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FROM: Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs
(Peter W. Rodman, (b)(6)) *for* 04 SEP 2002

SUBJECT: Deputies Committee Meeting on Colombia (U)

(C) I attended a Deputies meeting on 29 August which reviewed a draft NSPD on Colombia and discussed preparations for the visit of President Uribe to Washington (23-25 September).

(C) The new NSPD will replace the Clinton Administration's PDD-73, which confined U.S. policy to counternarcotics. The new document – based on a DoD draft – reflects the Bush Administration's broader support for Colombia, including counterterrorism as well as counternarcotics. The draft was unanimously endorsed by Deputies, except for minor textual changes.

- (b)(1),1.4(c),1.4(d)
(b)(1),1.1(b)(1) (d) and free up DoD to do more.
- NSC staff noted the NSPD is consistent with recently-legislated FY02 authorities enabling use of counterdrug assets for counterterrorism purposes, and advised that efforts to extend these authorities to FY 03 are on track and on schedule with OMB.

(C) State and Office of National Drug Control Policy recommended, and the Deputies agreed, to develop a Congressional strategy. We would seek to organize a permanent core group of Senators and Congressmen with whom the Administration can communicate its legislative priorities for Colombia without being limited to periodic testimony.

(C) Steve Hadley asked that the textual fixes in the NSPD be completed in advance of Uribe's visit.

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(C) The Deputies also reviewed plans to dispatch an interagency team to Bogota (on 5 September) to review Colombia's draft National Security Strategy. By this document, Uribe hopes both to integrate all the elements of his national policy and to demonstrate to the United States his determination to prevail.

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