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The Most Excellent Javier Milei
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Dear President Milei:

During your recent visit to Israel you shared that “the Holocaust reminds us of our responsibility and commitment to freedom and the need to defend human rights as fundamental pillars of a just society. And it also urges us not to remain silent. Because silence is an accomplice.” I profoundly agree with this sentiment, along with your support for Israel and the hostages who have not returned home since October 7, 2023.

I have had the immense privilege of serving the people of Iowa in the United States Congress for over 50 years. During this time, I have remained committed to transparency, accountability, and doing what is right. This includes a commitment to remembering the six million Jewish victims, as well as millions of victims persecuted by Nazis. This is a commitment you and I both share.

I work to honor the victims, the survivors, and their families by combatting anti-Semitism and preserving history for future generations. I continue to fight to shine light on the wrongs and injustices from this darkest chapter in history. This includes decades-long efforts to track the Nazi’s confiscation of all kinds of Jewish valuables and cash.

As part of this commitment, I reach out to you as Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary. Given our shared values, I’d like to request your assistance and support of the Committee’s ongoing investigation into previously undisclosed and unknown Nazi assets at Credit Suisse and its predecessor banks, which are now under the leadership of UBS Group AG.

By way of background, this work is part of a decades-long investigation into Nazi-linked assets and related accounts concealed at Credit Suisse after the end of World War II, some as recent as 2020. In response to evidence from the Simon Wiesenthal Center, a Jewish human rights organization, Credit Suisse, and then UBS, agreed to conduct an internal investigation in 2021 into its historic servicing of Nazis. Former U.S. Inspector General Mr. Neil Barofsky of Jenner & Block LLP is the Independent Ombudsperson appointed to comprehensively investigate Credit Suisse’s archives with a mandate that no stone unturned is left unturned. This investigation has had many turns along the way. This includes obstruction and wrongdoing by Credit Suisse’s past leadership in their efforts to conceal their past wrongs.

Despite the banks' best efforts at obstruction, Mr. Barofsky has uncovered a "significant connection" between Credit Suisse and many individuals who helped Nazis flee Europe after World War II via "ratlines," which are monetary and logistic pathways used by Credit Suisse and other institutions to help Nazis escape justice and relocate to Argentina, among other countries.

Barofsky's work into these matters has identified several hundred alleged Nazi accounts and intermediaries connected to the ratlines that require further investigation.

This was all made possible due to the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the invaluable records identified in Argentina.

In order to continue this work, I respectfully request possession of Argentina's archival records relating to Nazi ratlines. This includes records dating to the time before, during, and following World War II that will help shed light on the planning and carrying out of the Nazi ratlines. The great people of Argentina's support in helping the Senate Judiciary Committee obtain possession would assist the committee in advancing its corresponding oversight of this matter. I also kindly request that you consider granting the Simon Wiesenthal Center and Mr. Barofsky the same possession of these documents. We have all expressed a shared commitment to investigating this issue.

The goal and motivation behind this work is to bring about justice and transparency. Regardless of how much time passes, the truth is worth pursuing and the stories of this dark time period are worth telling and making part of the historical record for future generations. I sincerely thank you for your consideration of this request.

I look forward to working with you on this issue, and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this investigation, along with our shared commitment to such important matters, during your next visit to the United States. Lastly, I'm copying President Trump on this letter because my investigative work is being done out of profound respect for the brave and courageous men and women of the United States Armed Forces who fought against Hitler and the Nazis, and freed the courageous Jewish people from those evils – a sentiment that he would most assuredly agree with.

Sincerely,



Senator Charles E. Grassley
President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate
Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary

cc: The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President, United States of America