

United States Senate

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The Honorable Condoleezza Rice
Department of State
2201 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Secretary Rice,

I am writing to urge you to raise the issue of the disappearance of Boris Weisfeiler when you meet with President Michelle Bachelet of Chile later this week.

Dr. Weisfeiler, a professor at Pennsylvania State University, disappeared while hiking in southern Chile in 1985. Although the investigation was initiated eight years ago, it has since stalled.

You raised this case with President Bachelet when you were in Santiago in March 2006 and President Bush brought this case to the attention of former President Ricardo Lagos in 2002. I believe your raising the case with the President again will go a long way towards moving it to a resolution. In particular, I hope you will reiterate the willingness of the FBI and U.S. Embassy to assist in resolving the case.

This case is important for the cause of justice in Chile, and I hope that every reasonable effort will be made to resolve it.

With appreciation and respect, and thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Edward M. Kennedy