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EXTRA 19/92 Death Penalty

20 February 1992

USA: (Texas) David M CLARK

David Clark, white, now aged 32, is scheduled to be executed by the state of Texas, USA, on 28 February 1992. He was sentenced to death in June 1987.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

As of December 1991, there were 345 prisoners under sentence of death in Texas. The last person to be executed in the state was Johnny Frank Garrett, an extremely mentally impaired, chronically psychotic and brain-damaged juvenile offender, on 11 February 1992. Execution in Texas is carried out by lethal injection. Forty-eight prisoners have been executed in Texas since 1976, when a US Supreme Court ruling permitted individual states to reinstate the death penalty for murder.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/telephone calls:

- urging the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to recommend that the Governor grant clemency to David Clark by commuting his death sentence;
- stating your opposition to the death penalty.

APPEALS TO

1) Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles
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Dear Board Members

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2) Mr Jack D Kyle
Chairman

Dear Mr Kyle

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and to diplomatic representatives of the USA in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Please check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 28 February 1992.