



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
SANTIAGO, CHILE

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THE AMBASSADOR

Olga Weisfeiler
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Dear Ms. Weisfeiler:

Thank you for your December 18 letter. I too very much appreciated the opportunity to meet jointly with you, your children, and my Embassy staff involved in the efforts to resolve the disappearance of your brother, Boris Weisfeiler. I would also like to take this opportunity to respond to the issues posed in your letter.

Consul General Carl Troy has been in touch with your Chilean attorney, Hernan Fernandez, concerning the unresolved status of your brother's personal effects. Despite the 1985 statement that the Chilean police were to turn over these items to the Embassy's Consular Section, this never took place, according to long-serving consular support staff who were involved with the case. Our files contain no other information beyond that already in your possession. Carl will meet with Mr. Fernandez on January 30 to discuss this in more detail. We will relay new information to you as soon as we receive it.

I am sensitive to your outstanding request for information concerning Colonia Dignidad under the 1998 Intelligence Authorization Act, and regarding the testimonies of former members of Colonia Dignidad. We are awaiting guidance from Washington on this issue and will also pass that information to you as soon as received.

Thank you again for your expressions of confidence regarding the Embassy's role in helping to resolve your brother's disappearance. You may be assured that this role will continue under my successor and other new members of the Country Team. In the meantime, our doors remain open to you and to your attorney. Please do not hesitate to contact Carl Troy, Kevin Currier, Tom Mittnacht, or me whenever you may want to talk about your brother's case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John O'Leary".

John O'Leary