Committee of Concerned Scientists, Inc.

Her Excellency Michelle Bachelet Jeria
President of the Republic of Chile
Palacio de la Moneda
Santiago, Chile

November 28, 2007

Your Excellency,

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 are writing to ask for additional help in the case of Dr. Boris Weisfeiler, who has been missing in Chile since 1985.

As you are aware, Dr. Weisfeiler's disappearance in southern Chile near Colonia Dignidad has been under investigation for many years. We were glad to hear your announcement, made in June 2006 in Washington, D.C., that the Defense Council of the State (CDE) was to join the case as a plaintiff. Since that time, both the Policía de Investigaciones de Chile (PICH) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have pursued the case without significant results.

We strongly urge you to ensure that the PICH is doing everything possible to resolve the longstanding uncertainty surrounding Dr. Weisfeiler's disappearance. We ask that you give the FBI every possible freedom to pursue its investigation according to its own methods, and that you instruct the PICH to cooperate with the FBI.

We have supported Dr. Olga Weisfeiler, Dr. Boris Weisfeiler's sister, for many years in her search for answers regarding her brother's disappearance. It is time for those answers to be found. Please do everything in your power to bring the facts to light.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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