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The Honorable
Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense of the United States of America
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me on Tuesday of last week. I believe the meeting was an important first opportunity for us to discuss the many challenges facing Colombia today, as well the many projects that we are implementing together.

It is good to know that Colombia has a good friend and ally leading the Department of Defense, and that we can count on your support in restoring security, prosperity, and freedom to our people. I am confident that my country has the resolve to do what is necessary to achieve these goals.

The military cooperation between our two countries has already brought great progress. The counter-narcotics battalions trained with U.S. assistance have emerged as the strongest and best prepared military units in the country.

I look forward to working closely with you as I continue to establish a new administration.

Thank you for your efforts to strengthen our important partnership. I invite you to visit Colombia very soon to see for yourself the great results of our two nations' friendship and alliance.

Please accept my best personal regards.

ÁLVARO URIBE VÉLEZ
President Elect of Colombia

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Dear Mr. Rumsfeld:

I am enclosing a letter from President-elect Alvaro Uribe Velez dated July 11, 2002, thanking you for your courtesy and time when he came to Washington DC.

Yours sincerely,

LUIS ALBERTO MORENO
Ambassador

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