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Further information on UA 172/93 (AMR 34/30/93, 27 May 1993) - Grave Threat to Human Rights

GUATEMALA: Ramiro de LEON CARPIO, Human Rights Procurator

José LOBO DUBON, President of Congress

Juan José RODIL PERALTA, President of the Supreme Court

Edgar TUNA VALLADARES, Acting Attorney General

Amnesty International is concerned about the present institutional situation in Guatemala following measures taken by President Jorge Serrano Elías on 25 May 1993 and his subsequent forced resignation on 1 June. Defence Minister General José Domingo García Samayoa who announced the President's resignation said that the Constitutional Court would hold power until Congress chose a new leader. According to the Government's press department, President Serrano was forced out of office by an alliance of the army, opposition parties, business leaders and other bodies.

No further details are available to Amnesty International about the situation of José Lobo Dubon, Juan José Rodil Peralta and Edgar Tuna Valladares. The organization has had confirmation that Ramiro de León Carpio is no longer under house arrest. He is reported to have received dozens of anonymous death threats since the dissolution of Congress on 25 May.

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

- calling for the immediate restoration of constitutional rule in Guatemala;
- urging the authorities to take all necessary steps to ensure that basic human rights are not abrogated and to ensure the physical integrity of any persons already detained, including protecting them from extrajudicial executions, "disappearance," and torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment;
- calling for information to be made public concerning all those detained, and that any individuals in custody be permitted access to their families and to legal representation;
- urging the authorities to immediately issue a public directive to the security forces stating that human rights of all citizens, including human rights defenders, are to be fully protected and that any infractions of human rights standards will be severely punished;
- calling on the authorities to immediately reestablish the functions of the

judiciary, public ministry and legislature designed to protect human rights.

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1) Minister of Defence:

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and to diplomatic representatives of GUATEMALA accredited to your country.

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