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Dear President Lagos:

We are an independent organization of scientists, physicians, engineers and scholars devoted to the protection and advancement of human rights and scientific freedom for colleagues all over the world. We write now to express our support for the letter of February 8th, 2005, sent to you by James Arthur, the President of the American Mathematical Society, regarding the case of Dr. Boris Weisfeiler.

As you are no doubt aware, in 1985, Dr. Weisfeiler, professor of mathematics at Pennsylvania State University, disappeared in southern Chile near Colonia Dignidad, while on a hiking excursion. He was never found, despite tantalizing clues which, tragically, were never pursued with vigor by the authorities. The particulars of Dr. Weisfeiler's case were detailed in Dr. Arthur's letter and we need not repeat them here.

We have supported Dr. Olga Weisfeiler, sister to the missing man, in her search for answers to the disappearance of her brother, for many years, and we, along with Dr. Arthur, urge you to do all you can to resolve the mysteries of this case in the interests of justice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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