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Further information on EXTRA 142/97 (AMR 41/96/97, 21 October 1997) -  
"Disappearance"/ Fear of torture

**MEXICO**

**Pedro Antonio José**

**Guillermo José Cruz**

**Sixto Santiago Antonio**

**Rafael José Miguel**

**Nicolás Santiago Antonio**

**Encarnación Antonio José**

**Ernesto Santiago Antonio**

**Juan Martínez Sosa**

**- local government officials**

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Amnesty International has received reports that all the above named were tortured in a detention centre in Oaxaca, Oaxaca State. On 18 October 1997, Guillermo José Cruz, Encarnación Antonio José, Ernesto Santiago Antonio and Juan Martínez Sosa were released without charge, forty-eight hours after they had been detained. The remaining four: Pedro Antonio José, Sixto Santiago Antonio, Rafael José Miguel and Nicolás Santiago Antonio, have all been charged with the homicide of Jesús Castro González, a local political activist, and remain in detention. Members of the *Comité de Derechos Humanos de Tlaxiaco*, Human Rights Committee of Tlaxiaco, a local human rights organisation, have also been accused of being behind the same homicide. Amnesty International believes the accusations to be unfounded and that those accused have been targeted for their political and human rights activities

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express/airmail letters in Spanish or your own language:**

- calling for the unconditional release of Pedro Antonio José, Sixto Santiago Antonio, Rafael José Miguel and Nicolás Santiago Antonio and for measures to be taken to ensure their physical safety whilst they remain in detention;
- urging that prompt and thorough investigations be carried out concerning the torture of the eight men and for those responsible to be brought to justice;
- expressing concern at the level of human rights violations in Oaxaca state reportedly by members of the security forces.

**APPEALS TO:**

1) **Minister of Interior**

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Secretario de Gobernación

Secretaría de Gobernación

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**Salutation: Sr. Secretario / Dear Minister**

2) **Governor of the State of Oaxaca**

Lic. Diódoro Carrasco Altamirano

Gobernador del Estado de Oaxaca

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and to diplomatic representatives of Mexico accredited to your country.

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 December 1997.