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Further information on UA 443/94 (AMR 25/15/94, 14 December 1994) - Death Penalty / Health Concern

CUBA Armando SOSA (corrected name), 52, alleged leader of the group
Lázaro GONZALEZ CABALLERO, aged 35
Pedro GUISADO, aged 35

new names: Miguel DIAZ BOUSA, aged 43
Jesús ROJAS, aged 51
Humberto REAL, aged 26
José FALCON, aged 28

Amnesty International has now received the names of all seven men said to be facing trial in connection with the murder of Arcelio Rodríguez García, which occurred in mid-October 1994 when the seven, alleged to be armed and members of a Cuban exile group called the **Partido de Unidad Nacional Democrático (PUND)**, National Democratic Unity Party, were allegedly attempting to infiltrate Cuba from abroad. At least three of the men are reported to be facing recommendations from the prosecution that they be sentenced to death. They are: Armando Sosa, allegedly the leader of the group, Lázaro González Caballero, and one other of the remaining five.

There is no further information concerning the state of health of Armando Sosa, Lázaro González Caballero and Pedro Guisado who were said to have been injured at the time of arrest. All seven are still believed to be held at the headquarters of the Department of State Security at Villa Marista in Havana. The date of the trial is still not known.

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

- expressing concern at reports that the prosecution is requesting the death penalty in the case of Armando Sosa, Lázaro González Caballero and one other arrested in Caibarién in mid-October for the murder of Arcelio Rodríguez García;
- stating Amnesty International's unconditional opposition to the death penalty in all cases and urging therefore that the death penalty not be requested in this or any other case;
- noting reports that Armando Sosa, Lázaro González Caballero and Pedro Guisado were injured at the time of arrest and urging that they be granted all necessary medical treatment;
- requesting that all seven men to be tried in the case be granted full access to lawyers of their choice.

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Salutation: Sr Ministro / Dear Minister

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and to diplomatic representatives of Cuba accredited to your country

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