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His Excellency
Jorge Alberto Uribe Echavarría
Minister of National Defense of the Republic of Colombia
Bogotá, Colombia

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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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DONALD RUMSFELD TO
MINISTER ECHAVARRIA

QUOTE

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MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA
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FROM: Thomas W. O'Connell, Assistant Secretary of Defense (SO/LIC)

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SUBJECT: U.S./Colombia Counter-Narcoterrorism (CNT) Seminar (U)

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RECOMMENDATION: Sign letter at Tab A

COORDINATION: Tab B

Attachments: As stated

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John - If SECDEF
speaks to ranking
USCG RADM Sivots (Commander of JIATF-S)
at KeyWest, he should be aware that this
conference took place
recently. Thank. RJG

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