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Further information on UA 340/90 (AMR 51/34/90, 22 August 1990) - Death Penalty

USA (Wyoming): Mark Hopkinson

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Amnesty International has learned that Mark Hopkinson, who was scheduled to be executed in Wyoming on 25 September 1990, has received a stay of execution pending further appeals which are due to be held in approximately six weeks' time. Thank you to all who acted on his behalf, please continue action as recommended below.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Express and airmail letters:

- welcoming the stay and urging Governor Sullivan to grant clemency in this case and commute Hopkinson's sentence;
- continuing to express concern at Wyoming's move to resume executions after 25 years and urging that the state not take this retrograde step: citing the world trend toward abolition of the death penalty, and any relevant developments you may know of in your country;
- letters to newspapers may cite other arguments against the death penalty such as its lack of any proven deterrent effect against violent crime and the arbitrariness of its use in practice.

APPEALS TO:

The Hon Mike Sullivan
Governor of Wyoming
State Capitol
Cheyenne, WY 82002
USA

LETTERS TO NEWSPAPERS:

Casper Star Tribune
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Casper, WY 82602
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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat or your section office if sending appeals after 6 November 1990.