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SUPPORT FOR SENDERO LUMINOSO

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. FROM TIME TO TIME, STORIES CIRCULATE IN LIMA ALLEGING (AS PER REFTEL) THAT SOVIETS, CUBANS, OR BO ARE SUPPORTING SENDERO LUMINOSO (SL) TERRORISTS. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, HOWEVER, THESE STORIES HAVE NO BASIS IN FACT. LARGE SOVIET STAKE IN PERU, ESPECIALLY WITH PERUVIAN ARMY AND AIR FORCE, WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED WERE GOP TO BE CONVINCED OF SOVIET CONNIVANCE WITH SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT. FOR ITS PART, SENDERO HAS CONSISTENTLY REJECTED "CONTAMINATION" THAT SOVIET, CUBAN, OR OTHER LESS GENUINELY REVOLUTIONARY (FROM ITS POINT OF VIEW) COMMUNIST FORCES REPRESENT. SL'S PANTHEON OF HEROES GOES BEYOND MARX, LENIN, AND MAO; THE FOURTH GREAT FIGURE IS ITS VERY OWN FOUNDER/LEADER, ABIMael

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