



United States Department of State

*Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20520-6258*

April 20, 2009

Dear Dr. Weisfeiler:

Thank you for your letter dated March 12, 2009, to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, regarding the ongoing Chilean government investigation into your brother's disappearance. I have been asked to respond to your inquiry personally.

This case remains a top human rights priority for the United States Government. Embassy Santiago, in particular, continues to pursue this matter with the Chilean government.

U.S. government officials from Embassy Santiago's Consular Section and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Legal Attaché Office have met regularly with Judge Zepeda. In December 2008, Judge Zepeda authorized the Policia de Investigaciones to travel with our Legal Attaché to the last known whereabouts of your brother and conduct a reenactment of the alleged events surrounding his disappearance. The re-enactment took place in January 2009 and has contributed to the investigation.

In March 2009, the Embassy sent a diplomatic note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expressing the United States Government's continued strong interest in the case and emphasizing that the FBI remains ready to assist with additional investigative resources.

We join you in hoping for resolution of this long-standing matter, and will keep you apprised of further developments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce W. Friedman".

Bruce Friedman
Acting Director
Office of Brazilian and Southern Cone Affairs