U.S. Presses Case of Missing Professor
Penn State Professor Missing in Chile

U.S. Skeptical About Chilean Police Claim That He Drowned

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SANTIAGO, Chile—Boris Weisfeiler, 43, a Penn State professor who had become a U.S. math professor, traveled to Chile in December 1984 for what he thought was a brief vacation with his wife and children. While there, he disappeared.

Weisfeiler's wife, Elizabeth, was never found, although authorities in Chile have not ruled out the possibility that she might still be alive. She is believed to have been kidnapped during the military coup in 1973.

Weisfeiler's disappearance was first reported on Jan. 14, 1985, by the Associated Press. The story caused a sensation in both countries, with many people on both sides of the border expressing concern about the fate of the missing professor.

Weisfeiler was last seen on Jan. 14, 1985, near the town of Vina del Mar, where he was staying with his family. He had consider...