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CURRENT INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Cuban Support for Subversion in Latin America

1. There is hard evidence that the Cuban support for subversive efforts in Latin America continues to be much more than mere rhetoric. The evidence, in fact, suggests--as did Fidel Castro's 26 July speech--that the promotion of Communist-led revolution in Latin America is one of Cuba's principal goals in foreign affairs. The Cuban effort is being carried on in a number of ways in addition to the propaganda support for pro-Castro revolutionary groups in Latin America which, in itself, is an important contribution toward keeping up the morale of these groups.

2. The principal means by which Cuba carries on its subversive effort is through the indoctrination and training in Cuba of hundreds of Latin Americans and their dispatch home to implement what they have learned and pass it on to new cadres. An estimated 1,000 to 1,500 Latin Americans received such training in Cuba last year and most of these have now returned home. Several hundred have arrived in Cuba already this year, more than 300 of them during the month of July alone when large numbers came for the 26 July celebrations. A good proportion of these recent arrivals are expected to undergo training in Cuba [redacted] 25X1

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3. Of those Latin Americans who received training in Cuba last year and have returned home, some of the most energetic have been Costa Ricans and Nicaraguans who, with Cuban guidance and possibly financial

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support, are engaged in a joint effort to mount a guerrilla operation in Nicaragua. Returned trainees have set up training camps and guerrilla bases in both Costa Rica and Honduras and guerrilla bands crossed the border from Honduras to make a foray into an underpopulated area of Nicaragua as recently as two weeks ago. In Panama, too, Cuba-trained revolutionaries recently attempted to set up a rudimentary guerrilla training camp earlier this year.

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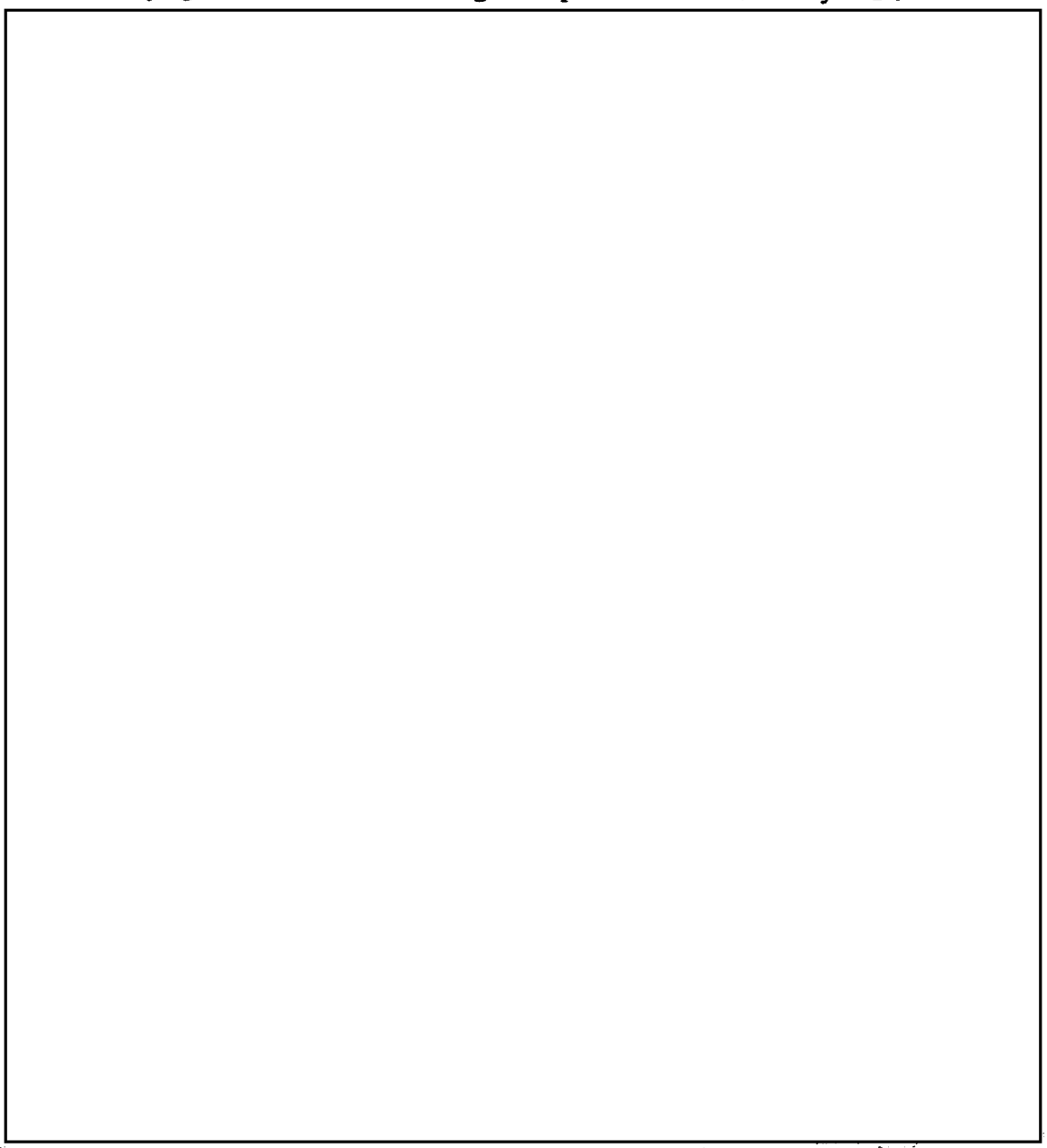

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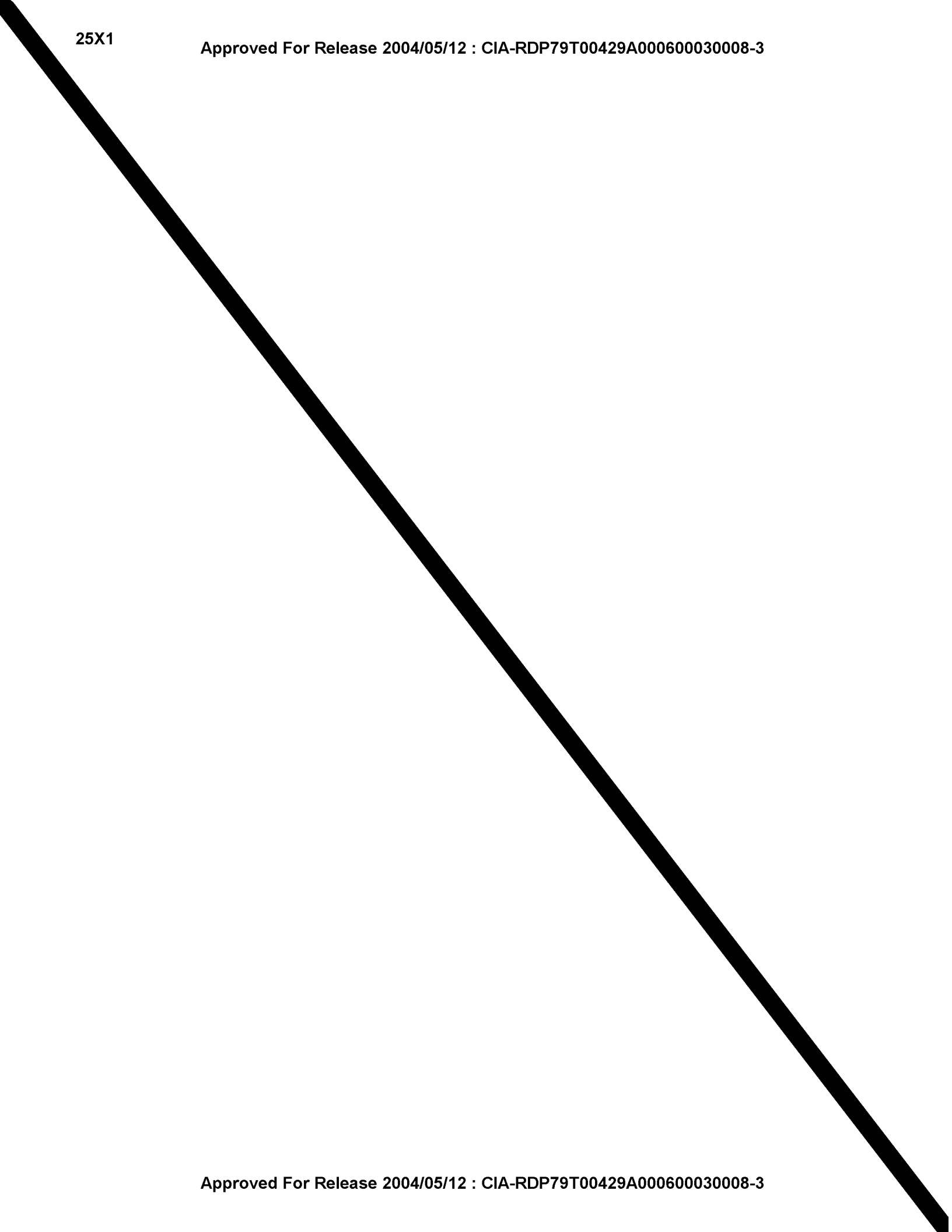

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