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Further information on UA 204/92 (AMR 46/30/92, 19 June 1992) and follow-up AMR 46/33/92 of 26 June 1992 - Ill-treatment/Death in custody (new concerns)

PERU: Yehude SIMON MUNARO (45), former parliamentarian

Luis LORA MUGA (64)

Armida VALLADARES JARA (45) (female) }

Rosa NEYRA SAMALVIDES (female), pregnant } please note

José Antonio ALVAREZ PACHAS, journalist } full names

Mario REUPO BAZALAR, security guard }

Edgar RIVADENEYRA MACEDO (33) }

Silvio ESPINOZA GARCIA (32), medical student

Magno FERNANDEZ ZEGARRA (note full name)

Fernando VALENCIA OSORIO (22), journalist

Marco BURGA VALDERRAMA, journalist } please note

Eduardo SIHUE CANO, journalist } full names

new name: Jorge RIVERA URBANO

Death in Custody:

Carlos RIVERA RETIS (63) (please note full name)

Released:

Gustavo POLANCO

Amnesty International has received further information on 14 of the above 15 people. According to reports, 13 of the original detainees, plus Jorge Rivera Urbano who was not listed on the original action, are being held in conditions which amount to ill-treatment. One detainee, Carlos Rivera Retis, has died while in custody. Gustavo Polanco has been freed.

All of the above-mentioned people, most of whom are members and staff of the officially registered political group Patria Libre, were detained by the police on 11 and 12 June 1992 in Lima, the capital. The two women are now being held at the Penal Santa Mónica, Santa Mónica prison, and the men are being held at the Penal Miguel Castro Castro, Miguel Castro Castro prison. According to reports, they have all been charged under new terrorism laws with having links with the armed opposition group Movimiento Revolucionario Túpac Amaru, (MRTA), Túpac Amaru Revolutionary Movement.

Amnesty International believes that the prison conditions under which these people are reportedly being held amount to ill-treatment. According to reports, they are being held three to a cell, each measuring four square metres and containing only two beds. The prisoners are only fed once a day and are also being denied access to reading materials. Carlos Rivera Retis, who was

suffering from a renal infection, died while under these conditions.

Yehude Simón Munaro wrote in a letter to Amnesty International that he was almost starving to death, that he had already lost 15 kilos in weight and that his blood pressure was steadily falling. Visits from relatives are permitted only once a month for half an hour.

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FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters in Spanish or your own language:

- expressing concern at the reported ill-treatment of the first 13 people named above;
- urging that the prisoners be humanely treated and adequately fed and that their physical well-being be guaranteed;
- urging that the death in custody of Carlos Rivera Retis be fully investigated by an independent body, and the findings made public.

APPEALS TO:

1) President:

Presidente Alberto Fujimori
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Telegrams: Presidente Alberto Fujimori, Lima, Peru

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Salutation: Señor Presidente / Dear President

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Salutation : Sr. Ministro / Dear Minister

3) Attorney General

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Lima, PERU

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Salutation: Sra. Fiscal de la Nación / Dear Attorney General

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Lima, PERU

and to diplomatic representatives of PERU accredited to your country.

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