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Health Concern

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VIET NAM: **Nguyen Si Binh, nuclear engineer, businessman**

Amnesty International is concerned about the current state of health of Nguyen Si Binh, a 37-year-old nuclear engineer and businessman, who was arrested by the Vietnamese authorities on 25 April 1992 for an alleged attempt to overthrow the government. He is reportedly detained at the Ministry of Interior in Ho Chi Minh City.

He is reported to suffer from heart disease which requires a very strict diet and balanced medication to prevent a further heart attack or heart difficulty. In 1989, he was admitted to hospital due to a heart attack and underwent cardiac catheterization demonstrating diffuse narrowing and blockage in the coronary arteries.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Nguyen Si Binh, a United States citizen of Vietnamese origin recently returned to Viet Nam reportedly to do market research on behalf of some US companies. On 25 April 1992 he was arrested along with 16 other persons including his sister and step-brother. They allegedly belong to the newly formed People's Action Party of Viet Nam (Viet Nam Nhan Dan Hanh Dong).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/express and airmail letters either in english, french, vietnamese or in your own language:

- expressing concern at the present health condition of Nguyen Si Binh and urging the government to ensure that he receives regular and adequate medical care while he remains in prison;
- requesting that members of his family and his relatives are allowed access to him and that they are informed of any developments in his health condition.

APPEALS TO:

1) Prime Minister
Vo Van Kiet
Prime Minister
Ha Noi
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
**Telegrams: Vo Van Kiet, Prime Minister,
Hanoi, Vietnam**
Salutation: Dear Prime Minister

2) Minister of the Interior
Bui Thien Ngo
Ministry of the Interior
16 Tran Binh Trong St.
Ha Noi
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
**Telegrams: Bui Thien Ngo, Interior
Ministry, Hanoi, Vietnam**
Salutation: Dear Minister

3) Minister of Public Health
Pham Song
Minister of Public Health
138A Giang Vo St.
Ha Noi

Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Telegrams: Pham Song, Public Health Ministry, Hanoi, Vietnam

Salutation: Dear Minister

COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:

diplomatic representatives of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 3 November 1992.