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Further information on EXTRA 25/92 (AMR 51/33/92, 9 March 1992) Death Penalty

USA: (Texas) Joseph FAULDER Robert MADDEN

Amnesty International has learned that Joseph Faulder, (Canadian), who was scheduled to be executed by the state of Texas, USA, on 18 March, has received a new date of execution. He is now scheduled to be executed on 6 May 1992.

Robert Madden is still scheduled to be executed on 27 March 1992.

Please continue action as requested on previous UA, for both Joseph Faulder and Robert Madden.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As of December 1991, there were 345 prisoners under sentence of death in Texas. The most recent person to be executed by the state was Edward Ellis, on 3 March 1992. Texas has executed four prisoners to date this year, out of a total of six executed throughout the whole of the country. Execution in Texas is by lethal injection.

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

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/telephone calls/express and airmail letters:

- urging the Board of Pardons and Paroles to recommend that Governor Richards grant clemency to Joseph Faulder and Robert Madden by commuting their death sentences.

APPEALS TO

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and to diplomatic representatives of the USA in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY TO ARRIVE IN THE USA BY 26 MARCH 1992 FOR ROBERT MADDEN AND 5 MAY FOR JOSEPH FAULDER.