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Further information on UA 429/93 (AMR 36/36/93, 9 December 1993) - Fear for Safety

HAITI: Antoine MOMPLAISIR NOEL
 Gelin NEMORIN
 Pierre RODRIGUE JEAN
 Auguste PIERRE
 St Alert JULES
 Charlemagnes DESAMOUR
 Voicius LEBRUN
 Pierre Wilner JEAN-BAPTISTE)
 Laurent JOSEPH) still detained
 Pilloge CARLO)

 Hyppolite ERICE)
 Saintimont PAUL)
 Pierre LEÓN) new names
 Pierre SYLVAIN)
 André AMBROISE)
 Mérancin ADLER)

Amnesty International has been informed that the first seven of the above named Haitians were released on 9 December 1993. Laurent Joseph, Pierre Wilner Jean-Baptiste and Pilloge Carlo have apparently been transferred to prison and are awaiting conclusion of a trial that began on 13 December 1993.

The first ten people listed above were among 28 people forcibly returned to Haiti by the United States Coast Guard on 7 December 1993, after attempting to flee the country by boat. They were arrested and taken into police custody.

Amnesty International has also been informed that a further six Haitians have been arrested and taken into police custody. Hyppolite Erice, Saintimont Paul, Pierre León, Pierre Sylvain, André Ambroise and Mérancin Adler were among 84 asylum seekers who were intercepted by the US Coast Guard on 10 December 1993.

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

- expressing concern for the safety of the nine detained asylum-seekers named above;
- asking that they be immediately released or brought promptly before a competent court;
- urging that while held in detention, they be humanely treated and granted access to a lawyer, doctor and relatives.

APPEALS TO:

Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces:
Monsieur le Générale Raoul CEDRAS
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Chief of National Police:

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Telegrams: Chef, Police Nationale, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Salutation: Monsieur le Lt. Colonel / Dear Lt. Colonel

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

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Haiti

and to diplomatic representatives of Haiti accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 27 January 1994.