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Further information on UA 103/95 (ASA 37/07/95, 28 April 1995) - Fear of torture / Fear of "disappearance"

SRI LANKA Selvanayagam Rasanayagam, aged 32

According to information received from a non-governmental source, following several inquiries at local army camps, the wife of Selvanayagam Rasanayagam was finally given permission to visit him at the Army Detention Centre in Trincomalee on 30 April. Until then, the army authorities had continued to deny that he was in their custody.

Amnesty International has no information about his health.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express and airmail letters

- welcoming the access granted to the wife of Selvanayagam Rasanayagam on 30 April;
- urging that the Human Rights Task Force be given regular access to Selvanayagam Rasanayagam and all other detainees held under the Emergency Regulations or Prevention of Terrorism Act.

APPEALS TO:

This is a limited action. Please restrict appeals to 20 per section.

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COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

diplomatic representatives of Sri Lanka accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 June 1995.