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USA (Texas):Willie Ray Williams  
Jeffrey Motley  
Samuel Hawkins  
Aivan Ray Murphy

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Amnesty International deeply regrets that Willie Ray Williams was executed as scheduled on 31 January 1995. Williams was executed just over an hour after Clifton Charles Russell (see EXTRA 80/94 and follow-up, AMR 51/20/95, 1 February). This was the first time that Texas has carried out the execution of more than one prisoner on the same day since 1950.

The executions of Willie Ray Williams and Clifton Charles Russell bring to six the total number of executions carried out so far this year in the USA.

Letters expressing regret at the executions may be sent to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles and Governor Bush (for addresses see original action).

Appeals on behalf of Jeffrey Motley, Samuel Hawkins and Aivan Ray Murphy should continue as per the original action.