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General James T. Hill, USA
Commander
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Dear Tom,

I just received your letter regarding Colombia.
It's helpful. Please stay connected with Dick Myers
and Peter Rodman on it as we go forward.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Colombia

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December 19, 2002

Commander

Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
1010 Defense Pentagon
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

When I briefed you and the Chairman on our "Colombia Way Ahead" in November, we agreed on the necessity of having valid metrics in place to measure our progress in helping the Colombian government defeat narco-terrorists and regain control of their national territory. I want to outline the progress that the United States Southern Command has made in establishing those metrics.

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I am forwarding a copy of this letter to General Myers. As we move forward with our efforts to evaluate progress in eliminating narco-terrorism in Colombia, I will keep you apprised and make recommendations for future initiatives.

Very Respectfully,

JAMES T. HILL
General, US Army
Commander