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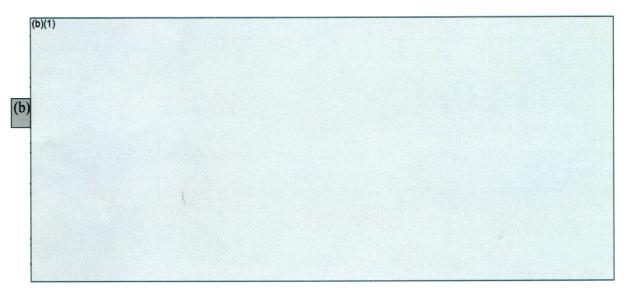
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld

SUBJECT: Colombia

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Please draft such a memo, and I will send it along to the President and see if we can't get this back on the right track.

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I think we should get started now, so we can start helping and get it on the right track.

Thanks.

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Please respond by 03 29/02

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FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE	DepSec Action
FROM: CJCS	
SUBJECT: USG Support for the Government of Colombia	
(a) 26 Feb Colombia Principals Committee Results. The Principals Committee results do not satisfy US or Colombian interests.	
 Continuing to base Colombia policy on current counterdrug (b)(1) policies maintains an indirect approach to US support for the Government of Colombia (GoC). 	
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Bipartisan Congressional Support for Expanded US Policy. Current press reports and Hill visits show Congressional interest for greater support to Colombia. DOS encountered sharp bipartisan criticism in recent Hill briefings. Key appropriators and authorizers argue that President Pastrana's termination of the FARC safehaven marks a dramatic shift in the GoC's policy.	
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Provide strong declaratory support to the GoC for its stand against narcoterrorism.	
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accordingly.

- Direct SOUTHCOM to assess the long-term requirements to build Colombian military institutions and a more effective air, ground and sea interdiction campaign.
- Re-engage the interagency on the importance of declaring not only the FARC, but also the ELN and AUC as narcoterrorist organizations.
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- Create a new NSPD, but do not allow the drafting process to delay implementing these recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION: In coordination with your staff, implement the course of action recommended above and be prepared to re-engage in promoting democracy for Colombia when the opportunity opens.

COORDINATION: None

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