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Fear of "Disappearance"

26 April 1994

HAITI

Dumez Schneider, 22

Harold Fontaine, 26

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Amnesty International is seriously concerned for the safety of Dumez Schneider, who was reportedly abducted in Port-au-Prince on 19 April 1994 along with Harold Fontaine, whose mutilated corpse was found on 22 April. A third man abducted with them managed to escape. All were members of the *Force Populaire de Delmas* (FOPOD), Popular Force of Delmas, a grassroots organization in the Delmas suburb of Port-au-Prince.

According to information received by Amnesty International, Dumez Schneider, Harold Fontaine and the third man were forced into a vehicle by four armed men in civilian clothes. Despite appeals by the family, the whereabouts of Dumez Schneider remains unknown. It is believed he may have been targeted for his well publicized opposition to the coup against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide which took place September/October 1991. The mutilated body of Harold Fontaine was found on 22 April 1994 and subsequently identified by his family. He had received two bullets to the head.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

There has been a marked upsurge in the number of human rights violations reported in Haiti in recent weeks. In mid-March 1994 the United Nations/Organisation of American States human rights observer mission in Haiti and Haitian human rights activists announced that there had been at least 75 apparent extrajudicial executions recorded in the country over a six week period. The victims, many of whom had been mutilated, appeared to have been targeted because of their support for the return of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The number of apparent extrajudicial executions during the last six weeks is reminiscent of September-October 1993 when *attachés* carried out a campaign of intimidation and abuses against President Aristide's followers, aimed at blocking his return, which had been projected for 30 October 1993.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters either in French, English or in your own language:

- expressing serious concern at the abduction of Dumez Schneider;
- asking that his whereabouts be made known and that his physical security be guaranteed, if detained;
- expressing concern also at the killing of Harold Fontaine, in circumstances suggesting he was extrajudicially executed;
- asking for an immediate investigation into the circumstances of both incidents and that those found to be responsible be brought to justice.

#### APPEALS TO

1) Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces:

Monsieur le Général Raoul CEDRAS

Commandant-en-Chef des Forces armées d'Haiti

Grand Quartier général des Forces armées d'Haiti

Rue Geffrard

Port-au-Prince, Haiti

**Telegrams: Commandant-en-Chef des Armées d'Haiti Cedras, Port-au-Prince, Haiti**

**Telephone:** + 509 22 3935  
**Telexes:** 20391 gqfadh  
**Faxes:** + 509 23 9007, + 509 23 9407  
**Salutation:** Monsieur le Général / Dear General

2) Chief of National Police:  
Monsieur le Lt.Colonel Michel FRANÇOIS  
Chef de la Police nationale  
Grand Quartier général de la police  
Port-au-Prince, Haiti  
**Telegrams:** Chef, Police Nationale, Port-au-Prince, Haiti  
**Salutation:** Monsieur le Lt. Colonel / Dear Lt. Colonel

3) Anti-gang investigation and research service:  
Monsieur le Capitaine Joanis JACKSON  
Chef du Service d'investigation  
et de recherches anti-gang  
Port-au-Prince, Haiti  
**Telegrams:** Chef du Service d'investigation et de recherches anti-gang,  
Port-au-Prince, Haiti  
**Salutation:** Monsieur le Capitaine / Dear Captain

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

Human Rights Organization  
Commission de L'Ogith des  
Droits Humains et Syndicaux (CODDHUS)  
B.P. 1212,  
Port-au-Prince  
Haiti

Newspapers:  
Haiti en Marche  
173 N.W. 94 St  
Miami  
FL 33150, USA

and to diplomatic representatives of Haiti accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 7 June 1994.