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Honorable John F. Kerry  
Secretary of State  
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Dear Secretary Kerry,

Please accept my congratulation for your well-deserved promotion to the position of the Secretary of State.

I am writing to you in regard to my brother, Boris Weisfeiler, and his disappearance in Chile in January 1985. He is, as you may know, the one U.S. citizen among over 1000 Chileans disappeared at the hands of General Pinochet's security forces.

I am one of your former constituents, living in Newton, Massachusetts. As my Senator, I contacted your office on many occasions seeking your support and assistance in my 25-year long search for my brother. Just a week before your confirmation as the Secretary of State, my daughter, Anna Weisfeiler, had a brief conversation with you in Washington in regard of the case. At your suggestion, she later on followed up with Emily Mendrala from the Foreign Relations Committee and had a meeting with her on Tuesday, January 22.

Until now the Department of State has relatively poor track record in helping to move the investigation forward. Despite hints that my brother might still be alive in the late 1980s, for budgetary reasons the Embassy refused to spend \$3000 to hire a lawyer to formally pursue the case. All these years later, I am still trying to convince the State Department to hire a lawyer who can represent U.S. interests in finding my disappeared brother, and assist in the investigation. I would also like to see more direct U.S. communications with Chilean investigators.

There is also an urgent need to declassify all of remaining documents from the State Department as well as from the CIA because of some of the previously declassified documents suggest a possibility that my brother was alive for period of time more than a year after his initial kidnapping/arrest. Names of the embassy informants at the time (exemptions B1, B6 in previously declassified documents) should be also released to the investigating judge Jorge Zepeda as soon as possible.

As Secretary of State, you are now in the position to make this happen, and assist my quest to determine my brother's fate, and my dream to find him, and find closure on this horrible human rights crime.

I am traveling to Chile on March 30. It will be my 13th trip to Chile in recent years. I would greatly appreciate a restatement of your interest in the case of a missing U.S. citizen, Professor Boris Weisfeiler, to the Embassy in Santiago, Chile.

Any support your office can give to this case, as well as direction to the U.S. Embassy in Santiago to step up its involvement in this case would be so much appreciated. When I come back, I would be happy to come to Washington and inform your office on the current situation on the search for my brother in Chile.

Sincerely,

Olga Weisfeiler

