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Further information on UA 121/94 (AMR 23/30/94, 25 March 1994) - Fear of "Disappearance"

Colombia: Julio Edgar GALVES QUIMBAY, aged 33 lawyer
Enan Rafael LORA MENDOZA
Raul GUTIERREZ GUARIN

Amnesty International has received further information relating to the "disappearance" of Julio Edgar Galves Quimbay.

Initially it was reported that Julio Edgar Galves Quimbay, a lawyer, had "disappeared" on the 18 March 1994 on the same day as Luis Eduardo Díaz had also "disappeared".

The new information Amnesty International has received confirms the "disappearance" of Julio Edgar Galves Quimbay but indicates that the other person who "disappeared" was in fact Enan Rafael Lora Mendoza and not Luis Eduardo Díaz as previously reported. The new information also draws attention to the fact that a third man, Raúl Gutiérrez Guarín, also "disappeared" on the same day in Bogotá.

The three men are believed to have been arrested by the Civilian Security Department, *Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad*, DAS, in connection with an alleged kidnapping. Traces of blood were found by judicial officials who were inspecting a vehicle found in a DAS car-park which was reportedly used in the abduction of at least one of the "disappeared" men.

On Friday, 25 March 1994 the bodies of Raúl Gutiérrez Guarín and Enan Rafael Lora Mendoza were found in the village of Los Manzanos in the Municipality of Facatativa, department of Cundinamarca. The bodies showed signs of torture. The men had been shot, one had been hung and both had been set alight. A further body has also been found. It is reported that it is probably the body of Julio Edgar Galves Quimbay, although it is yet to be officially identified.

There are fears that a further two unnamed people may also have "disappeared" after detention by the DAS.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in Spanish, English or your own language:

- expressing concern about the extrajudicial executions and torture of Enan Rafael Lora Mendoza, Raúl Gutiérrez Guarín and Julio Edgar Galves;

- urging that there be an immediate and independent investigation into their "disappearances" torture and extrajudicial executions and that the results of this investigation be made public;

- urging that any security forces personnel under investigation should be suspended from active service whilst the investigations are under way;

- urging that the safety of any other people detained in relation to this case should be guaranteed, and that they be guaranteed access to relatives and lawyers and charged with a recognisable offence or released immediately.

APPEALS TO:**1) Director of the Department of State Security:**

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and to diplomatic representatives of Colombia accredited to your country.

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