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8. (LOU) TOP GOP OFFICIALS--MOST NOTABLE PRIME MINISTER ULLOA, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT ALYA, AND WAR MINISTER CISNEROS--RECENTLY SUGGESTED THAT FORMER MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MORE RADICAL "FIRST PHASE" OF THE 1968-80 MILITARY GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN TERRORISM. FOR INSTANCE, ALYA IN EARLY APRIL ASSERTED THAT FIGURES FROM SINAMOS (A NATIONWIDE VELASCO-ERA ORGANIZATION DESIGNED TO PROMOTE A REVOLUTION FROM ABOVE) COULD BE RESPONSIBLE, ALTHOUGH HE SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED THE TOP LEADERSHIP (SUCH AS CURRENT PSR PRESIDENT LEONIDAS RODRIGUEZ) AND ADMITTED THAT HE HAD NO HARD EVIDENCE. INTERIOR MINISTER GAGLIARDI SAID APRIL 6 THAT HE KNEW OF NO EVIDENCE AT ALL FOR SUCH A CLAIM.

9. (U) ALYA ALSO ACCUSED ANOTHER FIGURE ASSOCIATED WITH SINAMOS, HECTOR BEJAR, OF BEING ACTIVE IN SENDERO LUMINOSO. BEJAR, A MID-60S GUERRILLA LEADER WHO NOW CHARACTERIZES HIMSELF AS A "SOCIAL DEMOCRAT OF THE LEFT," DENIED THE CHARGE, WHICH ALYA SUBSEQUENTLY REFORMULATED AS A STATEMENT THAT GIVEN BEJAR'S BACKGROUND, POLICE OUGHT TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER HE MIGHT BE INVOLVED. IN A RECENT MAGAZINE INTERVIEW, BEJAR EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR SENDERO LUMINOSO, AND SAID: "I DO NOT CONDEMN GUERRILLA ACTIONS, BUT I DO CONDEMN TERRORISM, FROM THE RIGHT OR THE LEFT."

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