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FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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

SUBJECT: Reply to letter from Colombian Minister of Defense Bell

- The letter from Colombian MOD Bell expresses support for the U.S.-Colombian Bilateral Working Group and requests a fourth meeting soonest. (Tab B)
- Given the gravity of the security situation and evolving USG policy toward Colombia, I propose holding the fourth meeting in Washington in May 2002.
- Head of USG/DoD delegation should remain at the ASD-level.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign the attached letter and release the transmittal cable at Tab A.

COORDINATION: TAB C

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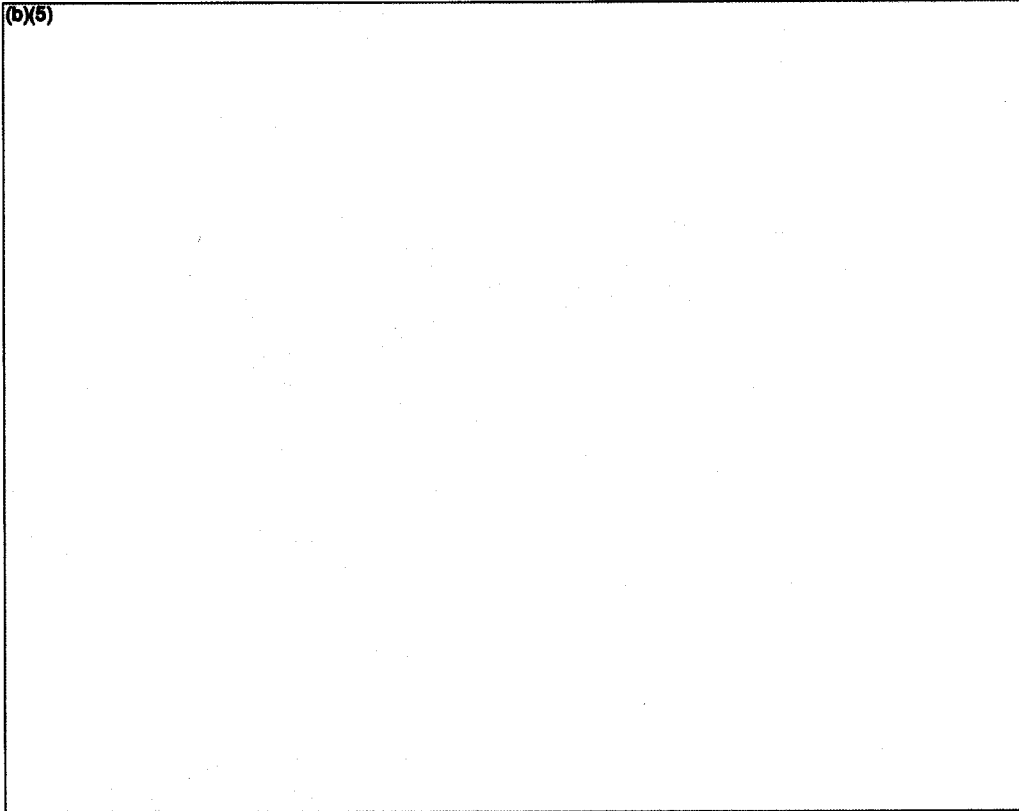
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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECDEF RUMSFELD TO COLOMBIA MINISTER OF
DEFENSE(MOD) GUSTAVO BELL LEMUS

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:

(PARA) THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER SUPPORTING CONTINUED
U.S.-COLOMBIAN BILATERAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS.

(PARA) I PROPOSE THAT THE NEXT BILATERAL WORKING GROUP TAKE PLACE
IN WASHINGTON IN MAY 2002. SHOULD THIS DATE BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, OUR
STAFFS COULD BEGIN PLANNING IMMEDIATELY. I HAVE DESIGNATED THE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS,
PETER W. RODMAN, TO LEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION.

(PARA) GIVEN YOUR GOVERNMENT'S RECENT BOLD STEPS AGAINST THE FARC
AND THE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES THAT CONFRONT YOUR ARMED FORCES, THIS
MEETING COMES AT A CRITICAL TIME FOR OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

//SINCERELY, //

DONALD H. RUMSFELD
END QUOTE

2. HARD COPY TO FOLLOW.

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COORDINATION

Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

Mr. Douglas J. Feith SC

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