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"Disappearance"/Fear of torture/
Extrajudicial execution

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MEXICO	Angel Leal Alonso	}
	Román Morales Acevedo	} "disappeared"
	Carlos Alberto López Inés	}
	Daniel Colín Enciso	}
	Oscar Iván Mora	} executed
	Juan Carlos Romero Peralta, (17)	}

On 8 September 1997, six young men were detained by police force agents in the Buenos Aires neighbourhood of Mexico City.

Three of the men, Angel Leal Alonso, Román Morales Acevedo and Carlos Alberto López Inés have not been seen since, and their whereabouts remain unclear. The bodies of Daniel Colín Enciso, Oscar Iván Mora and Juan Carlos Romero Peralta (17) were discovered on 9 September. They had evidently been tortured before being shot, at close range, in the head.

An anonymous letter has since been received by the local Buenos Aires community saying that the three men, who it is claimed have been "disappeared", are currently being detained in the *Campo Militar Numero 1*, Military Camp No.1, in Mexico City. However, in the absence of official information corroborating this claim, Amnesty International remains concerned that these three men have been "disappeared".

Amnesty International is extremely concerned for their safety and fears that they may be subjected to torture if in detention.

On 13 September, three journalists attempting to investigate the above atrocities were abducted, tortured and threatened with death (see UA 301/97 AMR 41/86/97 17 September).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The police forces in Mexico City have been placed under military command in order to supposedly improve their efficiency. However, they are accused of an increasing level of involvement in organized crime and human rights violations whilst purporting to be combatting crime. These accusations were acknowledged in August by the governmental *Comisión de Derechos Humanos del Distrito Federal*, Federal District's Human Rights Commission.

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

- calling for the whereabouts of Angel Leal Alonso, Román Morales Acevedo and Carlos Alberto López Inés to be made known to their families immediately, and that their physical safety be guaranteed if they are in detention;
- expressing deep alarm at the detention of the six young men, resulting in the reported extrajudicial execution of Daniel Colín Enciso, Oscar Iván Mora and Juan Carlos Romero Peralta;
- urging that those responsible for the reported "disappearances" and extrajudicial executions be brought to justice;
- expressing concern at the increasing reports of human rights violations committed by members of the police force in Mexico City.

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