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E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: CJAN, CASC, AMGT, CI

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES

REF: SANTIAGO 445 AND PREVIOUS

1. POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT APPROVAL TO OBTAIN LEGAL SERVICES TO PERMIT CONSULAR OFFICERS TO PERFORM DUTIES RELATING TO PROTECTION OF U.S. NATIONALS.

2. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED PER 2 FAM 283.4:

A. POST HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR SOME TIME FOR A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO THE JANUARY 1985 DISAPPEARANCE OF U.S. CITIZEN BORIS WEISFEILER. WE NOW BELIEVE THAT WE CAN ASK TO REOPEN THE INVESTIGATION IN ORDER TO QUESTION THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMY PATROL ALLEGEDLY IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE. TO PRESS THE CASE AND TO FOLLOW CAREFULLY THE PROCEEDINGS, POST WILL NEED TO ENGAGE A KNOWLEDGEABLE LOCAL ATTORNEY.

B. SELECTED ATTORNEY IS ALFREDO ETCHEBERRY.

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C. ALFREDO ETCHEBERRY IS A VERY PROMINENT LOCAL ATTORNEY WHO HAS HANDLED, AND IS NOW HANDLING, VERY SENSITIVE CASES ON BEHALF OF THE USG AND THE EMBASSY. HE IS VERY WELL KNOWN FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE HE HAS PROVIDED TO THE EMBASSY IN THE PAST.
D. COMPARATIVE RATINGS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, BUT MR.

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ETCHEBERRY IS NOT ONLY A HIGHLY QUALIFIED ATTORNEY, HE HAS ALSO AMPLY DEMONSTRATED HIS EXTRAORDINARY COMPETENCE AND DEDICATION ON MANY OCCASIONS

E. IN INITIAL CONTACT WITH THE ATTORNEY ON THIS MATTER, HE PROPOSES A FEE OF [REDACTED] PER HOUR FOR AN ESTIMATED WORKLOAD OF 32 HOURS, PAID IN ADVANCE AS A RETAINER IN THE AMOUNT OF [REDACTED]

IF THE CASE REQUIRES FURTHER DEVELOPMENT, SUPPLEMENTARY FEES WOULD BE REQUIRED. SECRETARIAL AND OTHER EXPENSES WOULD BE INCLUDED, BUT TRANSPORTATION, MEAL AND LODGING EXPENSES IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF [REDACTED] WOULD BE NEEDED SINCE THE COURT WITH JURISDICTION IS LOCATED IN SOUTHERN CHILE. THE COSTS WOULD BE ON A RECEIPT BASIS.

3. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR MR. ETCHEBERRY'S LEGAL SERVICES AND FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF [REDACTED] GILLESPIE

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