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Strange Twist in Case of Disappeared American 1/3 **EXCISE**

Embassy Santiago reported by phone a startling development in the unsolved 1985 disappearance of US citizen Boris Weisfeiler while hiking in a remote mountains in Chile. Someone claiming to be a former Chilean army conscript recently told

that he was part of an army patrol which detained in 1985 an American fitting Weisfeiler's description in the remote area of Chile where he disappeared. The patrol then turned Weisfeiler over to a security patrol for the nearby "Colonia Dignidad"--a secretive German immigrant settlement reportedly with neo-Nazi tendencies. There have been rumors for over a year that Weisfeiler is alive and detained in Colonia Dignidad. Carabineiro investigations into Weisfeiler's disappearance have turned up no clues, and left doubts concerning the thoroughness of GOC efforts. The reported informant has agreed to give a tape-recorded statement and to meet with US consular officers today, who are cautioned to avoid discussion of issues other than Weisfeiler--in case this is a CNI effort at entrapment. Next week Charge George Jones plans to bring this information to Carabineiro chief Stange. We have suggested the Embassy request permission at that time for a U.S. consul to visit Colonia Dignidad. (Swigert)

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