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SUBJECT : U. S. Aeronautical Chart Showing Portion Peru-Ecuador
Frontier Marked "Boundary in Dispute"

REF : Embassy's A-357 dated January 1, 1967

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It has come to the Embassy's notice that the World Aeronautical Chart No. 1011 (Aguja Point), eighth edition, 1964, published by the U.S. Department of the Air Force, which shows a portion of northern Peru and southern Ecuador, marks a portion of the Peru-Ecuador frontier as "boundary in dispute". This chart is currently available for sale in Lima through commercial outlets.

The Embassy's airgram under reference reported that the Peruvian Government on December 27, 1966, issued a Ministerial Resolution forbidding the entry and circulation in Peru of an atlas, published by the O.S. Hammond Co. of New York, which shows the Peru-Ecuador boundary as marked "in dispute".

As the Department is aware, the Peruvian Government firmly insists that the Peru-Ecuador boundary was delimited once and for all by the 1942 Rio Protocol, which was guaranteed by the United States as well as Argentina, Brazil and Chile; and that consequently no "dispute" as to the boundary exists. The sensitivity of the Peruvian Government as to any suggestion that the boundary is "in dispute" recently was heightened by the unilateral annulment of the Rio Protocol by the Ecuadorean Constituent Assembly, which has caused considerable tension between Peru and Ecuador especially during the observance of the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Protocol on January 29, 1967.

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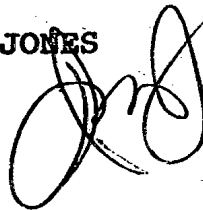
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Boundary markers have been placed along the Peru-Ecuador frontier except for a stretch along the Cordillera del Condor in the area of that portion of the border marked "boundary in dispute" on chart No. 1011.

In view of the sensitivity of the Peruvian Government to all maps which indicate that the Peru-Ecuador border is subject to dispute, the Embassy believes that the discovery by the Peruvian Government that a map published by an agency of the U.S. Government, a guarantor of the Rio Protocol, indicating the Peru-Ecuador border is "in dispute", could cause considerable embarrassment to the United States. The Embassy therefore suggests that the "boundary in dispute" notation be deleted from the existing U.S. stocks of aeronautical chart No. 1011 and that any subsequent reissue either indicate the yet-unmarked portion of the Peru-Ecuador boundary as "boundary unmarked" or that the entire boundary be shown without explanatory notation.

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