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Further information on 243/92 (AMR 34/35/92, 28 July 1992) - and follow-up:
AMR 34/36/92, 30 July 1992 - Fear of "Disappearance"/Harassment

GUATEMALA:Maritza URRUTIA RUIZ, female, teacher
and other members of her family

Amnesty International has just learned that Marizta Urrutia Ruiz has been released.

Marizta Urrutia Ruiz was abducted by three armed unidentified men in Guatemala City on 23 July 1992 in circumstances strongly suggesting the involvement of the security forces. She was forced into a white car with polarized windows and driven away. In a video cassette, delivered by unidentified men on 29 July to a TV station and broadcast the same day, Marizta Urrutia was shown in an apparently drugged and traumatized state. In the video she admitted belonging to "subversive organizations" and naming several others whom she said were also working with the armed opposition, including her brother Edmundo Urrutia Ruiz.

Since her abduction, cars with polarized windows have reportedly been seen around her family's home and there are fears for their safety.

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

- welcoming the recent release of Marizta Urrutia Ruiz;
- asking for an thorough investigation into her abduction, that the results of the investigation be made public and that those found responsible be brought to justice;
- urging that all the necessary steps be taken to guarantee the safety of Marizta Urrutia and that of her family;
- seeking assurances for the physical safety of her brother Edmundo Urrutia Ruiz and the others named by Marizta Urrutia in her video statement.

APPEALS TO:

1) Vice-President of the Republic:

(Acting President while President is on an official visit abroad)

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PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat,
or your section office, if sending appeals after 11 September 1992.