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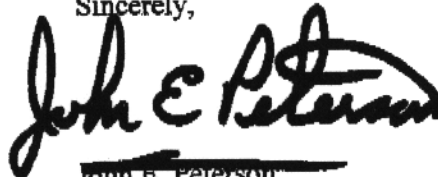
Dear Professor Mullen:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I have just received from Paul V. Kelly, Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs for the Department of State.

A complete report has been provided addressing your concerns. Mr. Kelly advises that the case is under the active supervision of the investigating magistrate, Juan Guzman, since January 2001. According to Mr. Kelly, no evidence has been found that Mr. Weisfeiler is or ever was present at Colonia Dignidad. Additionally, Mr. Kelly advises that the U.S. government has provided Judge Guzman with documents pertaining to the case and the embassy continues to monitor developments in the case. Please see the enclosed letter for additional information.

I hope that this information is helpful to you and if I can be of service in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Peterson:

Thank you for your letter of September 18 written on behalf of your constituent, Gary Mullen. Mr. Mullen asked for updated information on the ongoing Chilean government investigation into the fate of American citizen Boris Weisfeiler, who disappeared in Chile in 1985.

The case has been under the active supervision of investigating magistrate, Judge Juan Guzman, since January 2001. Judge Guzman has searched the premises and files of the settlement in southern Chile formerly known as Colonia Dignidad on more than one occasion for any indication that Mr. Weisfeiler might be there or have been detained there in the past, as was reported by some sources. So far, we understand he has found no evidence Mr. Weisfeiler is, or ever was, present at Colonia Dignidad. More recently Judge Guzman led an expedition to the nearly inaccessible site along the banks of the Nuble River where Mr. Weisfeiler disappeared.

To assist in the investigation, the U.S. Government has provided Judge Guzman with documents pertaining to the case. The Embassy has been in contact with the Judge and monitors developments in the case and is ready to support him further should the need arise.

We trust that this information proves useful to you in responding to your constituent. If you have additional questions or believe that we may be of further assistance in this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly
Assistant Secretary
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Enclosure: correspondence returned.

The Honorable
John Peterson,
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