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The Honorable Gustavo Bell Lemus
Minister of National Defense of the Republic of Colombia
Santa Fe de Bogota, Colombia

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Dear Mr. Minister:

Thank you for your letter and positive report on the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. I am pleased to hear of the confidence you have in the Institute and its role in helping to enhance the capabilities of military, police, and civilian personnel, as well as promoting respect for human rights, democratic ideals, and regional cooperation.

Please also accept our best wishes for continued progress by your armed forces and national police in the counterdrug and counterterrorism campaign.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Rumsfeld

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QUOTE

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MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA
SANTA FE DE BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

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COUNTERTERRORISM CAMPAIGN.

//SINCERELY, //

DONALD H. RUMSFELD

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