

**EXTERNAL (for general distribution)**

**AI Index: AMR 51/08/92**

**Distr: UA/SC**

**15 January 1992**

**Further information on UA 304/91 (AMR 51/37/91, 9 September 1991) and follow-up AMR 51/64/91, 27 November 1991 - Prisoner of Conscience/Conscientious Objector**

**USA:Captain Yolanda HUET-VAUGHN (f)**

---

Captain Yolanda Huet-Vaughn's case has now been reviewed and her sentence of imprisonment has been reduced to 15 months'. She had been sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment and dishonourable dismissal from the Army for "desertion with intent to avoid hazardous duty". Captain Yolanda Huet-Vaughn was a reservist in the in the US Army Reserve Medical Corps and Amnesty International considers her to be a prisoner of conscience imprisoned for her opposition, for reasons of conscience, to participating in war.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/express and airmail letters:**

- explaining that Amnesty International defines a conscientious objector as someone opposed to war for reasons of conscience or profound conviction arising from religious, ethical, moral, humanitarian, philosophical, political or similar motives. Amnesty International considers such individuals to be prisoners of conscience if, for example, the person cannot register his or her objection at a specific point in time;
- stating that Amnesty International has adopted Captain Yolanda Huet-Vaughn as a prisoner of conscience for the reasons given above;
- stating that Amnesty International seeks the unconditional release of all prisoners of conscience;
- asking for her immediate and unconditional release.

**APPEALS TO:**

Michael P W Stone  
Secretary of the Army  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington DC, 20310  
USA

**Telegrams: Secretary of the Army, The Pentagon,  
Washington DC 20310, USA**

**Salutation: Dear Sir**

**COPIES TO:**

Captain Hooper  
Trial Defence Counsel  
Fort Leonard Wood  
MO 65473-5000  
USA

Citizen Soldier:

*(an organization which advises conscientious objectors in the USA and which has been working on the case of Captain Huet-Vaughn)*  
175 Fifth Avenue, Suite 808  
New York, NY 10010  
USA

and to diplomatic representatives of the USA in your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 21 February 1992.