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Death Penalty

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USA (Texas): Kenneth GRANVIEL

Kenneth Granviel, black, aged 40, is scheduled to be executed in Texas on July 11 1990. He was convicted of the murders of 6 black people in October 1974 and was sentenced to death on May 5 1983. There are fears that the execution will go ahead as scheduled.

As of 2 May 1990 there were 312 prisoners under sentence of death in Texas. The state has carried out 35 executions since 1977, the most recent being that of Johnny Ray Anderson on 17 May 1990. The method of execution is lethal injection.

Amnesty International opposes the death penalty in all cases as a violation of the right to life and the right not to be subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/Telephone calls/FAX:

- urging that clemency be granted to Kenneth Granviel by commuting his death sentence.

APPEALS TO:

The Hon William Clements
Governor of Texas
State Capitol
PO Box 12428
Austin, TX 78711
USA

Telephone: (512) 463 2000
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Chair
Board of Pardons and Paroles
PO Box 13401
Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711
USA

Telegrams: Board Pardons Paroles
Austin, TX 78711, USA
Telephone: (512) 459 2716
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COPIES TO: Diplomatic representatives of the USA in your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY TO ARRIVE BY 10 JULY 1990.

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