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FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Affairs *pm2* 03 JAN 2002
(Peter W. Rodman, 695-4351)

SUBJECT: Extension of Safehaven in Colombia

PURPOSE: To reply to your question about Pastrana's consideration of extending the safehaven beyond 20 Jan 2002 (Tab A).

- It is indeed a bad idea.
- Pastrana has continually granted extensions (9 times since Nov 1998) as a means to encourage serious peace negotiations, but the FARC's response thus far does not justify its continuation.
- At GEN Pace's suggestion, the Deputies Committee is about to begin formulating a considered U.S. policy in response to the question that Pastrana originally posed to us on his November visit: namely, will we support him strongly in a tougher policy? Now is clearly the moment to make our support for a tougher policy explicit.

COORDINATION: Tab B

Attachments.
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