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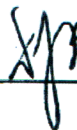
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SUBJECT: Plan Colombia Helicopter Training Program

- You had earlier asked about this program in connection with procurement of helicopters for Colombia – this is an update.
- In mid-August we will begin implementing DoD's program to train Colombian helicopter pilots and maintenance personnel. We will complete the program during FY 2003.
- Training is being done under Section 1004 (DoD counterdrug statute) and DoD counterdrug funds, but is being executed through DSCA via a Foreign Military Sales case.
- The FY 2000 Colombia Emergency Supplemental provided funding to State Department for procurement of UH-60 and Huey II helicopters.
- Pilots will be trained by Colombian instructors using Colombian helicopters at Colombian facilities.
- One U.S. military standardization check pilot will qualify the Colombian instructors to U.S. standards and validate that the training is accomplished to U.S. standards.
- Training program will produce: 117 new helicopter pilots, 42 UH-60 pilots, 75 Huey II pilots and 159 aviation maintenance personnel.
- Additionally, 40 U.S. contractors will be used in Colombia to provide: Night Vision Goggle, Advance Mission Flight and some aviation maintenance training.

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