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Further information on UA 123/92 (AMR 34/16/92, 15 April 1992) and AMR 34/16/92, 28 April 1992 - Possible Extrajudicial Execution

GUATEMALA:<u>Killed</u>: Julio CUC QUIM (student) <u>Wounded</u>: Julio Felipe SAJCHÉ (student) Otoniel Estuardo MORÁN ALDANA (student) Axel Oswaldo MORALES GAITÁN (student) Alfonzo Aldana PÉREZ (student) María Isabel CABEIRO (student) Otto René PÉREZ FIGUEROA (student) Juan Armando PÉREZ LÓPEZ (student)

Amnesty International has been informed that 21 members of the *Policía Militar Ambulante* (PMA), Mobile Military Police, have been sentenced to 30 years imprisonment for the killing on 10 April 1992 of student Julio Cuc Quim and the wounding of seven others.

Seven members of the Huanapú unit of the PMA had previously been sentenced on 27 July 1993 to ten years imprisonment for the killing of Julio Cuc Quim, with a possible additional four years for the wounding of seven other students. In August 1993 the judge of the fourth chamber of the Court of Appeals reportedly increased the sentece to 14 years, in response to an appeal by the Rector of San Carlos University. The other fourteen agents had previously been acquitted, but have now been sentenced for collaborating and failing to intervene.

However, the case of the Commander of the Hunapú unit of the PMA has been left open because of "serious discrepancies" in his testimony, which he will apparently have to clarify.

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

- expressing satisfaction that 21 members of the PMA have been sentenced for the killing of Julio Cuc Quim;

- calling for information regarding steps taken to ensure that the Commander of the Huanapú unit clarifies his testimony.

APPEALS TO

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and to diplomatic representatives of Guatemala accredited to your country.

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