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Dear Professor Lebowitz:

The Secretary of State has asked this Office to reply to your letter of March 1, 2002, requesting assistance in the investigation of the 1985 disappearance of Boris Weisfeiler from Chile.

The case of the disappearance and fate of Boris Weisfeiler has been under the active supervision of the investigating Chilean magistrate, Judge Juan Guzman, since January of last year. The U.S. Government has provided Judge Guzman with documents pertaining to Mr. Weisfeiler's case and expressed our continuing interest in an accounting of his fate. Both the Department of State in Washington and our Embassy in Santiago are following his investigation closely and assisting where we can. You may be aware that Judge Guzman has led an expedition to the Nuble River site near Colonia Dignidad where Mr. Weisfeiler disappeared. We have been informed that he spoke with the local residents and plans on formally deposing them next month.

We understand the desire of the family and friends to obtain closure in the disappearance of Mr. Weisfeiler and to resolve any outstanding questions. Mr. Weisfeiler's family remains in contact with the Department and we will continue to be available to them as the investigation proceeds and any new information is developed.

Sincerely,

Patrick H. Hegarty

Director

American Citizen Services  
and Crisis Management