



United States Department of State

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our discussions with you and your colleagues regarding an alternative to the Blackhawk report language. As agreed, the State Department will undertake to provide the Colombian National Police (CNP) with Bell 212 helicopters -- three to be delivered in the last quarter of FY-98, and three to be delivered in the first quarter of FY-99. The second tranche of this arrangement is dependent upon INL having access to its FY 99 appropriations at the beginning of FY-99. For their part, the CNP has agreed to ensure that they have adequate pilots and mechanics trained and available to put the Bell 212s into operational use upon delivery.

In addition, we will continue, as we have previously notified you, with the upgrade of ten UH-1H helicopters to the "Super Huey" configuration. Finally, we will also investigate the Counternarcotics utility of the TC-4C Gulfstream I--as well as its value, availability, and costs to bring on line and support.

As result of this agreement, we will move forward with our reprogramming notice and provide an additional \$13 million to our Colombian country program, and \$22 million to the Bolivian country program.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable  
Benjamin A. Gilman, Chairman,  
Committee on International Relations,  
House of Representatives.