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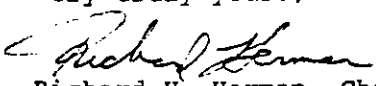
Dear Senator Specter,

I am writing to you about Professor Boris Weisfeiler, who disappeared in Chile in 1984. My reason for writing to you now is basically that some new information has come to light.

The original account of Weisfeiler's disappearance certainly seemed within bounds, given his adventurous nature. Several contradictions appeared in later accounts and last year an article in the Washington Post (enclosed) mentioned further complications including the presence of a commune which calls itself (briefly) Colonia Dignidad. Weisfeiler has been placed by all accounts in the immediate area of the commune. It is alleged by Amnesty International that this place is also a torture center for the Pinochet regime. Moreover in my discussion with someone who is writing a book on the subject, I was told that a West German woman was kept prisoner in their enclave for two years. It is essentially impossible to gain access to the Colony.

Although I am not generally given to belief in conspiracy theories etc., there seems to be enough circumstantial evidence of foul play that I feel obliged to ask you to press for fuller disclosure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Richard H. Herman, Chairman
Professor of Mathematics

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