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PERU:        Arturo SANTANDER JOO, aged 26  
              Luis CAMARGO, aged 19  
              Eduardo SALAZAR, university student  
              Juan VILLAFRANCA CARNERO, aged 19

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Amnesty International is concerned for the physical safety of the above named four members of the Juventud del Partido Aprista Peruano, the youth branch of the Alianza Popular Revolucionaria Americana, American Revolutionary Popular Alliance, (APRA).

According to reports, the four men were detained at dawn on 5 May 1992, in the town of Moquegua, capital of the Moquegua department, while painting wall slogans against the government. They were reportedly detained by members of the "Aguilas Negras" squadron of the Peruvian National Police. Among the detainees is Eduardo Salazar, the general secretary of the Juventud Universitaria Aprista, the university wing of the APRA youth.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On 5 April 1992, President Fujimori announced the immediate dissolution of Congress and a wholesale reorganization of the judiciary and the Public Ministry. Following these measures, congressional commissions charged with investigating human rights violations were stopped from working. In addition the judiciary and most of the Public Ministry offices were brought to a halt. The right of habeas corpus, which is meant to guarantee a court appearance quickly, was suspended in practice.

Since 5 April 1992, the Government appears to have targeted the members and offices of APRA in Lima and elsewhere. A number of APRA politicians and activists have been detained and interrogated. Most of them were released within days without charges. According to reports some were tortured or ill-treated.

On 28 July 1990, President Alberto Fujimori and his government assumed power. Since then the President and other officials have repeatedly said that human rights would be fully respected. However, between 28 July 1990 and 30 April 1992 Amnesty International documented the cases of 392 people who "disappeared" and remain unaccounted for. A further 169 people were allegedly extrajudicially executed over the same period.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**    Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes and airmail letters:

- expressing concern for the physical safety of the four detainees and asking

that, while in detention, they be given access to independent doctors, lawyers, relatives and a representative of the Public Ministry;

- requesting that they be promptly brought before a competent judicial authority and that, unless charged with a recognizable criminal offence, they be immediately released.

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**APPEALS TO:**

1. President

Presidente Alberto Fujimori  
Palacio de Gobierno  
Plaza de Armas  
Lima 1, PERU

**Telegrams: Presidente Alberto Fujimori, Lima, Peru**

**Telexes: 20167 PE PALACIO**

**[Salutation: Señor Presidente/Dear President]**

2. Minister of the Interior

General Juan Briones Dávila  
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Ministerio del Interior  
Plaza 30 de Agosto 150  
San Isidro  
Lima 27, PERU

**Telegrams: General Briones, Ministro Interior, Lima, PERU**

**Telexes: 21133 PE OCMI; 21697**

**[Salutation: Sr. General/Dear General]**

3. National Police Director

Teniente General Adolfo Javier Cuba y Escobedo  
Director de la Policía Nacional del Perú  
Ministerio del Interior  
Plaza 30 de Agosto 150  
San Isidro  
Lima 27, PERU

**Telegrams: Director Policía Nacional Peru, Ministerio Interior, Lima, PERU**

**[Salutation: Sr. Director]**

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Human Rights Organization

Señores  
APRODEH  
Pachacutec 980  
Jesús María  
Lima, PERU

and to diplomatic representatives of Peru in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat

or your section office, if sending appeals after 19 June 1992.