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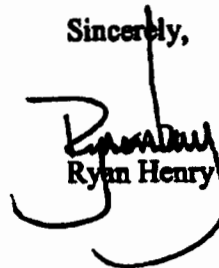
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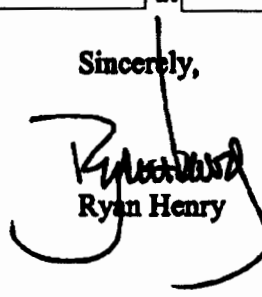
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Action Agency  
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03/26/2004

OFFICE OF THE  
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## 1. ACTION TAKEN (Check one)

- ☒ a. ACTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED (Copy attached)
- ☒ b. REQUEST EXTENSION OF SUSPENSE DATE TO (Justify below) *until 30 April 2004 due to transfer.*
- ☐ c. INTERIM REPLY HAS BEEN SENT (Copy attached) EXTEND SUSPENSE TO (Justify below)
- ☐ d. REQUEST CANCELLATION (Justify below)
- ☒ e. REQUEST TRANSFER TO (Justify below /include POC Name & Phone Number)
- ☐ f. REQUEST DOWNGRADE TO (Justify below)

## 2. JUSTIFICATION

~~completed - replied directly~~ *Transfer to SOUC*

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a. ACTION AGENCY  
ISA/WHA

c. APPROVING AUTHORITY  
(Service Secretary/Under Secretary/ASD/Military/Executive Assistant Level)  
(b)(6)

b. NAME OF ACTION OFFICER  
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Date Signed  
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## 5. ACTION TAKEN (For EXEC/Correspondence Control Division Use Only)

d. DATE  
7 APRIL 2004

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c. DWNGRD ☐ Approved ☐ Disapproved

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Secretary  
U.S. Department of Defense  
The Pentagon  
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing concerning the security situation in Colombia, one of our allies in the global war on terrorism. We have noted from press reports that over the last several months, Colombian President Uribe's security forces have had increased operational success against terrorist organizations, including a number of senior-level captures or kills. These successes can be attributed in part to President Uribe's demobilization program, and they have generated positive reaction from the Colombian population toward supporting President Uribe's efforts to bring peace to his nation.

Given the success of distributing the deck of playing cards featuring the photos of the "most wanted" in Iraq, we think this approach would also be successful in Colombia. It is clear, with three terrorist groups from which to choose, that there are plenty of candidates whose photos could be put on the cards. It would be an effective and relatively inexpensive way to increase the visibility of the efforts against terrorism in our own backyard. By identifying those Colombian terrorists who have U.S. indictments, and/or those who are the most dangerous to the Colombian population, it would certainly be an additional asset to President Uribe's efforts to regain control of his country.

The media has reported that the Colombian Navy has had success with several versions of decks of cards over the last few years. These reports indicate that since May, the Navy has captured or killed at least six from its most recent deck. Apparently, Colombian Navy and Coast Guard personnel are using the cards to identify those drug traffickers and terrorists who operate in the northern part of Colombia. We believe it would make a lot of sense to take this to the next level and use this tactic nationwide to gather public support for the Uribe government's efforts to finally destroy the terrorist networks in Colombia.

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March 4, 2004

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We encourage you to consider developing a deck of cards featuring the photos of Colombian terrorists. It is our belief, based on the two examples cited here, that this would be an invaluable tool for President Uribe and the Colombian government in their efforts to stop terrorism.

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c/o Bureau of Legislative Affairs****FAX #: 1-703-697-8299****FROM: Henry J. Hyde, Chairman****SUBJECT:****TOTAL PAGES: (including cover sheet): 3****MESSAGE/COMMENT:****If you have any questions, please call (202) 225-5021.****DATE: March 17, 2004****TIME SENT: 4:49 pm EST**





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**DR** ☐ **DHR** ☐ **Don** ☐ **Donald Rumsfeld** ☒

**Don Rumsfeld** ☐ **PW** ☐ **Paul Wolfowitz** ☐ **With Best Wishes** ☐

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