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Further information on UA 397/91 (AMR 36/28/91, 14 November 1991) - Legal concern/Fear of Ill-treatment/Threats/Intimidation

~~HAITI:Virginie SENATUS (f)~~

**Loby GRATIA
Raynand PIERRE
and others**

Amnesty International is concerned at reports that Raynand Pierre was arrested, in Port-au-Prince, on Thursday 14 November 1991.

Raynand Pierre is the Executive Director of the Centre Lafontant Joseph de Promotion des Droits Humains (Lafontant Joseph Centre for the Promotion of Human Rights). This organization has been very active in denouncing the wide range of human rights violations that have occurred in Haiti since the coup d'Etat that ousted President Jean Bertrand Aristide. Other members of the Centre have also reportedly been harassed.

Amnesty International believes that Raynand Pierre has been arrested solely for his activities in the Centre. He is reportedly detained in the Pénitencier National, National Penitentiary, in Port-au-Prince, and has been denied access to his lawyer and relatives. Amnesty International is concerned for his health and safety.

Amnesty International has also learned that Virginia Sénatus has been freed. No further action is needed on her behalf.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Telegrams/telexes/faxes/airmail letters/
telephone calls:**

- expressing concern at the arrest of Raynand Pierre;
- asking that he be unconditionally and immediately released unless there is clear evidence that he has committed a recognizable criminal offence;
- asking that his physical safety be guaranteed;
- asking for guarantees for the physical integrity of members of the Lafontant Joseph Centre for Human Rights, including Loby Gratia, and that they be allowed to conduct their peaceful human rights activities without fear of reprisals.

APPEALS TO:

1) Prime Minister:

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Monsieur le Premier Ministre

Dear Prime Minister

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Monsieur le Ministre

Dear Minister

3) Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces:

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Monsieur le Général

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Monsieur le Ministre

Dear Minister

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Monsieur le Commandant

Dear Commander

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