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TO: Doug Feith
FROM: Donald Rumsfeld D.
SUBJECT: Colombia and the Supplemental

Here are your talking points on Colombia. The basic decision was made to keep the Supplemental totally limited to Iraq and Afghanistan. It was the right decision. You cannot add Colombia. That will have to be something in FY05. It's too bad, but that's life.

Colombia

Thanks.

Attach.
9/17/03 Talking Points on Colombia for VP/C/C lunch

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**Talking Points for Cheney, Rice and Powell Lunch
on FY04 Supplemental Funding to Support Colombia Initiatives**

- (FOUO) Colombia is a critical partner in the Global War on Terrorism.
- (FOUO) We included \$90 million in our FY04 Supplemental request to pay for additional assistance that the Principals believe is necessary to help Colombia in its War on Terror.
- (FOUO) OMB rejected our \$90 million request.
- (FOUO) It is extremely important to continue assisting Colombia in its fight against narcoterrorists.
- (FOUO) President Uribe's aggressive leadership and Colombia's recent military successes provide a window of opportunity to deal a crippling blow to the narcoterrorists.
- (FOUO) President Uribe only has a few years left to complete this task.
- (FOUO) Maintaining US support to Colombia is consistent with the administration's position on Colombia and the war against terrorism.
- (FOUO) I request your help in influencing OMB to restore the \$90 million to the President's Supplemental request.

Keep clear -
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