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Please bring this to the attention of the campaign coordinator and/or those responsible for the death penalty action on juveniles in the USA.

Further information on UA 444/91 (AMR 51/69/91, 17 December 1991) and follow-ups AMR 51/04/92, 8 January 1992, AMR /51/07/92, 10 January 1992 and AMR 51/18/92, ~~6 February 1992 - Execution of Juvenile Offender~~

USA (Texas): Johnny Frank GARRETT

Amnesty International has learned that Johnny Garrett was executed by lethal injection, as scheduled, by the state of Texas on 11 February 1992.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/telephone calls/express/airmail letters:

- expressing deep regret that Johnny Garrett was executed on 11 February 1992 by the state of Texas;

- expressing deep concern that his execution was carried out despite

* the fact that it was for a crime committed when he was under the age of eighteen and that this is contrary to internationally recognized human rights standards for minimum age for the use of the death penalty - including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the American Convention on Human Rights (both of which the US government signed in 1977, but which it has not yet ratified) and the United Nations Economic and Social Council (EcoSoc) Resolution 1984/50 Safeguard 3 which prohibits the execution of offenders aged under 18 at the time of the crime;

* strong arguments in favour of clemency made by the religious community in Texas including the sisters from the convent to which the murdered nun belonged;

* reports that Johnny Garrett was severely mentally impaired and that his execution therefore goes against the United Nations Economic and Social Council (EcoSoc) Resolution 1989/64 adopted in May 1989, which recommends "eliminating the death penalty for persons suffering from mental retardation or extremely limited mental competence";

- expressing particular concern that the standards and safeguards mentioned above were not met in Johnny Garrett's case, and urging that they be stringently adhered to in future cases;

- urging that no further executions be carried out in Texas.

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