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DATE: JUNE 22, 1987

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: PHILLIP L. ANTWEILER, VICE-CONSUL P.A.

SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WEISFEILER CASE

Chile Project (#S199900030)

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TO: MEMO TO THE FILES

**EXCISE**

THE AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 1987, I RECEIVED A CALL AT MY HOME FROM DCM GEORGE F. JONES TELLING ME THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN "EXTRAORDINARY" DEVELOPMENT IN THE WEISFEILER CASE--THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A TAPE FROM A "FRIEND" RECENTLY, AND THAT HE HAD PREPARED A COPY FOR MYSELF AND LTC COLONEL NEVARES TO LISTEN TO. HE ASKED THAT I NOT LET MR. HUFFMAN LISTEN TO THE TAPE FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT THAT I COULD TELL HIM OF ITS EXISTENCE. HE ASK THAT I PREPARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT CAME TO MIND AFTER LISTENING TO THE TAPE. JONES STATED THAT HE WAS MEETING WITH THE PERSON WHO GAVE HIM THE TAPE AT 9:30 AM THE MORNING OF MONDAY, JUNE 22, AND THAT I SHOULD HAVE THE QUESTIONS TO HIM BY THEN.

I WENT TO THE EMBASSY AS REQUESTED THIS MORNING, AND DELIVERED THE QUESTIONS I HAD PREPARED. MR. JONES TOLD ME THAT THE PERSON WHO HAD GIVEN HIM THE TAPE WAS MAXIMO PACHECO FROM THE CHILEAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. MR. PACHECO ARRIVED ABOUT 9:30 AND WE DISCUSSED THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH HE RECEIVED THE TAPE. MYSELF, MR. JONES, AND MR. PACHECO MET IN THE OFFICE OF MR. JONES.

PACHECO TOLD US THAT THE PERSON, WHO APPEARED TO BE 35-40 YEARS OLD, HAD FIRST GONE TO THE VICARIA DE LA SOLIDARIDAD. THE VICARIA SENT THE PERSON TO PACHECO BECAUSE OF HIS GREATER FAMILIARITY WITH THE COLONIA. COMMENT: PACHECO IS APPARENTLY ONE OF TWO LAWYERS REPRESENTING AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL IN A LAWSUIT BROUGHT BY THE COLONIA AGAINST IT FOR LIBEL, BASED UPON THE PUBLICATION OF AN ARTICLE IN THE GERMAN MAGAZINE STERN WHICH AMNESTY LATER CIRCULATED. END COMMENT.

PACHECO SAID THAT THE PERSON WAS SLIGHTLY SHORTER THAN HE; SOLIDLY BUILT; SPOKE GOOD, GRAMMATICAL SPANISH, AND SEEMED TO BE A PERSON WHO WAS FAIRLY WELL EDUCATED, AND WHO WAS NOT A SIMPLE RECRUIT, BECAUSE HE HAD AN AIR ABOUT HIM WHICH INDICATED A PERSON USED TO EXERCISING SOME DEGREE OF AUTHORITY AND USED TO BEING TREATED SOMEWHAT DEFERENTIALLY.

PACHECO SAID THAT THE PERSON HAD AN AIR OF SINCERITY ABOUT HIM WHEN GIVING THE TESTIMONY--A BIT LIKE A CATHOLIC AT CONFESSION--"ME DIO LA IMPRESSION DE LA SINCERIDAD"

HE STATED THAT THE PERSON HAD SPOKEN WITHOUT NOTES, THAT THE INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE IN HIS OFFICE, AND THAT THE BACKGROUND NOISES OF PAPERS OCCURRED WHEN HE PACHECO PASSED THE INFORMANT SOME NOTES HE HAD SCRIBBLED DURING LISTENING TO THE TESTIMONY.

WE PRESENTED PACHECO WITH THE QUESTIONS (JONES GAVE HIS PREPARED LIST AND THEN HAD TO GO TO ANOTHER MEETING), I CONTINUED THE DISCUSSION WITH PACHECO UPON MY QUESTIONS FOR ANOTHER 15 MINUTES. MR. JONES AND MR. PACHECO DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING A MEETING BETWEEN EMBASSY PERSONNEL AND THE INFORMANT HIMSELF, LOCATIONS AND MECHANISMS BEING THE PRIMARY SUBJECTS DISCUSSED.