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EMBOFF SPOKE WITH DR. HUGO POVOA DA SILVA, DIRECTOR OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE BRAZILIAN FEDERAL POLICE. ON OCTOBER 16 REGARDING REPORTS OF SENDERO LUMINOSO PRESENCE IN NORTHWESTERN BRAZIL (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO POVOA, THE STORY ORIGINATED WITH A BRAZILIAN REPORTER WHO HAD HEARD IT IN PERU. THE REPORTER ASKED POVOA WHAT THE FEDERAL POLICE WOULD DO IF THE REPORTS WERE TRUE AND THE NEWSPAPER STORIES GREW FROM THERE. POVOA TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE FEDERAL POLICE HAS NO EVIDENCE OF SENDERO LUMINOSO PRESENCE IN BRAZIL OUTSIDE OF THE RUMORS PASSED ON BY REPORTERS, BUT WOULD KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY. UNCLASSIFIED

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