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**ACTION MEMO**

**FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**

**FROM: Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs** *PWR by xjt*  
(Mr. Peter W. Rodman, [REDACTED])

**SUBJECT: COLOMBIA: THE WAY AHEAD**

*OK 3/16/12  
xjt (PWR)*

- At TAB A is a memorandum on Colombia that you may wish to send to the President.
- The VCJCS concurs in this memorandum.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Send attached memorandum to the President.

Drafted by: Peter W. Rodman, ASD-ISA, [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Colombia: The Way Ahead (U)

(S) On February 20, 2002, President Pastrana set aside his "peace process" and ordered elimination of the FARC narcoterrorists' safehaven.

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(U) Congressional opinion, on both sides of the aisle, appears to be (b)(1)

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(S) (b)(1)

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- (b)(1)

- Pastrana, because of his large investment in the (now failed) peace process, legitimates 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.

(S) There are several near-term steps we should take:

- Continue to provide strong declaratory support.

- Speak of the FARC, AUC and ELN as "narcoterrorist organizations"

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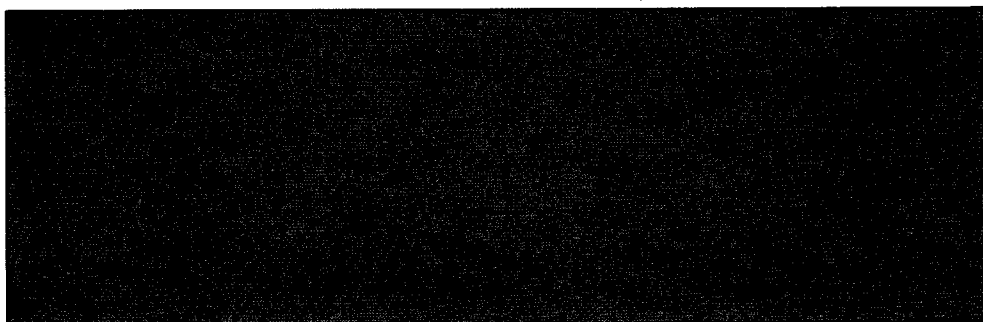
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- Help them build their military capabilities, institutions and infrastructure.
- Designate a high level "Special Ambassador" as called for in House Resolution 358 to coordinate U.S. assistance to Colombia.
- Issue a new National Security Presidential Directive:
  - Clinton Administration's PDD-73 —based solely on counternarcotics— is too restrictive.
- Work with Congress to craft a new bipartisan consensus.

(U) The Principals' Committee should develop options for you on these recommendations.

cc: The Vice President  
Colin Powell  
Condoleezza Rice

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