SECRETARY OF DEFENSE 1000 DEFENSE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1000

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Her Excellency Marta Lucia Ramirez de Rincón Minister of National Defense of the Republic of Colombia Bogotá, Colombia

Dear Minister Ramirez:

Thank you for your letter and kind words concerning our progress in Iraq. Colombia remains a committed ally in the global war on terrorism.

Your successes in the fight are helping to break the link between drugs and terrorism in Colombia.

I appreciate your invitation to visit Colombia and hope, schedule permitting, to visit sometime in the future.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECDEF RUMSFELD TO COLOMBIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE (MOD) MARTA LUCIA RAMIREZ DE RINCON (U)

1. REQUEST YOU DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO MOD RAMIREZ.

QUOTE

HER EXCELLENCY

MARTA LUCIA RAMIREZ DE RINCON

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA

SOGOTA, COLOMBIA

DEAR MINISTER RAMIREZ:

(PARA) THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER AND KIND WORDS CONCERNING OUR PROGRESS IN IRAQ. COLOMBIA REMAINS A COMMITTED ALLY IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.

(PARA) YOUR SUCCESSES IN THE FIGHT ARE HELPING TO BREAK THE LINK BETWEEN DRUGS AND TERRORISM IN COLOMBIA.

(PARA) I APPRECIATE YOUR INVITATION TO VISIT COLOMBIA AND HOPE, SCHEDULE PERMITTING, TO VISIT SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE.

//SINCERELY,//
DONALD H. R.MSFELD
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2. HARD COPY TO FOLLOW.

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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM:

Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs

(Peter W. Rodman, (b)(6)

9 JUN 2003

SUBJECT:

SECDEF Reply to Letter from Colombian Minister of Defense

Ramirez

- Colombian MOD Ramirez sent you a letter expressing her gratitude to DOD and the United States for its support to Colombia's fight against terrorism (Tab B).
- Ramirez reiterates her invitation for you to visit Colombia and personally observe their efforts.
- A brief reply for your signature is at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign the attached letter and release the transmittal cable.

COORDINATION: Tab C

Attachments:

As Stated

Prepared by LTC

ISA-WHA, (b)(6)

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THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

NOTE FOR C&D , per Me D. R. TA

SUBJ: SOM Request ,

Please SOM the attached package U09854 as follows:

"Donald Rumsteld"

"Don Rumsfeld"

"Don"

"DR"

William P. Marriott CAPTAIN, USN