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Further information on EXTRA 107/97 (AMR 51/45/97, 24 July 1997)- Death Penalty

(USA)Missouri

William T BOLIEK Jr. (white)

Donald E REESE (white)

Ralph FELTROP (white)

Andrew W SIX (white)

Amnesty International regrets the executions of Ralph Feltrop, Donald E Reese and Andrew W Six on 6, 13, and 20 August 1997 respectively.

William T Boliek Jr., who was scheduled to be executed on 27 August, has received a stay of execution. The Governor of Missouri has ordered an examination of Boliek's defence claims regarding his alleged inadequate prior legal representation. A three-member board of inquiry will examine the issue.

Chris Sifford, the Governor's spokesman, said: "We have not made a judgment about it one way or the other. Significant questions were raised about the effectiveness of his [legal] counsel and that's the reason for the board of inquiry and the stay of execution." Letters may be written to the addresses indicated in the original action welcoming the Governor's actions.

Thank you to all who sent appeals on behalf of Ralph Feltrop, Donald E Reese and Andrew W Six. No further action is required on their behalf.