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

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,

Paul R. Felt

COLOMBIA

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECDEF RUMSFELD TO COLOMBIA MINISTER OF
DEFENSE(MOD) GUSTAVO BELL LEMUS

1. REQUEST YOU DELIVER TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE GUSTAVO BELL LEMUS

QUOTE

THE HONORABLE GUSTAVO BELL LEMUS
MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA
SANTA FE DE BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

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 H. RUMSFELD

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FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs
(Peter W. Rodman, (b)(6))

8 JAN 2002

SUBJECT: Reply to letter of Colombian Minister of Defense Bell

- The letter of Colombian MOD Bell expresses his support for the continuance of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC) (Tab B).
- DoD's WHINSEC replaces the U.S. Army's former School of the Americas and provides professional education and training to military, law enforcement, and civilian personnel from the Western Hemisphere that includes mandatory human rights training.
- Colombia attendance during the 2001 academic year totaled 151 students. The Institute provides instruction to approximately 700-900 students each year.
- A brief reply for your signature is at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign the attached letter.

COORDINATION: TAB C

Attachments:
As Stated

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, ISA**

Mr. Douglas J. Feith
Mr. Peter C. W. Flory  **28 DEC 2001**