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Further information (2) on EXTRA 87/96 (AMR 51/47/96, 10 June 1996) and follow-up AMR 51/53/96, 2 July 1996 - Death Penalty

USA (NEBRASKA) John JOUBERT

Amnesty International is deeply concerned to learn that John Joubert is now scheduled to be executed on 17 July 1996, following the lifting of the stay of execution granted to him at the end of June. Amnesty International believed that the Attorney General would seek a new execution warrant and that the process would take up to two months. However, it now appears that the original warrant is still being applied, thus dramatically precipitating the new execution date.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please make urgent appeals by telephone, telegram, telexes, fax, express or airmail letters in English or in your own language:

- expressing concern that John Joubert is scheduled to be executed on 17 July 1996; at the same time, expressing concern and sympathy for the victims of violent crime and their families;
- again urging the Board of Pardons - comprising the State Governor, the Attorney General and the Secretary of State - to grant clemency to John Joubert by commuting his death sentence;
- reiterating concern at the clear conflict of interest in the role played by the office of the Attorney General in prosecuting cases on appeal and his role as one of the three members of the Board of Pardons, and that his comments at a recent press conference (see original UA) indicate that he has pre-judged Joubert's case for clemency before it has been presented.

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