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Further information on UA 333/93 (AFR 32/12/93, 21 September 1993) - and follow-up(s): (AFR 32/13/93, 29 September and AFR 32/14/93, 11 October) - Legal Concern/Fear of ill-treatment

KENYA:Koigi wa Wamwere, human rights activist, former political prisoner, former member of parliament - released
Mirugi Kariuki, lawyer and human rights activist, former political prisoner - released
Susan Wangui (f), nurse, wife of Mirugi Kariuki - released
Francis Mureithi Kanothe, farmer - released
Joseph Thiga Kariuki, brother of Mirugi Kariuki, cooperative society official - released
Geoffrey Kuria Kariuki, cousin of Koigi wa Wamwere, former political prisoner - released
John Njoroge Wamwere, brother of Koigi wa Wamwere - released
John Kinyanjui, member of a faction of the Release Political Prisoners (RPP) campaigning group - re-arrested

and also Kariuki Kiboi, former trade unionist - released
Joseph Njoroge - released

& new name Mathu wa Ing'oku

On 19 October 1993 **Koigi wa Wamwere** and **Mirugi Kariuki** were released on bail of Kenya shillings 300,000 each (UK £3,000 equivalent) after a month in police custody. Under their conditions of bail they are not allowed to visit the restricted security zone in Nakuru district and must report on Tuesdays and Fridays to the police in Nakuru. No date had been set for their trial.

John Kinyanjui and **Mathu wa Ing'oku** are still being held in police custody in Nakuru, where they have reportedly been beaten. **John Kinyanjui** was re-arrested after giving an interview to the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) alleging torture during his original imprisonment from 18 to 27 September. They have filed an application to the High Court for bail.

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

- welcoming the release on bail of most of these prisoners but urging that charges be dropped if they were arrested solely for their non-violent opinions;
- calling for an independent investigation into well-attested reports that several of these prisoners, most of whom have now been released, were beaten by police;
- seeking public guarantees of humane treatment of John Kinyanjui and Mathu

wa Ing'oku still held and urging that they are given immediate, regular and private access to their families, legal representatives and doctors of their choice;

- reiterating concern that John Kinyanjui and Mathu wa Ing'oku appear to be prisoners of conscience imprisoned for their non-violent opinions, and if so, should be immediately and unconditionally released.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Kenya accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals 6 December 1993.