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 E.O.: 12356: N/A
 TAGS: CJAN, CASC, AMGT, CI
 SUBJ: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES

 REF: SANTIAGO 445 AND PREVIOUS

 1. POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT APPROVAL TO OBTAIN LEGAL
 SERVICES TO PERMIT CONSULAR OFFICERS TO PERFORM
 DUTIES RELATING TO PROTECTION OF U.S. NATIONALS.

 2. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED PER 2 FAM 283.4:

 A. POST HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR SOME TIME FOR A
 THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO THE JANUARY 1985
 DISAPPEARANCE OF U.S. CITIZEN BORIS WEISFEILER. WE
 NOW BELIEVE THAT WE CAN ASK TO REOPEN THE
 INVESTIGATION IN ORDER TO QUESTION THE MEMBERS OF THE
 ARMY PATROL ALLEGEDLY IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF HIS
 DISAPPEARANCE. TO PRESS THE CASE AND TO FOLLOW
 CAREFULLY THE PROCEEDINGS, POST WILL NEED TO ENGAGE A
 KNOWLEDGEABLE LOCAL ATTORNEY.

 B. SELECTED ATTORNEY IS ALFREDO ETCHEBERRY.

 C. ALFREDO ETCHEBERRY IS A VERY PROMINENT LOCAL
 ATTORNEY WHO HAS HANDLED, AND IS NOW HANDLING, VERY
 SENSITIVE CASES ON BEHALF OF THE USG AND THE
 EMBASSY. HE IS VERY WELL KNOWN FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL
 SERVICE HE HAS PROVIDED TO THE EMBASSY IN THE PAST.

 D. COMPARATIVE RATINGS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, BUT MR.
ETCHEBERRY IS NOT ONLY A HIGHLY QUALIFIED ATTORNEY, HE HAS ALSO AMPLY DEMONSTRATED HIS EXTRAORDINARY COMPETENCE AND DEDICATION ON MANY OCCASIONS.

B. IN INITIAL CONTACT WITH THE ATTORNEY ON THIS MATTER, HE PROPOSES A FEE OF $____ PER HOUR FOR AN ESTIMATED WORKLOAD OF 32 HOURS, PAID IN ADVANCE AS A RETAINER IN THE AMOUNT OF $____. IF THE CASE REQUIRES FURTHER DEVELOPMENT, SUPPLEMENTARY FEES WOULD BE REQUIRED. SECRETARIAL AND OTHER EXPENSES WOULD BE INCLUDED, BUT TRANSPORTATION, MEAL AND LODGING EXPENSES IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF $____ WOULD BE NEEDED SINCE THE COURT WITH JURISDICTION IS LOCATED IN SOUTHERN CHILE. THE COSTS WOULD BE ON A RECEIPT BASIS.

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