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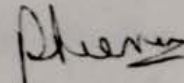
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RADIO ATLANTICO DEL SUR (RADs) - SITUATION REPORT

1. RADs started to broadcast on 19 May from 2500Z to 0200Z daily. On 28 May a further programme was introduced from 0830Z to 0930Z daily. The staff of twenty-eight consisting of 24 personnel of mixed ranks from the three services and 4 civilians, is responsible for the compilation, translation, and presentation of the programme as well as providing its own administrative and engineering support. The running costs are in the region of £10K per week, (£5K less than the original estimate). However, the staff are working continuously for 12-16 hours a day.
2. Summary sheets giving the outline content of the programme are produced daily and distributed to PUS, FIST and the Press Office. A copy of the most recent is at Annex A. *Support Team (C-014)*
3. Reception reports are received daily from various sources and all indicate that the signal strength is good and readable, despite jamming.
4. Requests have been made for feedback from Argentine POWs, but none has been received so far. Reports have, however, been received from listeners as far apart as Australia and Canada, and from South America. With one exception all are complimentary and encouraging about the content of the broadcasts. Copies of letters from Brazil and Uruguay are at Annexes B and C. The one exception is from the Argentine! This letter does confirm, however, that the signal strength is excellent in the Buenos Aires area and is readable, despite jamming. In addition, one of the Argentine News Agencies commented that RADs was transmitting the names of those captured and wounded. (The only radio station to provide this service). The Agency was subsequently closed down.
5. In summary, the station is undoubtedly being received in the South Atlantic area and neutral observers have reacted favourably to it. As yet there is no positive feedback from Argentine POWs but this is being sought.



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SUMMARY OF PROGRAMMES 33/34 - 8/9 JUN 82NEWS

1. The main news items carried in both broadcasts included:
 - a. President Reagan's address to the Houses of Parliament.
 - b. Quotes from Mrs Thatcher's and Mr Foot's speeches in House of Commons.
 - c. The attack on the Liberian tanker 'Hercules'.
 - d. Situation report from the Israeli action in South Lebanon.
 - e. Update on the Pope's visit to Argentina and the possibility of the Junta making political capital from it.
 - f. Economic problems in Latin America.
 - g. Boycott of nuclear fuel shipments from Canada to Argentina.
 - h. Crash by Brazilian 727.
 - j. Weather.
2. For the morning broadcast, the lead story was based on the MOD press statement about Argentine air attacks, their losses of 6 aircraft and the establishment of 5 Inf Bde at Bluff Cove.

FEATURES

3. The principal features were:
 - a. Military situation.
 - b. Political situation.
 - c. Conditions for the prisoners aboard the 'Norland'.
 - d. An article based on an article in the Madrid paper 'El Paiso' about the decisive battle for Port Stanley.
 - e. World Cup round-up.
 - f. An article about British compositions based on articles from the Guardian and Times.
 - g. A surrender appeal to Brig Menendez (based on the leaflet issued to the Task Force).

RECEPTION/FEEDBACK

4. Letters from listeners are now coming in regularly. The latest from an Argentinian living in Buenos Aires confirmed that the signal strength of Radio Atlantico del Sur is excellent in that area, and readable despite jamming. However, he was not so complimentary about the content of the broadcasts as a young Uruguayan who finds them "informative and entertaining".

ANNEX B TO
SPG 054
DATED 10 JUN 82

Mr. J. J. ...
Box 942 - 11200
San Jose, ...
1982

23 May 1982

I am a radio listener, 19 years old, and I have been listening to your station for the last week. I can only listen on Thursdays.

Dear Sirs,

I have pleasure in posting this report of reception of your radio station listened to here in very good conditions.

I very much like to listen to your programmes which transmit truthful news as I have verified. The programme is very good!

Already I have listened to your programme for 4 days. It is interesting that I have not managed to listen to them in the mornings as many DX programmes state that you transmit in the mornings, that is from 0815 hrs UTC.

I would very much like you to send me a QSL card for this transmission dispatch. It would be a historical record as you will close the station when the conflict is over.

I am posting a IRC for postal dispatch with the QSL card.

Many thanks andforward! The programme is very good!

Goodbye and congratulations to you and to the station.

I would be very grateful if you could send me a QSL card for the above mentioned transmission.

I listen - MY IT BE BY THE STATION. Thank you very much.

Uruguay, 28 May 82

ANNEX C TO
SPG 034
DATED 10 JUN 82

My dear Mr. Jose Miguel Antonoff!

I am a radio listener, 19 years old, and listen to Radio Atlantico del Sur as of last week. I can only listen on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, in the final hour of transmission. At the moment, I cannot listen on other days or at other times owing to my work and study timetable.

Despite the few times I have been able to listen; I found the programmes interesting, informative and entertaining. As for the level on which your transmission is received, it is generally good with some interference from a powerful Brazilian Radio Station. With a little bit of fine tuning, it is possible almost to eliminate this as well as other external unidentifiable sounds which also interfere with your transmission.

I hope that you continue transmitting on 9.71 MHz as well as you have done until now, as you have here a faithful listener.

Goodbye and congratulations to you and to the magnificent team working with you.

Yours sincerely,

OSCAR ANTONIO

PS I would be very grateful if you could play a request on one of the days when I listen - LET IT BE by THE BEATLES. Thank you very much.