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On the evening of May 14 in Lima, Peruvian Ambassador to the US Roberto Maclean and US Ambassador to Peru Anthony Quainton signed an anti-drug agreement under which Peru will receive $100 million in aid from Washington. Maclean reported the finalization of the accord during a radio interview on Wednesday morning. Spokespersons at Peru's government palace and the US Embassy, according to AP, were unable to confirm the accord had been signed, and the State Department in Washington had no immediate comment. The agreement calls for the US to provide Peru with weapons, military training and economic aid. About $60 million are earmarked for crop substitution programs, and $39.5 million to train and equip army units in the Upper Huallaga Valley, refurbish fighter aircraft and purchase river patrol boats. (Basic data from AP, 05/15/91)

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