

Page Denied

SECRET



25X1

(c) NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

Page 1 of 1

Attachment to Z-15378/83
NPIC/PEG (10/83)

Copy 29

DUMMY MIRAGE III/5
MARIANO MELGAR AIRFIELD, PERU



25X1

1. SIGNIFICANCE: DECEPTION ACTIVITY CONTINUES AT THIS AIRFIELD IN SOUTHERN PERU. (SWN)

2. REMARKS: ASSEMBLY OF THREE DUMMY MIRAGE III/5 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT HAS BEGUN ON A GRADED-EARTH HARDSTAND AT THE SOUTH END OF THE RUNWAY [REDACTED] THE FUSELAGES HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED AND ARE POSITIONED OVER MOCK-UP DELTA WINGS WHICH ARE FLUSH WITH THE GROUND. THE NOSE SECTIONS AND VERTICAL STABILIZERS ARE ON THE GROUND AND HAVE NOT BEEN ATTACHED TO THE FUSELAGES. THIS IS THE SECOND SIGHTING OF DUMMY EQUIPMENT HERE. TWO DUMMY SA-3 SAM SITES WERE COMPLETED EAST OF THE AIRFIELD BY

25X1

[REDACTED] THE USE OF DUMMY EQUIPMENT HERE AND AT PISCO AIRFIELD [REDACTED], 120 NM NORTHWEST, IS PROBABLY DUE TO CONTINUED TENSION WITH NEIGHBORING CHILE. THE USE OF DUMMY EQUIPMENT IN PERU WAS FIRST OBSERVED AT PISCO [REDACTED] WHEN FIVE CAMOUFLAGE-NETTED DUMMY/DERELICT CANBERRA LIGHT BOMBERS WERE POSITIONED ON MOCK-UP HARDSTANDS. (SWN)

25X1

25X1

25X1

25X1

MARIANO MELGAR AIRFIELD, 130 NM NORTH OF THE PERU-CHILE BORDER, SUPPORTS A FIGHTER-FIGHTER-BOMBER UNIT AND OCCASIONAL MIRAGE III/5 DEPLOYMENTS. (SWN)

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 16-48-05S 071-53-06W

25X1



25X1

These notes have been prepared for briefing purposes only and should not be used for detailed analytical work. Their use should be restricted to the particular briefing board(s) they were prepared for and must be considered valid only for the reporting period as indicated by the date of issue.

25X1

WARNING NOTICE
Intelligence Sources
and Methods Involved

SECRET



25X1