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1. THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST. SEE PARA 7.

2. SUMMARY. UNDER THE FY 1996 506(A) (2) DRAWDOWN FOR PERU AT USD 13.75 MILLION, WE ENVISION PROVIDING THE FOUR C-26 AIRCRAFT TO THE PERUVIAN AIR FORCE (FAP), FOR USE AS AERIAL SURVEILLANCE PLATFORMS; WHILE PROVIDING THE SECURE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, AND THREE RIVER PATROL CRAFT TO THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL POLICE (PNP). NEVERTHELESS, WE WILL MAINTAIN THE OPTION TO RESERVE PART OR ALL OF THESE LATTER TWO ITEMS FOR PERUVIAN MILITARY COUNTERNARCOTICS (CN) USE, IF CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT, BUT WE DO NOT/NOT RECOMMEND THAT THE C-26'S BE INTRODUCED INTO THE PNP AIR FLEET. WE HAVE BRIEFED OUR POLICE AND MILITARY (FAP AND NAVY) COUNTERPARTS ON THIS PLANNED ASSISTANCE AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ITS DEDICATION TO CN OBJECTIVES. THE C-26'S WOULD BE OF LIMITED UTILITY AS A COMMUTER AIRCRAFT. WE ARE ASKING THEREFORE THAT THEY BE CONFIGURED WITH SENSOR PODS BEFORE DELIVERY TO PERU, SO THAT THEY MAY BE USED AS AERIAL SURVEILLANCE/RADAR PLATFORMS. THE THREE BOSTON WHALERS, AS FIRST PRIORITY, WOULD GO TO THE PNP RIVERINE PROJECT SUPPORTED BY THE LIMA CN COUNTRY TEAM. WITH REGARD TO SECURE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, REF (A), WE REQUEST CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER EXISTING INVENTORY CAN MEET OUR SPECIFIC NEEDS. END SUMMARY.

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3. DEDICATION TO CN OBJECTIVES:

UNDER LAW 824, ENACTED IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, THE PNP IS CHARGED WITH EXECUTING THE PRIMARY CN MISSION IN PERU. THE PERUVIAN MILITARY IS CHARGED WITH SUPPORTING THAT MISSION. ADDITIONALLY, THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR CAN SOLICIT ASSISTANCE FROM THE ARMED FORCES, WHICH THE LATTER IS OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE, UNDER AUGUST 96 DIRECTIVES RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF LAW 824. THIS ASPECT WAS CLARIFIED THROUGH HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL DISCUSSION DURING THE RECENT VISIT TO PERU OF ONDCP DIRECTOR GENERAL BARRY MCCAFFREY. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THAT FAP CN COMMITMENT WILL CONTINUE, AS WITNESSED BY RECENT DEDICATION OF TWO ADDITIONAL A-37 AIRCRAFT (TO IQUITOS), FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR, IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUING MISSION TO DENY ACCESS TO THE AIR BRIDGE. FROM RECENT CONVERSATIONS AND OTHER INFORMATION, WE ARE ALSO COUNTING ON CONTINUED CN PARTICIPATION BY THE PERUVIAN NAVY.

4. C-26'S AS AERIAL SURVEILLANCE PLATFORMS:

UTILITY OF THE C-26 SIMPLY AS A COMMUTER AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT BE ADEQUATE CN JUSTIFICATION TO WARRANT ITS INTRODUCTION INTO THE FAP

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AIRCRAFT INVENTORY. HOWEVER, THE C-26 HAS A DEFINITE APPLICATION AS AN AERIAL SURVEILLANCE/RADAR PLATFORM, AND WE ASK, THEREFORE, THAT IT BE DELIVERED WITH THE SENSOR POD MODIFICATION INSTALLED. WE WOULD REQUEST ALSO THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO AN ENHANCED FOLLOW-ON MAINTENANCE AND SPARES PACKAGE FOR THESE FOUR AIRCRAFT, EVEN THOUGH REF B ENVISIONS ONLY LIMITED SERVICES IN THIS REGARD. SUCH A PACKAGE WOULD OFFER A GOOD SELLING POINT TO THE FAP AND EASE THE TRANSITION AND EXPENSE OF TAKING ON SUPPORT OF A NEW PRODUCT LINE.

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5. RIVERINE PILOT PROJECT AND PATROL CRAFT:

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED CONGRESS OF OUR INTENTION TO HELP THE GOP MOUNT A PILOT RIVERINE PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF PNP EFFORTS. WE HAVE INITIATED DISCUSSIONS IN THIS REGARD WITH THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR AND THE PNP TARGETING DEVELOPMENT OF A PROTOTYPE RIVERINE INSTALLATION (EMBASSY NOTE: WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF 9201/1004 FUNDING ASSISTANCE) WHICH CAN BE REPLICATED AT OTHER LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT PERU IN SUPPORT OF PNP RIVERINE INITIATIVES. SITE SELECTION AWAITS FINAL JOINT CONFIRMATION, BUT WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT IQUITOS BE CHOSEN, IN VIEW OF ITS STRATEGIC LOCATION RELATING BOTH TO ENHANCED LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AND LINEAR TARGETING. THIS WOULD ENABLE US ALSO TO PUT TO THE TEST PNP ABILITY TO WORK WITH PERUVIAN MILITARY RIVERINE UNITS ALREADY IN PLACE THERE. EMBASSY SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH A RIVERINE STEERING GROUP CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MAAG, DEA, ORA, AND NAS, UNDER THE OVERALL COORDINATION OF THE NAS DIRECTOR/NARCOTICS

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COUNSELLOR. COMMENT: THIS RIVERINE PROCESS BEGAN IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR WITH A JOINT STATE DEPARTMENT/U.S. COAST GUARD RIVERINE STUDY. DESPITE OUR REPEATED REQUESTS FOR THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY, THE REPORT HAS YET TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY. END COMMENT.

6. SECURE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT:

THE LIMA CN COUNTRY TEAM PROPOSES TO UTILIZE THE APPROXIMATELY USD ONE MILLION WORTH OF OFF-THE-SHELF EQUIPMENT TO PROVIDE A SECURE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE PERUVIAN NATIONAL POLICE, DRUG ENFORCEMENT DIVISION (PNP/DINANDRO), IN PARTICULAR TO ITS MAJOR VIOLATORS TASK FORCE (WHICH RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT USG FUNDING AND WORKS IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE LIMA NAS AND DEA). A SECURE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WOULD ASSIST THE MAJOR VIOLATORS TASK FORCE

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TO IMPROVE AN ALREADY SOLID PERFORMANCE AND BETTER EXECUTE CN MISSIONS THROUGH THE ABILITY TO PASS TIME-SENSITIVE RESTRICTED INFORMATION TO 10 TASK FORCE LOCATIONS IN PERU, TO PERUVIAN CUSTOMS OFFICES IN CALLAO/LIMA AND IQUITOS AND TO OTHER PNP AND GOP CN ENTITIES AT OTHER LOCATIONS IN PERU. AS STATED, WE HAVE REQUESTED CLARIFICATION AS TO WHETHER OUR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MET FROM WITHIN EXISTING 506(A)(2) INVENTORIES.

7. ACTION REQUEST:

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PLEASE ADVISE AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF CONFIGURING THE C-26'S WITH SENSOR PODS; AND ADVISE WHEN WE CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE A FINAL REPORT OF THE JOINT STATE DEPARTMENT/U.S. COAST GUARD RIVERINE STUDY CONDUCTED HERE IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. JETT

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