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Fear of Torture

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PERU:

Luis Alberto FLORIAN LEON

Amnesty International is concerned for the physical safety of Luis Alberto Florián León. He was detained by the security forces on 7 April 1993, on his arrival at the Jorge Chávez airport in Lima, the capital. He was deported back to Peru from Sweden by the Swedish authorities on 6 April 1993.

Luis Alberto Florián León arrived in Sweden in December 1990, after reportedly having been previously detained and tortured in Peru. He is believed to have been an active member of the Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru, MRTA, the Túpac Amaru Revolutionary Movement. In December 1990 he entered Sweden, but was unsuccessful in his application for political asylum.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

President Fujimori and his government assumed power on 28 July 1990. The government inherited a legacy of gross human rights violations dating back to January 1983, including thousands of cases of "disappearance" and extrajudicial execution. In his inaugural speech the President stated that his government would fully respect human rights. On a number of subsequent occasions President Fujimori and representatives of his government have repeated that pledge. However, since July 1990 Amnesty International has continued to document a systematic pattern of human rights violations, including torture.

Human rights violations occur in the context of the government's counter-insurgency operations directed against the clandestine armed opposition groups Partido Comunista del Perú, (Sendero Luminoso), PCP, Communist Party of Peru (Shining Path) and the Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru, (MRTA), Túpac Amaru Revolutionary Movement. Amnesty International opposes the deliberate and arbitrary killing by the armed opposition of defenceless civilians not directly involved in the internal conflict, and of members of the security forces who have laid down their arms and those placed *hors de combat* by sickness, wounds, detention or any other cause.

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

- expressing concern for the physical safety of Luis Alberto Florián León who was arrested on his arrival at Jorge Chávez airport on 7 April 1993;
- asking that all the necessary measures be taken to guarantee his physical

safety;

- asking that while in detention he be given access to lawyers, a doctor and relatives.

APPEALS TO:

1) President:

Presidente Alberto Fujimori
Presidente de la República
Palacio de Gobierno
Plaza de Armas
Lima 1, PERU

Telegrams: Presidente Fujimori, Lima, Peru

Telexes: 20167 PE PALACIO

Salutation: Señor Presidente / Dear President

2) Minister of the Interior:

General EP Juan Briones Dávila
Ministro del Interior
Ministerio del Interior
Plaza 30 de Agosto 150
San Isidro
Urb. Córpac
Lima 27, PERU

Telegrams: Ministro Interior Briones, Lima, Perú

**Télexes: 21133 PE OCMI
21697**

Salutation: Señor Ministro / Dear Minister

3) Anti-terrorist police:

Señor Director
Dirección Nacional Contra el Terrorismo
Cdra. 4 Avda España
Lima
PERU

Telegrams: Director Nacional Contra el Terrorismo, Lima, Peru

Salutation: Sr. Director / Dear Sir

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

Human Rights Association:

Señores
APRODEH
Jirón Pachacutec 980
Jesús María
Lima, PERU

and to diplomatic representatives of Peru accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 20 May 1993.