

Presidencia de la Republica de Colombia

Bogotá, October 5, 1990.

Dear Senator Dole:

On behalf of my country I want to thank you, Senator Dole for your kindness during our recent visit to the United States. I believe that the meetings we held with members of the US Senate and the House, were very constructive and will build an understanding towards Colombia.

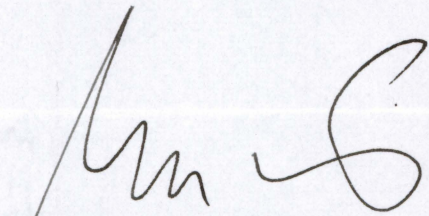
As I said during our meeting, Colombia has paid a very high price in the fight against drugs, and our commitment stands firm, as for us, it is a matter of principles and of survival of our nation.

I am convinced that Colombia will receive, from the international community, better treatment so that trade helps us to reinforce an economy that has been sane and has showed important growth over the last decade, but has been weakened by the enormous effort we have placed in the fight against narcotrafficking and terrorism.

Colombia received with enthusiasm the Andean Initiative, that grants us the free trade benefits from the Caribbean Basin Initiative, matter that will be studied by US Congress.

As I said in my conversation with President Bush, I know that, if we work together to find concrete solutions on trade agreements, my people will know that the US stands at our side in this fight against narcotrafficking.

Best wishes,



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