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**RUSSIAN FEDERATION:Oleg V STARKIN**

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Through direct contact with the Chairman of the Regional Court where Oleg STARKIN was originally tried, we have established that the official notification about rejection of his petition for clemency was issued in error.

The Chairman of the Court confirmed that the pardon announced in President Yeltsin's decree in September 1992 was put into force and that Oleg STARKIN is at present serving his prison sentence. Very fortunately for him and his family, the administrative error was rectified in time to avert wrongful execution.

Thank you for your many letters drawing the whole matter to the attention of the Russian authorities.

No further action is required in this case.