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Further information on EXTRA 80/94 (AMR/51/103/94, 20 December 1994) - Death Penalty

**USA (Texas): Bernard Amos
Clifton Charles Russell**

Bernard Amos, scheduled to be executed in Texas on 11 January 1995, has received a stay of execution, which was ordered by the US Fifth Circuit Court. A further hearing will be held on 8 February.

No further action by the Urgent Action Network on Bernard Amos' behalf is requested at present. Thank you to all who sent appeals.

The execution of Clifton Charles Russell, also featured in EXTRA 80/94, is still scheduled for 31 January 1995. Appeals should continue on behalf of Clifton Charles Russell as indicated in the original action.

RECOMMENDED ACTION Please telephone or send telegrams/faxes/express and airmail letters in English if possible:

- expressing deep concern that Clifton Charles Russell is scheduled to be executed in Texas on 31 January 1995 respectively;
- urging the Board of Pardons and Paroles to recommend that Governor Bush grant clemency to Clifton Charles Russell;
- expressing opposition to the death penalty in all cases;
- citing arguments against the death penalty - for example, pointing out that detailed research in the USA and other countries has provided no evidence that the death penalty deters crime more effectively than other punishments, and that in the USA research studies show that the death penalty is imposed disproportionately on the poor, on the mentally ill or retarded, as well as on minorities and those without adequate legal representation.

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