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12065: XGDS 6/11/02 (NEGROPONTE, John D.) OR-M  
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SOVIET VIEW OF NICARAGUAN SITUATION

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1. [ ] - ENTIRE TEXT
2. [ ] report [ ]  
[ ] that Nicaragua has become a serious dilemma  
for Soviet Union strikes us as one of the bigger canards  
that have come down the road lately.
3. Our guess would be that subject report is part of care-  
fully orchestrated disinformation designed to distract  
attention from Soviet geopolitical gains in Central America  
isthmus and maximize prospects for continued fruitful economic

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ties between Nicaragua and Western Europe/United States.  
Report also would appear to fit in with thesis that  
while Soviets wish to consolidate upper hand strategically  
and politically in Nicaragua, they would prefer to avoid  
paying the economic price as they have done <sup>in Cuba</sup> because of  
~~xxx~~ <sup>its</sup> effective economic isolation. ~~xxxxxx~~ In other words,  
Soviets want to have it both ways, e.g., the politico-  
strategic advantages with the West paying a hefty part  
of the bill. To achieve this goal, obviously Soviets  
~~wisdom~~ must dissemble about their degree of interest  
in Central America; but we wouldn't believe it for a  
minute.

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