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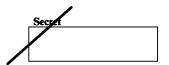
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Peru: Counternarcotics Forces Conduct Successful Operations On 25 March customs officials at the international airport in Lima discovered approximately 250 kilograms of high-purity cocaine—one of the largest seizures of cocaine HCl in Peru ever. Peruvian customs had recently intensified its review of export products normally only spot checked and uncovered the drugs in a shipment of shirts destined for New York. The seizure also underscores Peru's increasing role in producing finished cocaine. This is exemplified by a jump in exports from the United States to Peru of precursor chemicals needed to produce cocaine HCl-about 1,500 percent since 1990,