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His Excellency
Jorge Alberto Uribe Echavarria
Minister of National Defense of the Republic of Colombia
Bogota, Colombia

Dear Mr. Minister:

I understand the conference on *Plan Patriota* at Key West on January 22-23 was a success. I am told this is directly attributable to your participation.

We are encouraged by Colombia's exceptional progress in defeating terrorists, asserting effective sovereignty over all its territory and bringing basic security to all Colombians. President Uribe's "Democratic Security" Strategy is delivering impressive results.

Last August I had the pleasure of visiting your country and meeting with President Uribe and his national security team. I would be honored if you would accept an invitation to visit us in Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,

Colombia

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MINISTER ECHAVARRIA

QUOTE

HIS EXCELLENCY
JORGE ALBERTO URIBE ECHAVARRIA
MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA
BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I UNDERSTAND THE CONFERENCE ON PLAN PATRIOTA AT KEY WEST ON
JANUARY 22-23 WAS A SUCCESS. I AM TOLD THIS IS DIRECTLY
ATTRIBUTABLE TO YOUR PARTICIPATION.

WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY COLOMBIA'S EXCEPTIONAL PROGRESS IN DEFEATING
TERRORISTS, ASSERTING EFFECTIVE SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL ITS TERRITORY
AND BRINGING BASIC SECURITY TO ALL COLOMBIANS. PRESIDENT URIBE'S
"DEMOCRATIC SECURITY" STRATEGY IS DELIVERING IMPRESSIVE RESULTS.

LAST AUGUST, I HAD THE PLEASURE OF VISITING YOUR COUNTRY AND
MEETING WITH PRESIDENT URIBE AND HIS NATIONAL SECURITY TEAM.
I WOULD BE HONORED IF YOU WOULD ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO VISIT US IN
WASHINGTON D.C.

SINCERELY,
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