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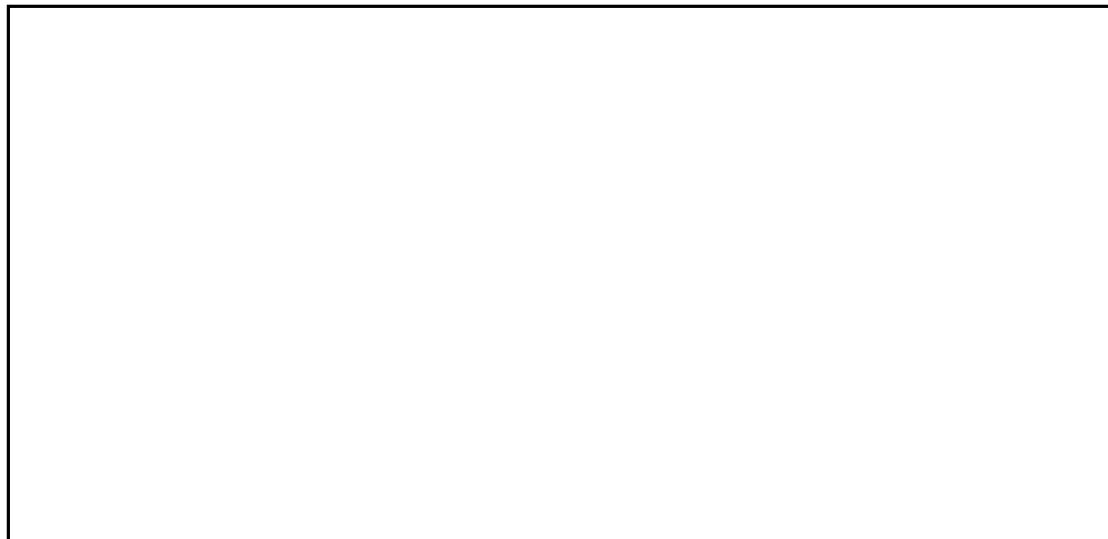
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Cuba: Fidel Castro reportedly is not interested in re-establishing formal relations with other Latin American countries.

25X1 [redacted] Foreign Minister Roa said recently that Castro has no desire to re-establish diplomatic relations and believes that virtually all existing governments in Latin America are "rotten" and doomed to fall within a few years. In a speech last July, Castro offered to resume ties, but only with those governments willing to acknowledge the "immorality" of the OAS' sanctions against Cuba and renounce them publicly. Roa claimed, however, that Castro would welcome commercial relations with the rest of Latin America if they worked to Cuba's advantage, but he believes few countries have much to offer.

Castro apparently sees little direct gain in a resumption of relations with any specific Latin American country. A decisive factor in any decision to establish relations, however, would be the effect such a move would have on undermining the OAS sanctions or the US economic denial campaign.

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