaxial cabling and restrung new RG-8/U coaxial cable and installed new impedance adapters. As a result of these adjustments, a better signal-to-noise ratio has been observed.

C. Cruising

1. Moscow has added a new cast in Spanish to Latin America at 0200-0300 GMT. The Bureau conducted a 1-week survey of the program and found that it was repetitious of other Moscow programming monitored at the Bureau. The summaries have been forwarded to Headquarters with the recommendation that the cast not be added to coverage.

2. In support of the monitors, the cruising monitor checked for new Moscow Radio Magallanes frequencies when the monitors experienced reception problems. Although he did not find any other frequencies, he did recommend that the monitors use a Collins receiver to cover the cast. He also checked Moscow International Service in Spanish to Latin America for new frequencies and to determine which frequencies provided the best reception.

3. Using the ROSET antenna, the cruising monitor ran a check of the Brazilian press agencies Rio de Janeiro AJB and Brasilia EBN because of reception problems. He also found a new television carrier broadcasting Rio de Janeiro Rede Manchete Television in parallel with the normal frequency of 3915 MHz at RF 3778 MHz with its audio carrier on 5.85 MHz. Rio de Janeiro Executiva Television in Portuguese was observed off the same satellite on a new carrier at RF 3760 MHz, audio at 5.85 MHz. He also gathered information on the Bureau's ROSET reception of some radio and television stations covered by Panama Bureau.

4. Although Asuncion Radio Nanduti's AM station has been off the air since January, its FM station continues to transmit. The cruising monitor checked Radio Nanduti FM for news programs, but found none. He also filled in for the technicians, who spent a good deal of time this month at the remote site.

III. VISITS

1. Bureau Chief [redacted] departed Asuncion on the 16th for the Bureau Chiefs Conference and later annual leave.

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2. State Department Regional Security Officer Rich Fuller visited the Bureau on the 17th and briefed the deputy chief on planned security upgrades at post.

3. On the evening of the 30th, Embassy Political Officer Jack Martin brought visiting State Department Southern Cone Affairs Director Richard B. Howard to the Bureau, where he received a tour of the facility. Howard said he has frequently used FBIS products, both in Washington and when he was stationed in Buenos Aires.

4. On the 31st, new GSO Isaiah "Skip" Parnell visited the Bureau as part of his orientation at post.

IV. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

1. Communications Unit Chief [redacted] was admitted into an Asuncion hospital on the evening of the 25th for an emergency, though not life-threatening, operation. After recovering for several days in the hospital, she was discharged and went to her home to recover fully. She expects to return to work on 7 April.

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2. Retired Chief Monitor [redacted] is continuing to make steady progress following his 10 February operation. He was released from the hospital on 5 April and returned to his home.

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Paraguay Bureau Production Report for March 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	353390
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	134900
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1603

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	10570.00 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	4320		
Buenos Aires Domestic Service in			
Spanish	4670		
Buenos Aires DYN in			
Spanish		7270	
Buenos Aires NOTICIAS ARGENTINAS in			
Spanish		23190	
Buenos Aires TELAM in			
Spanish		9290	
Buenos Aires BUENOS AIRES HERALD in			
English			29980
Buenos Aires CLARIN in			
Spanish			2620
Buenos Aires GENTE in			
Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA NACION in			
Spanish			5530
Buenos Aires LA PRENSA in			
Spanish			0
Buenos Aires LA RAZON in			
Spanish			0

BOLIVIA

La Paz La Red Panamericana in			
Spanish	14600		
La Paz Radio Illimani in			
Spanish	0		
La Paz El Diario in			
Spanish			1880
La Paz PRESENCIA in			
Spanish			1450

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
BRAZIL			
Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	9300		
Brasilia Radio Nacional da Amazonia Network in Portuguese	13540		
Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese	0		
Rio de Janeiro Radio Globo in Portuguese	0		
Rio de Janeiro Rede Globo Television in Portuguese	6640		
Rio de Janeiro Rede Manchete Television in Portuguese	580		
Sao Paulo Bandeirantes Television in Portuguese	0		
Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes in Portuguese	1320		
Brasilia EBN in Portuguese		15820	
Rio de Janeiro AJB in Portuguese		730	
Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese			4250
Rio de Janeiro MANCHETE in Portuguese			0
Rio de Janeiro O GLOBO in Portuguese			7180
Sao Paulo FOLHA DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			9180
Sao Paulo O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO in Portuguese			10020
Sao Paulo VEJA in Portuguese			4900
CHILE			
Santiago Domestic Service in Spanish	13070		
Santiago Radio Chilena in Spanish	10240		
Santiago Radio Portales in Spanish	0		
Santiago Television Nacional de Chile Network in Spanish	420		
Santiago QUE PASA in Spanish			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Santiago ALTERNATIVA in Spanish			0
Santiago ANALISIS in Spanish			1000
Santiago COSAS in Spanish			0
Santiago EL MERCURIO in Spanish			3530
Santiago HOY in Spanish			50
Santiago LA SEGUNDA in Spanish			1350
Santiago LA TERCERA DE LA HORA in Spanish			620
Santiago MENSAJE in Spanish			0
Santiago QUE PASA in Spanish			0
 CHINA			
Beijing in Spanish to Latin America	0		
 FRANCE			
Paris AFP in Spanish		45120	
 PARAGUAY			
Asuncion Cerro Cora Sistema Nacional de Television in Spanish	750		
Asuncion Domestic Service in Spanish	430		
Asuncion Radio Charitas in Spanish	1150		
Asuncion Radio Primero de Marzo in Spanish	0		
Asuncion Red Nacional de Television in Spanish	3140		
Asuncion EL DIARIO in Spanish			4010
Asuncion EL PUEBLO in Spanish			0
Asuncion HOY in Spanish			3560
Asuncion LA DEMOCRACIA in Spanish			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Asuncion LA TARDE in Spanish			940
Asuncion PATRIA in Spanish			3620
Asuncion SENDERO in Spanish			0
Asuncion ULTIMA HORA in Spanish			2410
PERU			
LIMA RBC Television in Spanish	1730		
Lima Cadena America Television in Spanish	0		
Lima Canal 9 Television in Spanish	1330		
Lima Domestic Service in Spanish	0		
Lima Latinoamericana Television in Spanish	530		
Lima Panamericana Television Network in Spanish	2640		
Lima Radio Star in Spanish	0		
Lima Radio del Pacifico in Spanish	740		
Lima Radioprogramas del Peru in Spanish	750		
Lima Television Peruana in Spanish	9100		
Lima CARETAS in Spanish			0
Lima EL COMERCIO in Spanish			370
Lima EL NUEVO DIARIO in Spanish			0
Lima EXPRESO Spanish			550
Lima LA REPUBLICA in Spanish			0
SPAIN			
Madrid EFE in Spanish		39200	
URUGUAY			
Montevideo Radio Carve in Spanish	3210		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Montevideo Radio El Espectador in Spanish	1640		
Montevideo LA HORA in Spanish			760
Montevideo EL DIA in Spanish			2400
Montevideo EL PAIS in Spanish			1100
Montevideo LA DEMOCRACIA in Spanish			0
USSR			
Moscow Radio Magallanes in Spanish	0		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in Spanish to Latin America	510		
Moscow in Portuguese to Brazil	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Latin America	0		
Moscow in Spanish to Chile	3160		
Moscow in Spanish to Cuba	0		

WORDAGE FILED FROM ROSET SOURCES

Brasilia EBN in Portuguese	13,750
Rio de Janeiro AJB in Portuguese	230
Brasilia Radio Nacional de Amazonia Network in Portuguese	6,320
Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese	5,340
Rio de Janeiro Radio Globo in Portuguese	0
Sao Paulo Bandeirantes Television in Portuguese	0
Rio de Janeiro Rede Globo Television in Portuguese	2,770
Rio de Janeiro Rede Manchete Television in Portuguese	0
Santiago Television Nacional de Chile Network in Spanish	2,480
	TOTAL 30,890