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TAGS: CI, CASC (WEISFEILER, BORIS)
SUBJ: WELFARE-WHEREABOUTS: CASE OF BORIS WEISFEILER

REF: (A) SANTIAGO 7495, (B) SANTIAGO 7727

1. ON OCTOBER 10 POST SENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE 87 TO FOMIN.
THE NOTE READS: "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE AND HAS THE
HONOR TO REFER TO ITS NOTES 21298 AND 22506 OF THE 9 OF
OCTOBER. THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY THE FOLLOWING
POINTS RELATIVE TO THE CASE OF BORIS WEISFEILER, THE
AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO DISAPPEARED IN YOUR COUNTRY DURING
JANUARY 1985. (1) WHAT WERE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER
WHICH WEISFEILER'S BACKPACK WAS FOUND AND BY WHOM WAS IT
FOUND? (2) DOES THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE HAVE ANY REASON
TO BELIEVE THAT THE CONTENTS OF THE BACKPACK WERE
TAMPERED WITH SINCE WEISFEILER'S PASSPORT AND PLANE
TICKET ARE MISSING? (3) WHY WAS ALL OF WEISFEILER'S
CLOTHING, INCLUDING WHAT HE HAD BEEN WEARING, FOUND IN
THE BACKPACK? (4) WHY WAS JUDICIAL AUTHORITY NOT NOTIFIED
OF WEISFEILER'S DISAPPEARANCE UNTIL TWENTY DAYS AFTER THE
BACKPACK WAS FOUND? IS THIS NOT CONTRARY TO CHILEAN LAW?
5) HOW WERE THE CARABINEROS AT RETEN EL ROBLE FIRST MADE
AWARE OF WEISFEILER'S PRESENCE IN THE AREA? DID SOMEONE

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BRING IT TO THEIR ATTENTION? (6) AN ISLAND EXISTS AT THE
CONFLUENCE OF THE LOS SAUCES AND NUBLE RIVERS THAT WOULD
REQUIRE THE CROSSING OF TWO RAPIDLY MOVING BODIES OF
WATER RATHER THAN ONE. ISN'T IT IMPROBABLE THAT
WEISFEILER, AN EXPERIENCED NATURALIST, WOULD HAVE
ATTEMPTED A CROSSING AT THIS POINT? THE EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW

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TO THE MINISTRY THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION."

TO DATE NO RESPONSE HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

2. EMBASSY IS ALSO AWAITING DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO
REFTELS. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON WEISFEILER CASE UNTIL
DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE RECEIVED. THE ABOVE TRANSLATION OF
LATEST DIP NOTE SHOULD FACILITATE DEPARTMENTAL ANALYSIS
OF CASE. POST WOULD APPRECIATE REQUESTED ASSESMENT AS
SOON AS IT IS FEASIBLE. BARNES

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