Summary: (Θ) Peruvian army major general Carlos ((Arenas)), believes he will soon replace the current director of army intelligence, major general Juan ((Yanqui)) Cervantes. He expects the change to occur because Yanqui has lost the confidence of the army commanding general.

Text: 1. (Θ)

MG Arenas believes he will soon replace the current director of army intelligence (Dinte), major general Juan ((Yanqui)) Cervantes. In mid-May 97, MG Arenas commented that he had been told by Peruvian army colonel Luis ((Abt)) Torres, the personal secretary to the Peruvian army commanding general, Nicolas de Bar ((Hermoza)) Rios, to prepare to assume the duties of director of Dinte.

2. (Θ) Arenas commented that general Hermoza had lost confidence in General Yanqui, both because of the ongoing scandal caused by the recent torture of a female intelligence agent by army officers assigned to the army intelligence service (SIE) and because of the perception that...
MG YANQUI IS LOYAL FIRST TO THE DE FACTO CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (SIN), VLADIMIRO ((MONTESINOS)) TORRES.

3. (S) ARENAS IS PRIVATELY MEETING WITH SENIOR AND MID-GRADE ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS WITH WHOM HE HAS PREVIOUS ASSOCIATION IN ORDER QUIETLY TO ASSESS THE CURRENT STATE OF ARMY INTELLIGENCE.

COMMENTS:

(b)(1), 1.4 (c)

2. (U) CONTACT PHONE NUMBER FOR PERU REPORTS OFFICER, DIA/DH-5, CONCERNING ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS REPORT IS

(b)(1), (b)(3): 10 USC 424, 1.4 (c)

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