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The Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
Department of Defense
Washington D.C.,

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld,

Last November 2000, delegations of the Department of Defense and the Colombian Ministry of National Defense, held the third meeting of the Bilateral Working Group (BWG) in Bogotá. This was an excellent opportunity for us to exchange our points of view and develop new commitments for achieving common goals.

As it stands in the Final Declaration of the past BWG meeting, it is very important to continue with our bilateral cooperation initiatives in all the different issues covered by this Group. I'm completely convinced that these kind of summits are essential for the good development of our bilateral relations. For that purpose, I respectfully suggest that we give continuity to the BWG's schedule and establish a near date for a next meeting.

Best Regards,


GUSTAVO BELL LEMUS
Minister of National Defense

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