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COLOMBIA: Eduardo HURTADO
 Jairo MANTILLA

Amnesty International has received information from Dr. Carlos Vicente de Roux, Presidential Adviser for Human Rights, Consejero Presidencial para los Derechos Humanos, concerning Eduardo Javier Hurtado and Jairo de Jesús Mantilla Rodríguez. According to Dr. de Roux Eduardo Hurtado and Jario Mantilla were not detained by military or police forces. The two men appeared before the Provincial Procurator of Barrancabermeja on 15 February 1993 and testified that they had not been taken to either a military or police base and that they believed they had been captured by a guerrilla group. The Provincial Procurator closed the investigation on 16 February. Amnesty International has no further details about their alleged captivity.

Amnesty International was concerned for the safety of Eduardo Hurtado and Jairo Mantilla after they were detained while in a cafe in Barrancabermeja by men in civilian dress. They were forced into an unmarked vehicle and driven to an unknown destination.

Thank you to all those who sent appeals. No further action is required by the Urgent Action Network.