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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
TAGS: CASC (WEISFEILER, BORIS), PGOV, PREL, CI
SUBJECT: W/W: CASE OF MISSING AMERICAN IN CHILE

REF: (A) SANTIAGO 5308 AND PREVIOUS, (B) SANTIAGO 05387
(C) SANTIAGO 5256

- 1. ~~SECRET~~ - ENTIRE TEXT.)
- 2. THIS IS AN ACTION CABLE. SANTIAGO SEE PARA 6, BONN SEE PARA 7.

3. DEPARTMENT COMMENDS EMBASSY SANTIAGO'S PERSEVERANCE IN PURSUING POSSIBLE NEW LEADS IN WEISFEILER DISAPPEARANCE CASE AND SHARES CONCERN OVER THE VERY SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS BY REF A SOURCE. WE CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY THAT THE GERMAN CITIZENS FAMILIAR WITH COLONIA DIGNIDAD, [REDACTED] WILL BE ABLE EITHER TO [REDACTED]

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CORROBORATE OR DEBUNK SOURCE'S ACCOUNT, BUT AGREE WITH EMBASSY THAT THIS AVENUE SHOULD BE PURSUED IN EFFORT TO EVALUATE FURTHER THIS STARTLING REPORT. WE ARE NOT HOPEFUL, HOWEVER, THAT THIS INFORMATION CAN BE VERIFIED, PARTICULARLY IF REF A SOURCE REMAINS UNWILLING TO COME

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FORWARD PUBLICLY AND REPEAT HIS ACCOUNT TO CHILEAN COURTS.

4. THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH TO DELAY LONG IN BRINGING THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS INFORMATION TO THE ATTENTION OF SENIOR CHILEAN OFFICIALS SUCH AS GENERAL STANGE. WITH THIS SECOND INDICATION THAT WEISFEILER MAY BE ALIVE AND BEING HELD IN COLONIA DIGNIDAD

DEPT ALSO BELIEVES WE MUST REQUEST GOC ASSISTANCE IN MAKING A VISIT BY US CONSULAR OFFICERS TO COLONIA DIGNIDAD, I.E., WITH CARABINERO OR OTHER APPROPRIATE PROTECTION.

5. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT IF WEISFEILER IS ALIVE, AS SOURCE HAS ASSERTED, A VISIT BY US CONSULAR OFFICIALS TO COLONIA DIGNIDAD COULD POSE A POTENTIAL RISK TO HIS SAFETY. DEPT BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THIS VERY SLIGHT POSSIBILITY (IF COLONIA DIGNIDAD AUTHORITIES HAVE KEPT HIM OUT OF SIGHT FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS, IT IS LIKELY THEY HAVE MEANS TO CONCEAL HIM FROM VISITORS) IS OVERCOME BY THE NEED TO DEVELOP FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON THE COLONIA IN VIEW OF THESE PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT WEISFEILER WAS OR IS DETAINED THERE.

6. FOR SANTIAGO: UNLESS INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY BONN SUGGESTS A DIFFERENT COURSE OF ACTION, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT EMBASSY SANTIAGO SHOULD APPROACH

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SENIOR GOC OFFICIALS (PROBABLY AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE TO STANGE) SHORTLY AFTER RECEIVING READOUT FROM [] IN ORDER TO (1) ADVSE THEM IN GENERAL TERMS ON SUBSTANCE OF INFORMATION SUMMARIZED IN SANTIAGO 5308; (2) REQUEST GOC INTERVENTION TO PERMIT VISIT BY EMBASSY CONOFF UNDER GOC PROTECTION TO COLONIA DIGNIDAD; AND (3) REQUEST REOPENING OF A CHILEAN INVESTIGATION INTO WEISFEILER'S DISAPPEARANCE. IF APPROPRIATE UNDER CHILEAN LAW, DEPARTMENT WOULD FAVOR REOPENING OF A SEPARATE JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION OVER ANY REVIVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE INQUIRIES, WHICH AS EMBASSY HAS REPORTED, FAILED TO RESOLVE DISCREPANCIES IN CASE. EMBASSY IS OF COURSE IN BEST POSITION TO DETERMINE NEXT STEPS. THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EFFECTIVE FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS.

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7. FOR BONN: PLEASE RESPOND TO REF B AND C REQUESTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SHULTZ

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