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**SCHAKOWSKY, MCKINNEY CALL ON PRESIDENT TO  
"CEASE ALL AERIAL INTELLIGENCE SHARING WITH COUNTRIES IN THE ANDEAN  
REGION"**

**FOLLOWING MURDER OF AMERICANS, MEMBERS DEMAND RELEASE OF ALL  
PERTINENT MATERIALS RELATING TO THIS AND OTHER AERIAL INTERCEPTS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Following the murder of an American missionary and her seven-month old daughter over Peru, U.S. Representatives Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) and Cynthia McKinney (D-GA) called on President Bush to "*immediately suspend all contracts with private military firms and individuals for narcotics control and law enforcement services in the Andean region.*"

□ In a letter to President Bush, the members added, "*Given the fact that we have so little control over the end use of information gathered, the United States should cease all aerial intelligence sharing with countries in the Andean region.*"

They continued, "*[w]e demand the release of all pertinent materials, including audio and video transmission, relating to this and other aerial intercepts in the region funded by U.S. tax-payer dollars.*" □ "*We believe that the billions of U.S. dollars we have committed to spending in the region have been misdirected and that this recent tragedy underscores the importance of reviewing our approach to the drug problem in the United States,*" they concluded. □

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Furthermore, Schakowsky called for a joint hearing of the Government Reform Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations and the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources. □ In letters to Subcommittee Chairmen Steve Horn (R-CA) and Mark Souder (R-IN), Schakowsky wrote that in addition to drug policy, the broader policy of U.S. government contracting for military services and intelligence gathering falls clearly within the purview of the Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations. □ □ Schakowsky is the ranking member of that Subcommittee and has traveled in February to Colombia. □