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JUN 29 2006

Ambassador Susan C. Schwab
United States Trade Representative
600 17th St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Schwab,

Congratulations on your confirmation as United States Trade Representative.

I am writing to you about Peru and Colombia's Free Trade Agreements. I understand Peru's FTA is on track and Congress should approve it before the summer recess. Colombian Ambassador Pastrana asked for our help to get Congress to approve Colombia's FTA once the details on the agriculture chapter are resolved.

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We are available to help in your efforts to gain support from Congress to secure these important agreements.

Sincerely,

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FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) not JUN 22 2006

Robert Rangel

SUBJECT: Plan for Colombia and Peru Trade Agreements in Congress

6/27

You asked for a plan to help ratify the Colombia and Peru trade agreements. Before we start working on Congress, we recommend you write USTR offering to help during the ratification process (Tab A).

- USTR should know we want to help, and give us the cue on when to weigh in.
- As with CAFTA, our role should be to help explain the national security arguments, and how these countries should be seen as part of a friendly strategic system.

The agreements will have to be ratified separately.

- Peru: Agreement signed, GOP claims its Congress will ratify in July. USTR delivered Peru's FTA to our Congress for review before the August recess (and before Toledo leaves office). We think it is on track for successful conclusion.
- Colombia. Almost there, but unfortunately not quite. Some discrepancies remain in the final texts of the agriculture chapter. Colombia's Ambassador Pastrana indicates that the complications with the agricultural chapter raise critics' suspicions.
- Ambassador Pastrana urged DASD Pardo-Maurer to have DoD weigh in with USTR to quickly move on the Colombia FTA as the best way to manage Chavez' efforts to destroy the Community of Andean Nations (CAN). Since then, senior USTR and GOC officials have met to review differences, after lower-level efforts to reconcile the texts were not successful. They are meeting again the week of 26 June.
- The complications will prevent Congress' approval of Colombia's FTA before the end of this year. After verification USTR must provide 90-day notification to Congress in advance of signing. Once signed, the FTA must undergo a 45-to-90 days International Trade Commission review.

We propose the following immediate action:

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- Letter to USTR offering to help move the trade agreements through Congress.

Then, when appropriate we could take these steps:

- As Congress considers the Colombian FTA approval, invite the new Colombian MOD to Washington for a get acquainted meeting and focus on regional stability and economic prosperity.
- Host a reception for key members of Congress as you did for the CAFTA-DR.
- Write an Op-ed on security implications of FTAs.
- In coordination with USTR, communicate with select members of Congress.
- Provide senior DoD officials specific Talking Points on FTA security links.
- If necessary, make phone calls during the vote arguing for the agreements' approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- SecDef signs letter to USTR.

TA Agree / _____ Disagree / _____ Other

- SecDef approves next steps.

TA Agree / _____ Disagree / _____ Other

COORDINATION: Tab B

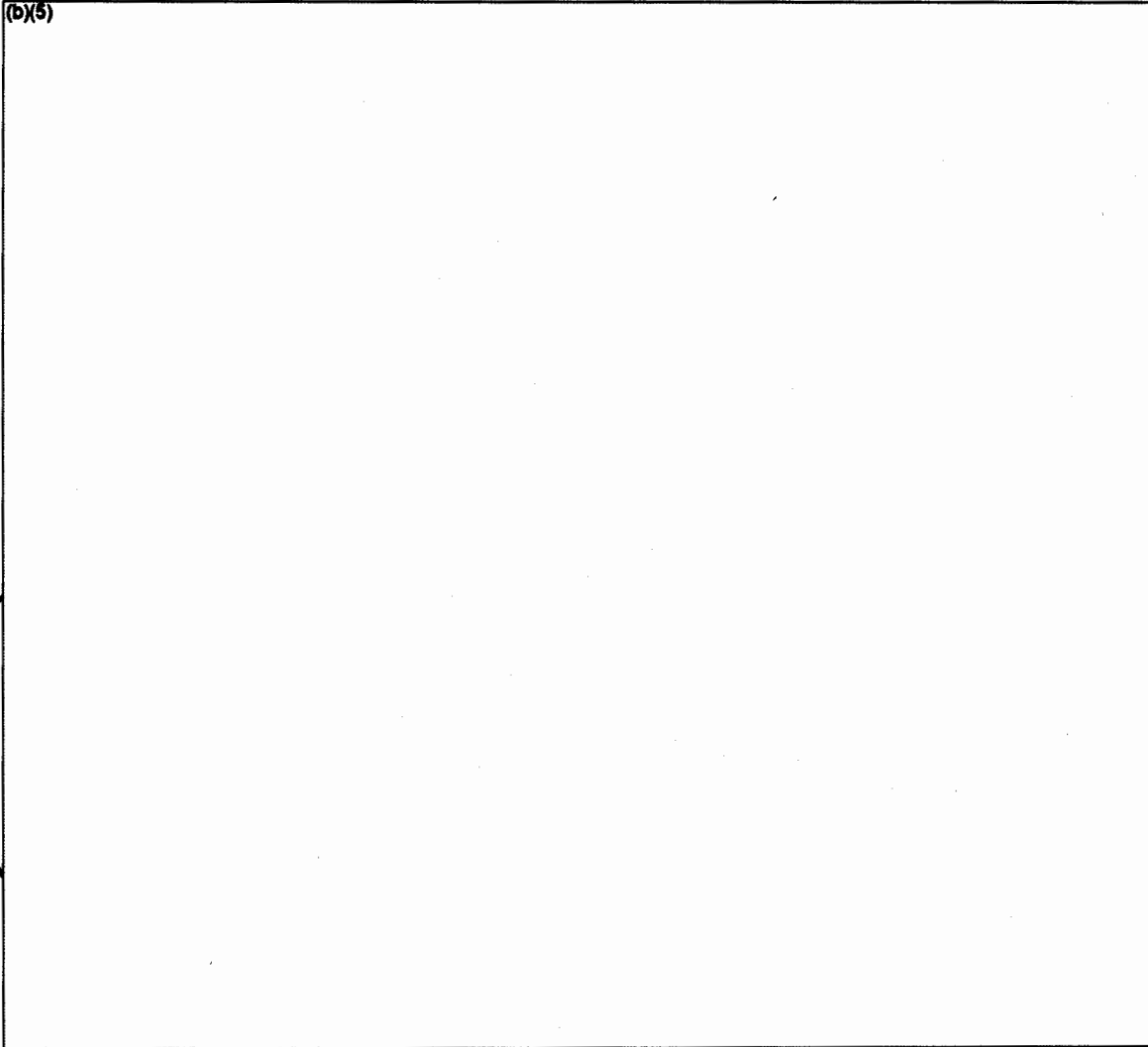
Attachment: USTR Letter

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COORDINATION SHEET

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<u>Title/Organization</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
USD (P)	Amb. Eric Edelman	
PDUSD for Policy	Ryan Henry	
PDAS for ISA, OUSDP	Mary Beth Long	19 MAY 2006
DASD WHA	(Vacant)	N/A
PD WHA	Caryn Hollis	June 22, 2006
Joint Staff/J5/Americas Division	COL Phil Battaglia	June 15, 2006
PD for WH, OUSDP	Caryn Hollis (Drafter)	June 17, 2006

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April 12, 2006

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TO: Roger Pardo-Maurer

CC: Eric Edelman
Robert Wilkie

FROM: Donald Rumsfeld

RA.

SUBJECT: Plan for Colombia and Peru Trade Agreements in Congress

Let's put together a plan as to how we can help get the trade agreements for Colombia and Peru pushed through the Congress. We want to help.

Let's get a plan laid out and see what we should be doing.

Thanks.

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Please Respond By 05/04/06

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at 6/28

SNOWFLAKE RESPONSE ATTACHED

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THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

NOTE FOR ESD

SUBJ: SOM Request

Please SOM the attached package LETTER as follows:

"With best wishes"

"Approved"

"Disapproved"

"Donald Rumsfeld"

"Don"

"DR"



William P. Marriott

ESD Instructions

Classified Attached ☐

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Date: Signed ☐ Approved ☒ 22 Jun 06

SOM: Yes ☒ No ☐

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Don Rumsfeld ☐ GE ☐ Gordon England ☐ With Best Wishes ☐

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