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Mr. Raul Rettig, President
National Truth and Reconciliation Commission
Arturo Prat 134
Santiago

Dear Commissioner Rettig:

As part of your study of possible human rights abuses from September 11, 1973 to March 11, 1990, we respectfully call to your attention the following cases involving American citizens:

- A. Charles Horman: Mr. Horman was reportedly detained by military officials on September 17, 1973, and may have been held at the National Stadium. On October 18, Embassy officials were informed that a body, which had been brought to the morgue by military officers on September 18 and buried on October 3, had been identified as that of Charles Horman. The autopsy showed that he had been shot.
- B. Frank Randall Teruggi: Mr. Teruggi was arrested in his home along with David Hathaway at 2010 on September 20, 1973, by carabinieri officers; they were held overnight at the Carabinero NCO School. The following morning, both men were transferred to the National Stadium. Hathaway last saw Teruggi in the afternoon of September 21. An official of the American Embassy was informed on September 26 by military authorities at the National Stadium that Teruggi had been released from detention the evening of September 21. His body, with bullet wounds in the thorax and abdomen, was positively identified on October 1 but had apparently been brought to the morgue on September 22.
- C. Ronnie Moffitt: Ms. Moffitt was killed in Washington, D.C., on September 21, 1976, when a bomb destroyed the car in which she was riding with former Chilean Minister of Foreign Affairs Orlando Letelier.

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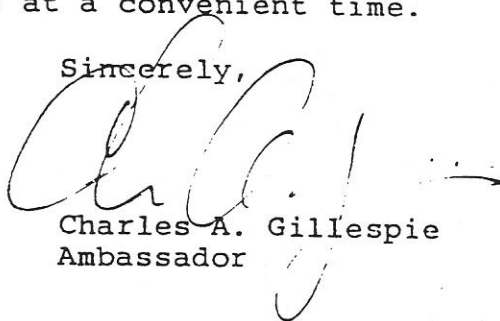
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D. Boris Weisfeiler: Mr. Weisfeiler, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in the Soviet Union, was on a solitary backpacking trip in the mountains along the Argentine-Chilean frontier in the Los Angeles-Chillan area of Chile. He was last seen alive on January 4, 1985, by Luis Alberto Lopez B. while walking past his house in the direction of El Roble Carabinero station in the Nuble River Valley. On February 4, 1985, the Court of San Fabian declared that Mr. Weisfeiler had presumably drowned while trying to cross the confluence of the Nubles and Sauces Rivers. However, we believe the investigation into Mr. Weisfeiler's disappearance was inconclusive, especially because four members of an army patrol who reportedly assisted in a search for Mr. Weisfeiler were never interviewed. The army patrol members are: Lt. Antonio Luis Cortes Aravena; Lt. Luis Pardo Fernandez, Sgt. Gabriel Diaz Morales, and Sgt. Hector Toro Aero.

We have not contacted the families of these individuals regarding possible efforts by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to clarify the circumstances surrounding their death or disappearance. However, we felt obliged to register interest in these cases pending approval of the families concerned. We reserve the right to withdraw the request for your review should any of them not wish to pursue the case.

If the families express interest in the Commission's review of these cases, Embassy officers would be pleased to discuss them with Commission members at a convenient time.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Gillespie
Ambassador

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