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TO: Doug Feith

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CC: Gen. Myers

OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*

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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*We agree with this.
(Peter Rodman)*

FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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FROM: CJCS

SUBJECT: USG Support for the Government of Colombia

(S) 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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(S) 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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