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SUBJ: RETTIG REPORT: SYNOPSIS OF CASES

1. THE RETTIG COMMISSION REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CHILE UNDER THE PINOCHET REGIMA INKLDKES DEHAILS OF THE KOMMISSION'S ICVESTIGATION INTO SEVERAL CASES OF INTEREST TO THE USG. FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF EACH CASE.
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ORLANDO LETELIER/RONNIE MOFFITT

2. ACCORDING TO THE PETTIG COMMISSION'S REPORT, ORPLANDO LETELIER AND U.S. CITIZEN RONNIE MOFFITT WERE KILLED ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1976, IN WASHINGTON, DC, WHEN

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A BOMB EXPLODED UNDER THE CAR IN WHICH THEY WERE RIDING. THE COMMISSION CONCLUDED THAT "LETELIER AND MOFFITT DIED, IN VIOLATION OF THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS, VICTIMS OF AN ACT OF TERRORISM COMMITTED BY AGENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE, SPECIFICALLY OF DINA, WHO PLANNED THE TERRORIST ACT AND EXECUTED IT WITH THE HELP OF OTHER PERSONS."

CHARLES HORMAN

3. THE COMMISSION CONCLUDED THAT U.S. CITIZEN CHARLES HORMAN WAS MURDERED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1973, BY AGENTS OF THE GOC. HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED AT HIS APARTMENT AND TAKEN TO THE NATIONAL STADIUM THE PREVIOUS DAY. THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS.

FRANK TERUGGI

4. THE COMMISSION REJECTED THE GOC' /
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T JMERCAN CITIZEN FRANK TERUGGI WAS
ARRESTED FOR A CURFEW VIOLATION AND LATER RELEASED.
IT CONCLUDED THAT ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1973, TERUGGI AND
ANOTHER AMERICAN WERE ARRESTED BY CARABINEROS
(UNIFORMED POLICE) AT TERUGGI'S APARTMENT AND TAKEN
TO THE MACUL CARABINERO SCHOOL. THEY WERE
TRANSFERRED TO THE NATIONAL STADIUM THE NEXT
MORNING. LATER THAT DAY, AT APPROXIMATELY 8PM, THE
AMERICANS WERE SEPARATED WHEN AN ARMY OFFICIAL
APPEARED, CALLED TERUGGI'S NAME FROM A LIST, AND LED
HIM AWAY. ON SEPTEMBER 22, TERUGGI'S BODY WAS
BROUGHT TO THE SANTIAGO MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE
WITH MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS. THE COMMISSION FOUND
THAT HE WAS MURDERED "WHILE DEPRIVED OF HIS LIBERTY
AND IN THE CUSTODY OF AGENTS OF THE STATE..."

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5. THE COMMISSION FOUND THAT ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1974, LUIS GUENDELMAN (WHOSE BROTHER LIVES IN CALIFORNIA) WAS ARRESTED AT HIS HOME IN SANTIAGO BY DINA AGENTS. AFTER REMAINING IN THE CUSTODY OF DINA FOR SOME TIME, HE DISAPPEARED. IN 1985, DIA ATTEMPTED TO PASS OFF A BODY FOUND IN ARGENTINA AS THAT OF GUENDELMAN. (NOTE: THIS WAS PART OF A DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN BY DINA, CHRONICLED ELSEWHERE IN THE RETTIG COMMISSION'S REPORT. IT WAS AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON DINA BY CONVINCING THE PUBLIC THAT MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO DISAPPEARED HAD ACTUALLY FLED TO ARGENTINA.) THE COMMISSION CONCLUDED THAT

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GUENDELMAN'S "DISAPPEARANCE WAS THE WORK OF AGENTS OF THE GDC, WHO VIOLATED HIS HUMAN RIGHTS." (NOTE: THE COMMISSION CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT ALL REPEAT ALL OF THE DISAPPEARANCES DETAILED IN THEIR REPORT RESULTED IN DEATH.)

BORIS WEISFEILER

6. BORIS WEISFEILER, A NATURALIZED AMERICAN CITIZEN BORN IN THE SOVIET UNION, DISAPPEARED ON JANUARY 4, 1985, WHILE HIKING IN THE CHILEAN ANDES. THERE WAS AN ARMY UNIT IN THE VICINITY AT THE TIME OF HIS

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DISAPPEARANCE, BUT MEMBERS OF THE UNIT WERE NOT
ALLOWED BY THEIR SUPERIORS TO GIVE EVIDENCE, DESPITE
REPEATED REQUESTS BY THE USG AND OTHERS. THIS
REFUSAL TO COOPERATE LED SOME TO SUSPECT THAT THE
ARMY WAS INVOLVED IN THE DISAPPEARANCE. THE
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COMMISSION, HOWEVER, DETERMINED THAT THE EVIDENCE IN
WEISFEILER'S CASE WAS INSUFFICIENT TO DECLARE THAT
HIS DISAPPEARANCE WAS CAUSED BY AGENTS OF THE GDC.
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