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BODY

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SUMMARY: MAN-PORTABLE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM (MANPADS) IN THE PERUVIAN ARMY'S INVENTORY ACCOUNTED FOR; INSPECTOR GENERALS CONDUCTED INSPECTION OF EASTERN MILITARY REGION 07-10 SEPTEMBER 2004; NO SHORTAGES NOTED DURING INSPECTION; THREE OTHER MILITARY REGIONS INSPECTED IN 2004.

TEXT: 1. DISMISSED RUMORS THAT MAN-PORTABLE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (MANPADS) IN THE PERUVIAN
ARMY’S INVENTORY WERE NOT ACCOUNTED FOR AND MAY HAVE BEEN SOLD TO THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES OF COLOMBIA (FUERZAS ARMADAS REVOLUCIONARIAS DE COLOMBIA - FARC) OR TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.

2. INDICATED THAT RUMORS OF PE ARMED FORCES WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS MAKING THEIR WAY INTO THE HANDS OF THE FARC CIRCULATE PERIODICALLY IN THE REGION. DISMISSED THE LATTER REPORT CALLING THEM BASELESS SPECULATIONS.

3. REPORTED THAT AN INSPECTION OF THE EASTERN MILITARY REGION - REGION MILITAR DE ORIENTE (RMO) - CONDUCTED EARLY IN SEPTEMBER 2004 ACCOUNTED FOR ALL SENSITIVE ITEMS, INCLUDING ALL MAN-PORTABLE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS IN THE REGIONS’ INVENTORY; EARLIER INSPECTIONS OF THE OTHER THREE MILITARY REGIONS HAVE YIELDED SIMILAR RESULTS.

4. COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARMY, GENERAL ANTONIO (GRAHAM) AYLLON, DIRECTED ALL SIXTY-EIGHT GENERAL OFFICERS ATTENDING THE MEETING TO MAINTAIN THE STRICTEST ACCOUNTABILITY OF ALL ARMY PROPERTY, ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE ITEMS AND MUNITIONS. READILY ADMITTED THAT ACCOUNTABILITY OF SMALL ARMS MUNITIONS REMAINS A PROBLEM IN THE JUNGLE BORDER OUTPOSTS BECAUSE THE INVENTORIES WERE INACCURATE FOR YEARS, BUT CATEGORICALLY DENIED DISAPPEARANCE OF MAJOR WEAPONS (U) SYSTEMS.

5. ADDITIONALLY, ADMITTED THAT A JUNGLE BATTALION NEAR THE ECUADORIAN BORDER LOST TEN RIFLES (NFI) IN DECEMBER OF 2004. ACCORDING TO THE MATTER IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

6.
THAT THE COMMAND INSPECTION YIELDED NO FINDINGS OF CONCERN.

COMMENTs: 1. (U)

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