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**Further information on EXTRA 41/92 (AMR 51/47/92, 7 April 1992) - Death Penalty**

**USA (Texas): Seven executions scheduled in 15 day period**

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Amnesty International has learnt that Benjamin Boyle and David Gibbs have both been granted stays of execution. Boyle's execution had been scheduled for 16 April and Gibbs' for 19 April. Amnesty International does not know the reason for these stays or their duration. Thank you to all those who sent appeals on behalf of Boyle and Gibbs, no further action is required on their behalf at the present time.

The following prisoners are still scheduled to be executed in Texas during April and appeals may continue on their behalf:

Billy White on 23 April  
Harold Lane on 24 April  
Lester Bower on 29 April  
Delma Banks on 30 April (see Further Information on EXTRA 25/92,  
AMR 51/40/92, 17 March 1992)

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

- urging the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to convene clemency hearings to consider the cases of Billy White, Harold Lane and Lester Bower;

- asking the Board to recommend that Governor Richards grant clemency to each of these prisoners by commuting their death sentences;

- expressing deep concern at the increasing numbers of executions being scheduled in Texas, and at the state's high rate of executions;

- urging the state to consider alternative punishments that would be more in keeping with the principles and values of a civilized society.

**APPEALS TO**

Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles  
8610 Shoal Creek Boulevard, PO Box 13401  
Capitol Station  
Austin, TX 78758-6887  
USA

**Telegrams:** Texas Board Pardons/Paroles, Austin, TX 78711, USA  
**Telephone:** +1 512 459 2782  
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**Salutation:** Dear Board Members

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**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

The Honorable Ann Richards  
Governor of Texas  
Office of the Governor  
PO Box 12428, Capitol Station  
Austin, TX 78711  
USA

**Faxes:** +1 512 463 1849

**AND TO THE LETTERS EDITORS OF THE FOLLOWING TEXAS NEWSPAPERS:**

Austin American-Statesman  
Box 670  
Austin, TX 78767  
USA

**Faxes:** +1 512 445 3679

Houston Chronicle  
801 Texas Avenue  
Houston, TX 77002  
USA

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and to diplomatic representatives of the USA in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 30 April 1992.