

U.S. asked to press Paraguay on Mengele

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ASUNCION. - Nazi-hunter Beate Klarsfeld has called on the U.S. to demand that the Paraguayan government account for the whereabouts of Josef Mengele.

In comments to *The Jerusalem Post* as she ended a three-day visit here on Saturday, Klarsfeld commented, "I still believe very strongly that Mengele is alive and still in Paraguay. There is no question that pressure from the State Department would be the most effective means of influencing the Paraguayan government."

Klarsfeld was in the Paraguayan capital as part of an international delegation which included Elizabeth Holtzman, the district attorney of Brooklyn, Menahem Rosensaft, chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, and Rene Valero, auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Brooklyn.

After a meeting with the delegation Thursday, Paraguayan Interior Minister Sabino Monanaro promised that within three months he will complete an investigation into the Mengele case, which will consist of compiling and certifying all documentary evidence that may exist on the whereabouts of Mengele in each of Paraguay's 19 provinces.

Montanaro also promised to answer a list of questions on the Mengele case to be submitted to him by members of the delegation, and agreed to the presence of foreign observers to monitor and report on the Paraguayan investigation.

Rosensaft told *The Post* that the members of the delegation will decide on returning to the U.S. on ways to implement the agreement with the Paraguayans as well of ways of selecting the international observers who are to return to Asuncion to monitor the Paraguayan investigation.