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Rosso Jose Serrano  
Director General  
Colombian National Police  
Santa Fe de Bogota, Colombia

Dear General Serrano:

Thank you for your telephone call today. I want to confirm by means of this note my intentions with respect to the Bell 212 Helicopters we discussed. I intend to locate and send you, within the next 30-60 days, at least three Bell 212s for use solely by the CNP. Moreover, after the beginning of the next Fiscal Year (October 1, 1998), I plan to provide you with three additional Bell 212s. You, in turn, agree to obtain the necessary pilots and mechanics so that these helicopters may be put into immediate operational use.

I believe that we both agree that this is the best way to quickly upgrade the CNP's capability to increase operations at altitudes above 6,000 feet--while we wait for the Huey Upgrade program now in progress to turn out the upgraded UH-1H aircraft the CNP needs.

Thank you for your cooperation in this and all key Counternarcotics matters. I will be in Peru next week, traveling on to Colombia week after next. Please feel free to contact me through my office in Washington in the meantime. I look forward to seeing you again in Bogota where we will discuss this proposal further.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "RB" or "R. Beers".

Rand. Beers, Acting

cc:  
Ambassador Sherman  
Chairman Gilman  
Chairman Hastert  
Chairman Callahan