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Further information on UA 440/94 (AMR 19/25/94, 13 December 1994) and follow-ups (AMR 19/02/95, 2 February 1995; AMR 19/04/95, 31 March) - Fear for Safety

**BRAZIL**                      **Wagner Dos Santos, aged 23, witness to the "Candelaria Massacre"**

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Replies from the Brazilian authorities to Amnesty International members indicate that in April 1995 Wagner dos Santos was moved to the *Hospital dos Servidores do Estado*, Public Servants' Hospital, from the Firemen's Hospital where he was previously being intimidated. In May he was discharged from the Public Servants' Hospital.

Wagner dos Santos is now being provided accommodation at the *Casa da Testemunha*, Witnesses Safe House, in Rio de Janeiro, although conditions there are reported to be poor. Military Police have been assigned to guard him for protection and the public prosecutor acting in the Candelaria case continues to monitor his situation. Despite these measures, Amnesty International still has concerns for Wagner dos Santos' safety given that the December 1994 attempt on his life was made while he was staying in the Witnesses Safe House under state protection.

As far as Amnesty International is aware, Wagner dos Santos is no longer receiving medical treatment. One side of his face remains paralysed from bullet wounds received in December 1994.

The trial of the three military police and one civilian charged with the Candelaria killings is expected to start in the second half of August, although no specific date has been announced.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/airmail letters:**

- welcoming the measures taken to protect Wagner dos Santos' physical safety;
- expressing concern, however, that the last attempt on Wagner dos Santos' life took place, in December 1994, while he was staying at the Witnesses House, and inquiring whether the State is seeking a more suitable location for him to be protected until the Candelaria trial;
- asking whether Wagner dos Santos will be undergoing further medical tests to determine treatment for his facial paralysis;
- asking to be informed of the date of the trial of those charged with the Candelaria killings.

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**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after **8 August 1995.**