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Further information on UA 63/95 (AMR 19/03/95, 14 March 1995) - "Disappearance" and new concern: Death Threats

BRAZIL:Marco Antônio RUFINO DA CRUZ, black, aged 34, lawyer, civil servant and trade unionist

new names: Bartolomeu HOMEM D'EL-REI PINTO, civil servant
Rutônio Jorge de SANT'ANNA, civil servant
Solange (family name unknown), secretary of trade union

There is serious concern for the safety of Bartolomeu Homem D'El-Rei Pinto, Rutônio Jorge de Sant'Anna and Solange, who are reported to have been subjected to anonymous death threats after attempting to establish the whereabouts of their colleague, Marco Antônio Rufino da Cruz, who "disappeared" in November 1994.

Since Marco Antônio Rufino da Cruz "disappeared", the three have made public denunciations and denunciations to the authorities requesting information on his whereabouts. Bartolomeu Homem d'el-Rei Pinto and Rutônio Jorge de Sant'Anna, who are civil servants at the National Library in Rio de Janeiro and members of the Civil Servants Union (*Associação dos Servidores da Fundação Biblioteca Nacional*) and Solange, who works as secretary at the trade union offices, have allegedly been telephoned at the union offices by unidentified callers who have threatened them with death. The threats have been denounced to the federal and state authorities.

Amnesty International is concerned at the reported threats to those who are seeking to clarify the fate and whereabouts of Marco Antônio Rufino da Cruz, and at the lack of official information regarding the latter's whereabouts after his reported arrest by members of the security forces in November 1994. Although Amnesty International understands that an investigation was opened into his "disappearance" no progress has been reported and he remains "disappeared".

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/airmail letters

- expressing concern at the reported death threats against Bartolomeu Homem D'El-Rei Pinto, Rutônio Jorge de Sant'Anna and Solange who have been actively involved in seeking information on their "disappeared" colleague, Marco Antônio Rufino da Cruz;
- calling for the reported death threats to be investigated and for the three to be protected in order to guarantee their physical safety;
- expressing concern at the lack of information about Marco Antônio Rufino da Cruz's whereabouts after his arrest in November 1994 in circumstances suggesting the involvement of security forces.

APPEALS TO:

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and to diplomatic representatives of BRAZIL accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 7 June 1995.