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USA (Florida): Edward KENNEDY
Nollie MARTIN

Edward Kennedy, who was scheduled to be executed by the state of Florida on 29 April 1992, has been granted a stay of execution by the US Supreme Court. Thank you to all those who sent appeals. No further action is required on his behalf at the present time.

Nollie Martin, who was scheduled to be executed on 6 May, has also been granted a stay of execution. However, his is only a temporary stay granted by the federal district court. He remains at great risk of being executed as his death warrant remains valid until Tuesday 12 May and it is feared the temporary stay may be overturned before that date.

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

- urging Governor Chiles to grant clemency to Nollie Martin by commuting his death sentence;
- urging that the interests of justice cannot be served by the execution of someone as mentally impaired as Nollie Martin, and that his death sentence be commuted on humanitarian grounds.

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