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Vice President Joseph R. Biden
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
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Dear Vice President Biden,

My name is Olga Weisfeiler. I am writing to you in regard of my brother, Boris Weisfeiler, a U.S. citizen who disappeared in Chile in 1985. From the Chilean press I learned of your upcoming trip to Chile and a planned meeting with President of Chile, Michelle Bachelet.

Boris Weisfeiler was a mathematics professor at the Pennsylvania State University. He was a brilliant mathematician and an avid hiker who loved to travel around the world. One of these trips led him to travel to Chile during his school's winter break. He disappeared there, on January 4, 1985, without a trace. Boris was 43 years old when he, as the declassified US documents suggest, was detained by the Chilean military at the place that was just a few miles away from the end of his ten-day long hiking trip. According to some documents, he was tortured while in imprisonment and may have had survived in captivity for a number of years. There is no confirmation of his death.

During the past two decades, I truly believed he is out there somewhere just waiting to be found. The search for my brother became the first and foremost purpose of my life. Sadly, living with such uncertainty transformed my and my children's life to the constant mental torture.

I am living in the Boston suburbs, while hopelessly struggling with the Chilean government and the Chilean judicial system. I reopened investigation in Chile in January 2000 and my children and I have traveled to Chile every year since. There are no developments in my brother's case.

I urge you to bring the issue of Prof. Weisfeiler disappearance up when you meet President Bachelet; to voice your concerns and the necessity for the Government of Chile to officially acknowledge Prof. Weisfeiler's disappearance as a human rights violation and give permission for the FBI's full investigation of the 24 years old case of disappearance of a US citizen in Chile.

A few days ago, I sent a letter to Secretary of State Clinton; I am enclosing that letter for you as well; please see that letter and the web site www.boris.weisfeiler.com for more details.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letters. Your concern and support is invaluable for making my brother's case move forward and hopefully to bring closure to my family and myself. Boris is a U.S. citizen—the one U.S. citizen disappeared among 1100 Chileans disappeared at the hands of the Pinochet regime. He deserves the support that just a few minutes of your time with President Bachelet can give him.

Sincerely,

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