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On Jan. 12, Gen. Nicolas de Bari Hermoza Peru's top Army commander who heads the joint chiefs of staff (presidente del comando conjunto de la fuerza armada) reported that the US will resume anti-drug assistance to the Peruvian government. Anti-drug assistance and other forms of aid were suspended in April following President Alberto Fujimori's "auto-golpe" April 5. The general's announcement follows a visit to Peru by the head of the US Southern Command, Gen. George A. Joulwan, on Jan. 9. Joulwan met with Fujimori and top-level military leaders, and visited the Santa Lucia anti-drug base located in the Huallaga Valley. Hermoza said that in addition to financial aid, two sophisticated US radar bases would be reinstalled in the northern jungle regions to track air drug runs. The radar bases were removed following the "auto-golpe" and the downing of a US Air Force plane by Peruvian military that same month. (Sources: Spanish news service EFE, 01/11/93, 01/12/93)

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