ANT325, Andean South America
Assignment No. 2

A. Select your favorite country in Andean South America for this assignment. (Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela)

B. For the moment, please find the following facts about your country and prepare them in written form for turn in and for use in class.

1. Climate:
   a. The average daily temperature from August through December
   b. The average amount of rainfall over this same time period
   c. The driest part of the country and the wettest part of the country
   d. The best time of the year for harvesting the most important crops.
   e. What are the main natural disasters that afflict this country (e.g., floods, earthquakes, droughts, etc.)

2. What is this country’s international phone code?

3. What time zone is it in?

4. Geography:
   a. What are the tallest peaks in the country? How many are volcanoes?
   b. What are the most unique wildlife animals in this country?
   c. What are the most unique geographic phenomena in this country?
   d. The average frequency of earthquakes over the last 50 years?
   e. The location of the capital relative to the rest of the country?
   f. List the population of the capital city and the next two biggest cities
   g. What is the population density of this country?
   h. What main rivers are found here?
   i. What are the key topographic features of the country (e.g., lakes, rivers, mountains, oil reserves, etc.)
   j. What countries border this country?

5. Who is the President and when was s/he elected?
   a. What political party does s/he belong to?
   b. What are the major political parties?
   c. When is the next Presidential election?
   d. What might be the major political issues in the next election?
   e. What kind of neighborly relationships does this country have with its bordering countries?
   f. How do the people of this country think about the USA? (Friend or fiend?)

6. What are the major ethnic groups of this country? % of each in the country?

7. How many languages are there (Include only those that are spoken by at least 5000 or more people)?
   a. What is (are) the official language(s) of this country?
   b. Which language is used most often at home? Which language is most often used in business? at the store? For legal matters?
   c. What is the literacy rate for this country?
   d. How many illiterates are there?
e. How many teachers/class or student are there?
f. What are the two major universities of this country?

8. Health:
   a. Infant mortality rate
   b. Birth rate
   c. Death rate
   d. Leading causes of death
   e. Life expectancy according to sex
   f. MD’s per capita
   g. Nurses per capita
   h. Hospitals per capita

9. What items is the economy based on?
   a. What are the top 5 exports?
   b. What are the top 5 imports?
   c. What countries are this country’s largest trading partners?
   d. What is the GNP?
   e. What is the GNP per capita?
   f. How important is tourism for this country?
   g. How much does petroleum does this country have to import to satisfy domestic needs?
   h. Is this country a debtor nation (has a consistent negative balance of payments)?
   i. What percent of the people are urban and what percent are rural? What was it in 1950 (or closest date that you can figures for?) What do demographers estimate will be the population in about 50 years?

Some possible websites for you are:

The Carter Center: www.cartercenter.org
The North-South Center: www.miami.edu/nsc/
The Organization of American States: www.oas.org
The United Nations: www.worldbank.org
The World Bank: www.un.org
The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: www.eclac.org
The US State Department: http://www.state.gov/