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- Medical Concern/Prisoner of Conscience

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:LI GUIREN

Li Guiren, a prisoner of conscience, was released on bail for medical treatment on 18 February 1993. The New China News Agency announced that he had been freed on bail in Xian, Shaanxi Province. Li Guiren is suffering from a serious heart condition and gallstones and recent reports indicated that his health was deteriorating fast.

Li Guiren was arrested in June 1989 for trying to organize a strike at the Hua Yue Publishing House in protest at the 4 June massacre in Beijing. He was also accused of taking part in demonstrations and other activities during the 1989 protests. In March 1991, Li Guiren was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

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

- Welcoming the report that Li Guiren has been released on bail for medical treatment;
- Urging that any conditions attached to Li Guiren's release be lifted as he was held for the peaceful exercise of his right to freedom of association and expression.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Governor Hu Fuguo, Shengzhang

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Salutation: Your Excellency

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