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**ACTION MEMO** 

FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (Mr. Douglas J. Feith, (b)(6)

SUBJECT: COLOMBIA: THE WAY AHEAD

May be Mile offer

At TAB A is a memorandum on Colombia that you may wish to send to the President.

The VCJCS concurs in this memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION: That you review and send the attached memorandum to the President.

COORDINATION: Tab B

Prepared by: LTC (b)(6)

ISA/WHA,

We held up this memo for a few days in order to clear it with ben. Pace and Gen. Myers.

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# TAB A



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#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

On F	February 20, 2002, President Pastrana set aside his "peace process" and elimination of the FARC narcoterrorists' safehaven.	
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(U) Con	ngressional opinion, on both sides of the aisle, appears to be (b)(1)	
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- Pastrana, because of his large investment in the (now failed) peace process, legitimates support for strong military action in the eyes of people from across the political spectrum in this country, in Colombia, and internationally.
- Colombia has asked for our help.

There are several near-term steps we should take:

- Continue to provide strong declaratory support.
- Emphasize that the FARC, AUC and ELN are "narcoterrorist organizations" (b)(1)

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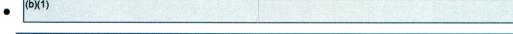
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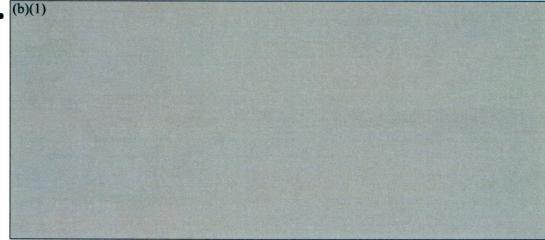


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- Help Colombia build its military capabilities, institutions and infrastructure.
- Designate a high level "Special Ambassador" as called for in House Resolution 358 to coordinate U.S. assistance to Colombia.
- Issue a new National Security Presidential Directive:
  - Clinton Administration's PDD-73 based solely on counternarcotics is too restrictive.
- Work with Congress to craft a new bipartisan consensus.
  - Also, the February 26 Principals' Committee decision should be amended to:
    - support the steps listed above;
    - work with Congress to obtain greater flexibility to (b)(1)
    - work with Congress to obtain funding necessary to effect the above steps.

cc: The Vice President
Colin Powell
Condoleezza Rice

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