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June 14, 2004

The Honorable Tom Davis
Chairman
Committee on Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter inviting me, or General James Hill, Commander of U.S. Southern Command, to testify at your committee's June 17th hearing on Plan Colombia. I have asked Mr. Powell Moore, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, to coordinate this matter. He will contact your office soon.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Delivered via Facsimile: (703) 693-5530

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary
Department of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On Thursday, June 17, 2004, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Committee on Government Reform will conduct an oversight hearing on Plan Colombia, an important component of U.S. foreign and counternarcotics policy. The hearing will examine the U.S. Government's support and contributions to progress being made in Colombia to fight drug trafficking and international crime, and to improve economic and social conditions. The Committee invites you or General James T. Hill, Commander of the U.S. Southern Command, to participate in this hearing as a witness and to respond to questions posed by Members of the Committee.

We would like your testimony to address, but not be limited to, the following issues concerning Plan Colombia:

1. How U.S. assistance to Colombia has helped the country combat narcoterrorism;
2. The status of current U.S. and Colombian counternarcotics operations including detection and monitoring programs, interdiction efforts, and military support in the region;
3. And overview of training and equipment programs provided to the Colombian forces including the Colombian Army's Counternarcotics Brigade and the Infrastructure Security Strategy Program;

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4. How the U.S. Southern Command works collaboratively with the Colombian Government and other U.S. Agencies and Departments to focus on counterdrug programs and;
5. An assessment of remaining challenges in the two countries' battle against narcoterrorism.

We request that witnesses limit their oral presentations to five minutes to allow sufficient time for questions and answers. Witnesses' full written testimony will be entered into the official hearing record. Please notify us 48 hours in advance of the hearing if audiovisual equipment will be necessary for your presentation. Please deliver 100 copies of your testimony no later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2004, to: Teresa Austin, Chief Clerk, Committee on Government Reform, U.S. House of Representatives, 2157 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515. In addition, please provide an electronic copy of your testimony to Teresa.Austin@mail.house.gov.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important hearing. If you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact David Marin, Deputy Staff Director and Communications Director, at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Moore,

Attached is a witness invitation letter for General James T. Hill, Commander of U.S. Southern Command. The Committee on Government Reform will conduct an oversight hearing on Plan Colombia on June 17, 2004. Chairman Davis would appreciate General Hill's participation in this important hearing as a witness. I have been coordinating with Lt Colonel Neal Zimmerman, of your office, to secure General Hill's availability. A hard copy of invitation letter will be mailed to your office in addition to this fax. Please call me if you have any questions. Thanks.

Susie Schulte

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