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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
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The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld,

As Chairman of the Government Reform Committee's Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources, I would like to invite General Peter Pace, Commander, United States Southern Command to testify at our Subcommittee hearing entitled "Plan Colombia: The Road Ahead." The date of the hearing is Friday March 2, 2001, at 09:30 AM in hearing room 2247, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC.

This public hearing will examine the United States response to the growing national security threat posed by the deteriorating security situation in Colombia and, specifically, Administration efforts to date in implementing the \$1.3 billion supplemental aid package for Colombia and the region. This hearing will be an opportunity for the Administration to state its case for Plan Colombia and will include a cursory examination of future challenges.

In accordance with Subcommittee procedure, I would ask that the witness submit (100) copies of his prepared statement, along with a computer diskette (or send it via electronic mail to Charley Diaz@mail.house.gov) containing the prepared statement (WordPerfect 5.1 or 6.1 on a 3.5" diskette), by close of business on Thursday March 1, 2001, to the following address:

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Attention: Charley Diaz

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Subcommittee Staff Director Chris Doness or Charley Diaz at (202) 225-2577; fax (202) 225-1154. I thank you in advance for the Defense Department's contribution to this vitally important Congressional hearing. The Subcommittee members look forward to the valuable insights of the Defense Department witness.

Sincerely,

Mark Souder

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Chairman

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