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FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

FROM: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) *[Signature]* 28 JAN 2005

SUBJECT: Reporting Cable on SecDef Meeting with Colombian Minister of Defense Uribe

PURPOSE: Obtain approval to release the cable.

**DISCUSSION:**

- You met with Minister Uribe on 27 January.
- Attached is the reporting cable of your meeting with him.
- Once you approve, we will release the cable.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve release of reporting cable (TAB A)

SECDEF Decision:

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBJECT: SECDEF MEETING WITH COLOMBIAN DEFENSE MINISTER URIBE,  
27 JANUARY 2005 (U)

1. ~~(C)~~ BEGIN SUMMARY: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE RUMSFELD MET WITH  
COLOMBIAN DEFENSE MINISTER URIBE ON 27 JANUARY IN THE  
PENTAGON. SECDEF MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: 1) COLOMBIA  
CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS AND THERE IS U.S. BIPARTISAN SUPPORT  
TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING COLOMBIA; 2) [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 3) WE APPLAUD COLOMBIA'S  
OFFER TO SHARE COUNTERNARCOTICS LESSONS LEARNED WITH  
AFGHANISTAN. MINISTER URIBE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: 1) HE IS  
CONFIDENT ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR 2005; 2) [REDACTED]

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**SUMMARY**

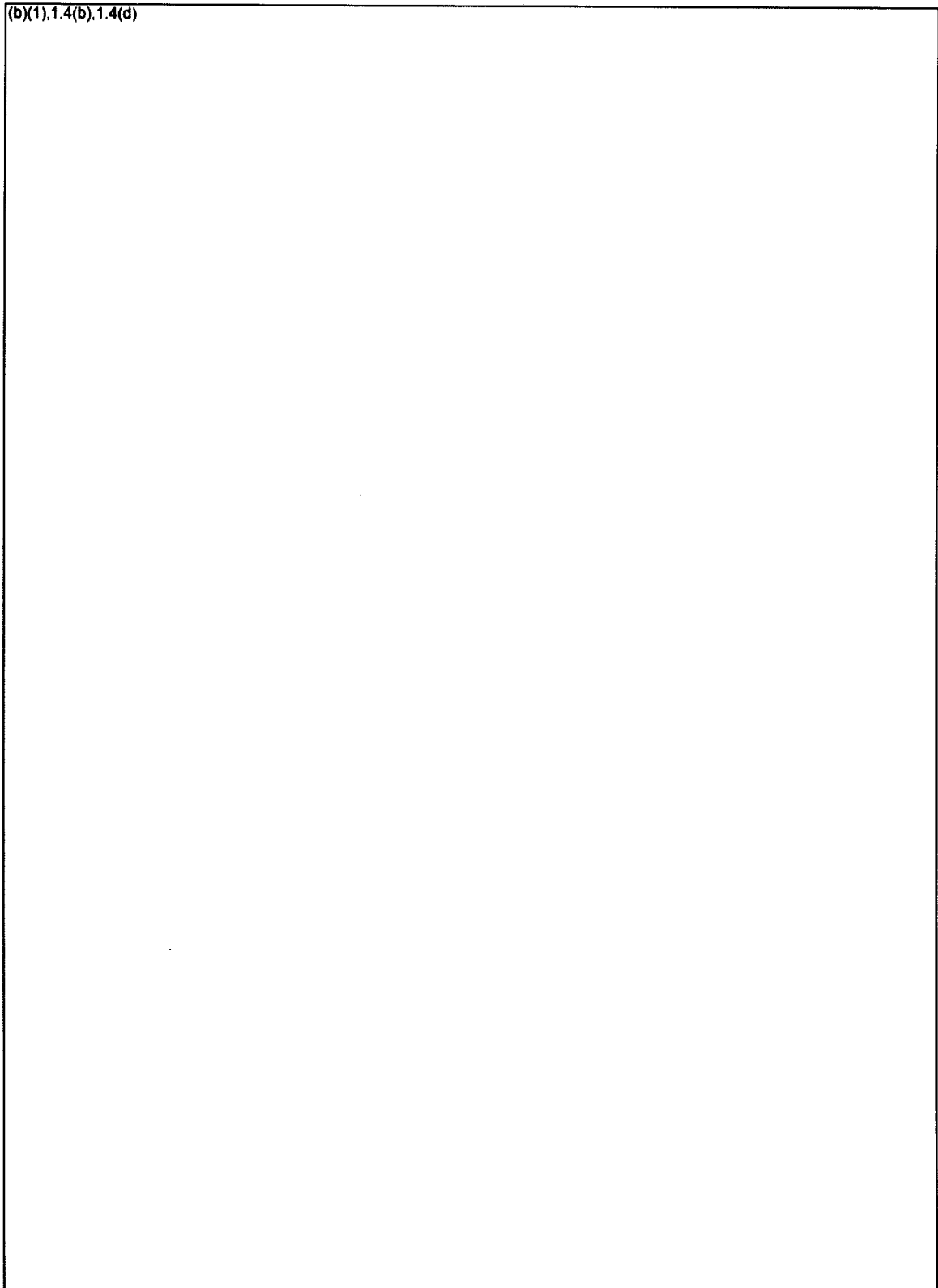
2. ~~(S)~~ SECDEF OBSERVED THAT PRESIDENT URIBE CONTINUES TO COMMAND STRONG POPULAR SUPPORT AT HOME, AND COLOMBIA HAS BIPARTISAN SUPPORT IN THE US CONGRESS, WHICH WILL BE HELPFUL IN WORKING OUT A FOLLOW-ON STRATEGY TO PLAN COLOMBIA.

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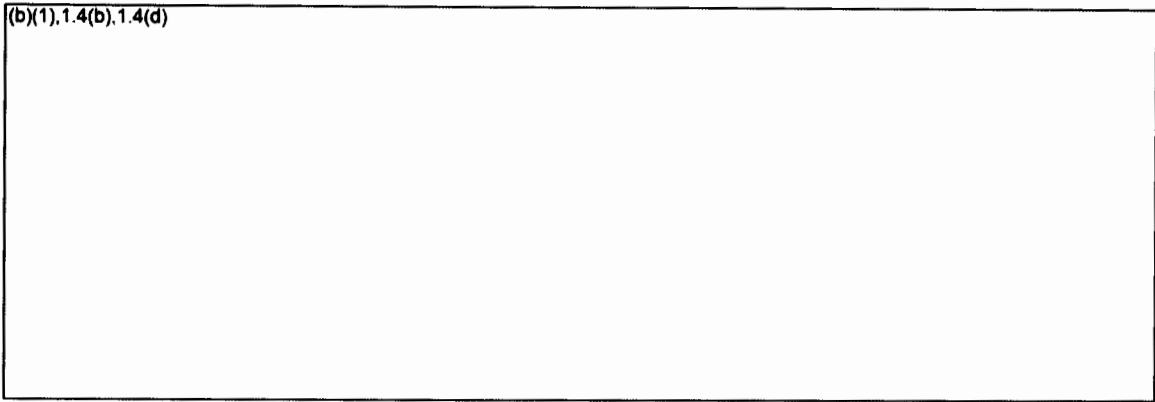
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8. ~~(C)~~ MOD URIBE REPORTED THAT THE AIR BRIDGE DENIAL PROGRAM IS WORKING "BEAUTIFULLY" AND THAT TRACKS OF SUSPECT AIRCRAFT ARE DECLINING.

9. ~~(C)~~ SECDEF THANKED MINISTER URIBE FOR HIS SUPPORT IN SHARING COLOMBIAN LESSONS LEARNED WITH AFGHANISTAN. MINISTER URIBE SAID HE IS ASSEMBLING A TEAM TO ASSIST THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTER-DRUG AND COUNTER-KIDNAPPING CAPABILITIES. SECDEF MENTIONED SAID THAT DOD WAS WORKING WITH OUR EMBASSY IN KABUL TO SUPPORT THIS AND THAT THE CURRENT PLAN WAS FOR AFGHAN OFFICIALS TO VISIT COLOMBIA.

CLASSIFIED BY: R. PARDO-MAURER, DASD  
REASON 1.4 (B)  
DECLASSIFY ON: 27 JANUARY 2014

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