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Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld Secretary of Defense 1000 Defense Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In connection with their responsibilities as Members of the Senate Armed Services Committee Professional Staff, Mr. Cord A. Sterling and Mr. Edward H. Edens, Professional Staff Members, plan to travel to the following locations during the period of April 5-14, 2001: Bogota, Tres Esquinas, Larandia, and Puerto Leguizimo in Columbia; La Paz, Chapare and Santa Cruz in Bolivia; Quito, Equador and Curação. The purpose of their travel will be to visit Forward Operating Locations and to discuss counternarcotics activities with officials from Colombia, Bolivia and Ecuador.

I would appreciate the support and assistance of the Department of Defense in providing such transportation, including the use of foreign carrier air transportation and in-theater military aircraft, as may be required.

Expenditure of funds for the payment of actual and necessary expenses and such transportation as may be required is authorized by 31 U.S.C. 1108(g).

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

John Warner Chairman