

August 13, 2003

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TO: LTG John Craddock

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*

SUBJECT: Air Bridge Denial

I pushed Colin and Condi hard on the air bridge for Colombia. They said they all agreed with me, that we ought to get it out. Condi said she would push on it in the NSC.

Let's jog it a couple of times, so it is clearly going to be done by the time I go to Colombia.

Thanks.

Attach.

8/12/03 SecDef memo [081203-11]

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Please respond by 8/15/03

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Colombia

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BCC: Gen Pace

August 12, 2003

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TO: Dr. Condoleezza Rice
CC: Dr. Stephen Hadley
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld *DR*
SUBJECT: Colombia Air Bridge Denial

I just looked at this rollout program for the Colombia air bridge denial. It seems to me that this is not a good way to do it.

I am going to be down there August 19 and 20. We certainly ought to have the thing done before I go. It has been hanging around forever. There isn't any need to go through all this process.

We already know that the President of Colombia wants it. Why don't we just get it done?

Attach.
8/12/03 memo to Gen. Pace

DHR:dh
081203-11

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on desk to discuss
in a.m.*

12 Aug 03

To: GEN Pace

Subj: Colombia Air Bridge Denial

1. The NSC Meeting on 11 Aug was between the NSC staff members, not the interagency.

2. DJ5 e-mail below lays out way ahead:

-----Original Message-----

From: Sharp, Walter L., LTG, JCS J5
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2003 10:06 AM
To: Manaskie, George E., CAPT, JCS J5; Sullivan, William D, RADM, JCS J5
Subject: FW: Colombian ABD update

Got this from the NSC AO working ABD:

Deputy Nat'l Security Advisor Hadley will be giving Dr Rice a draft memo today for release to be circulated to Principals involved in ABD (OOD, DoS, DOJ, DHLS, DOT, ONDCP) that will include; cover memo asking response by Friday 15 August, the proposed PD, proposed memo of justification for restarting ABD, and the program roll out plan. The memo will be asking for final confirmation that each department principal is comfortable with the program and ready to commence operations.

The rollout plan thumbnail is as follows:

12 August - Circulate memorandum package to 6 principals.

15 August - Responses due back to NSC

~~18-22 August~~ - SECDEF trip to SOAM, SECDEF discuss ABD program with President

Uribe to confirm GoC definitely desires ABD program.

22 August - POTUS signs PD