

12 October 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: MEM 97-59: THE OUTLOOK FOR PERU

1. INTRODUCTION

1. MEM 97-59 was scheduled in June as part of the regular estimates program for the fourth quarter, on the initiative of the Department of State. The Department at that time considered Peru's situation to be more promising than that of Colombia. The estimate on Colombia which had also been previously scheduled for the last quarter was therefore postponed. State's concern regarding Peru has lessened since June. Then, as now, it has focused on the possibility of a popular revolution and on the growth of Communist influence. MEM 97-59 is the first estimate on Peru.

2. SUMMARY

2. The present text is fully agreed upon at the representative level. No substantial issue is likely to be raised at the USIB meeting.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

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