



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Craig Kelly
Ambassador
Embassy of the United States of America
Santiago, CHILE

Dear Ambassador Kelly:

It is our understanding that you will soon be departing Chile to take up a senior State Department position in Washington, DC, and we are writing to request that, before you leave your post as Ambassador, you report to us on the status of the investigation into the 1985 disappearance in Chile of Boris Weisfeiler.

As the Representatives of the areas where Professor Weisfeiler's surviving family now lives and where he was employed at the time of his disappearance, achieving a final resolution of this case is very important to us. We have appreciated your efforts during your tenure as Ambassador to place a high priority on continuing the investigations into Professor Weisfeiler's fate. In light of your impending departure, we believe it would be useful to have a detailed explanation of where the investigation stands at this point, what advances in the case have been made in recent years, and what the prospects are for the future.

This information will help ensure that interested parties have a full understanding of the work of the U.S. government in this matter (and, to the extent possible, the Chilean government's work). In addition, it can serve as a useful summary of the achievements to date on the case for the new team that will be representing American interests in Chile following your departure. Accordingly, we urge you to arrange for the preparation of a report along these lines.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

U.S. Rep. Barney Frank

U.S. Rep. John Peterson