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USA (Louisiana): Frederick KIRKPATRICK

Frederick Kirkpatrick is scheduled to be executed on 8 February 1991. He had previously been scheduled to be executed on 19 September 1990, but received a stay. It is feared that this execution will go ahead as planned.

The latest appeals filed in September 1990 by Mr Kirkpatrick's attorneys were denied without a hearing. One of these mentioned concern that Louisiana's electric chair could easily malfunction during an execution. As of 1 January 1991 the method of execution in Louisiana was changed from electrocution to lethal injection.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters:

- urging that clemency be granted to Frederick Kirkpatrick by commuting his death sentence.

APPEALS TO:

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