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FM AMEMBASSY LIMA
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INFO SECSTATE WASHDC//ARA/INM// IMMEDIATE 6724
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USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PM//SCCC/POLAD//

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SECDEF FOR PDAS CONNOLLY AND DAS SHERIDAN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 12356: N/A
TAGS: SNAR, PE
SUBJECT: YOUR PROPOSED VISIT TO PERU

REF: LIMA 3933 *N*

1. WHEN THE EMBASSY GRANTED COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR YOUR PROPOSED MAY 18-20 VISIT, THE DIFFICULTY ENGENDERED BY THE MAY 1 SUSPENSION BY DOD OF SHARING RADAR TRACK DATA WITH THE GOP HAD NOT YET ARISEN. IN THE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES THAT NOW PERTAIN, I BELIEVE WE MUST REVISIT YOUR PROPOSAL.

2. I UNDERSTAND A MAIN FOCUS WOULD HAVE BEEN DOD'S
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VALUABLE HELP TO PRESERVE THE INM-OWNED POLICE HELICOPTER UNIT, AND YOUR PRIMARY ACTIVITIES WOULD HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY STAFF AND A FIELD VISIT TO PUCALLPA AND MAZAMARI. NEVERTHELESS, INCOMPREHENSION AND FRUSTRATION ON THE PART OF THE PERUVIAN ARMED FORCES HAS FOLLOWED OUR SUSPENSION OF RADAR TRACK DATA SHARING. OUR INABILITY TO DEFINE A RELIABLE USG POLICY LEAVES US UNABLE TO AUTHORITATIVELY RESOLVE THE CURRENT UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THIS ASPECT OF DOD COUNTERNARCOTICS COOPERATION. SO LONG AS THIS REMAINS THE CASE, I FEAR IT WOULD BE UNTIMELY FOR

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RANKING DOD OFFICIALS TO ARRIVE IN PERU, EVEN IF NO OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH HIGH-LEVEL GOP OFFICIALS IS INVOLVED.

3. I THUS ASK THAT YOU POSTPONE YOUR PLANNED PERU VISIT AT THIS TIME. I APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE DIFFICULT POSITION IN WHICH THE EMBASSY CURRENTLY FINDS ITSELF. ONCE UNCERTAINTY ON THE RADAR DATA/FORCEDOWN POLICY ISSUE IS RESOLVED, I WILL BE MOST PLEASED IF YOU COULD RESCHEDULE YOUR VISIT. ADAMS

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