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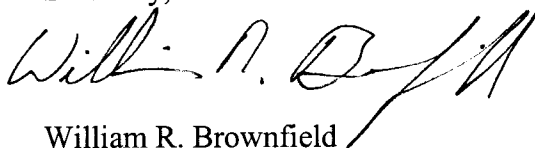
Ms. Olga Weisfeiler
56 Beecher Place
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Ms. Weisfeiler:

Thank you for your letter of March 27. I arrived in Santiago on March 14. I have been briefed on the facts of your brother's case and share your concern that, over 17 years later, the events surrounding his disappearance have yet to be clarified. Embassy officials have met on several occasions with Judge Guzman to express our interest in a speedy resolution of this case and offer our assistance with his investigation. We know that the judge has gone through the declassified documents and is aware of the inconsistencies in the initial investigation to which you refer in your letter. He has executed several searches of Villa Baviera (ex-Colonia Dignidad). Most recently he led an expedition to the site where your brother was last seen. He spoke with local people resident in the area and plans to return this month to take formal testimony. The Embassy will continue to push to have the judge follow up on all credible leads. We will report to you any progress that is made in the case.

I understand your distress at not knowing the answers concerning your brother's fate and the sense of urgency that needs to be given to his case. This Embassy is committed to learning the truth concerning your brother's disappearance. I will be happy to meet with your attorneys at any time you feel such a meeting would be helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Brownfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

William R. Brownfield