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Further information on EXTRA 33/99 (AMR 19/05/99, 4 March 1999) -
Possible 'disappearance' / Fear for safety

BRAZIL Anderson Pereira dos Santos (14)
Thiago Passos Ferreira (17)
Paulo Roberto da Silva (21)

The bodies of the three young men who "disappeared" after they were arrested by military police on 17 February 1999 were found on 4 March. They had been shot in the head at point blank range with a high calibre pistol similar to those used by the military police.

Their bodies were found in a stream in an area of wasteland in Praia Grande, near São Vicente, in an advanced state of decomposition. Local residents claimed that they had seen a police vehicle, matching the description of the car in which the three were taken away, parked next to the patch of wasteland on the morning of 17 February. Two security guards working at a local shopping centre testified that they had seen police get out of the car with the victims and take them in the direction of the wasteland, returning alone about an hour later.

The military and civil police investigations of the case are continuing. Military police who intentionally kill civilians in the course of active duty are now tried by jury in a civilian court, following a change in the law in December 1996.

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

- expressing grave concern that Anderson Pereira dos Santos, Thiago Passos Ferreira and Paulo Roberto da Silva appear to have been extrajudicially executed;
- asking the authorities to carry out a full, impartial and independent investigation into this case, to make the results public and to bring those responsible to justice.

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and to diplomatic representatives of Brazil accredited to your country.

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