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CASA 19/83:

Orlando Juventino GENOVES

Salvador JUAREZ

(also further information on UA 138/81 AMR 29/39/81 of

4 June 1981 and AMR 29/38/82 of 19 May 1982)

Amnesty International has been informed that Salvador Juárez, a writer and poet who was arrested in May 1981, has been released. No further action is required on his behalf.

However, Orlando Juventino Genovés, arrested on 9 May 1981 by uniformed members of the National Police together with architect Marta Ivonne Galindo, remains "disappeared". Ms Galindo's arrest was acknowledged by the National Police and she was subsequently released. Orlando Juventino Genovés' arrest was never acknowledged. Orlando Juventino Genovés was a teacher and President of the Salvadorian Teachers' Union Asociación Nacional de Educadores de El Salvador "21 de junio" (ANDES "21 de junio"), an active corporate member of the mass organization Bloque Popular Revolucionario (BPR), Popular Revolutionary Block. The BPR in turn is a member of the Frente Democrático Revolucionario (FDR), Democratic Revolutionary Front, the broad coalition of opposition parties formed in 1980 and currently engaged in talks with the US government regarding participation in the coming elections, scheduled for early 1984.

The arbitrary arrests, torture, "disappearances" and extrajudicial executions which have been carried out against members of the teaching profession by the regular police and military forces, or the paramilitary groups to which they are linked, appeared to be an attempt to eradicate the teachers' union ANDES. Teachers may have also been targeted for repression since, as educated people, they are potential leaders in small communities and, as such, could constitute a focus of opposition to the established authorities.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Please renew appeals requesting clarification of Orlando Juventino Genovés' whereabouts.

Appeals to:

S.E. Dr. Alvaro Magaña Borja Presidente de la República de El Salvador Casa Presidencial San Salvador, El Salvador (President of El Salvador)

Ing. Carlos Aquilino Duarte Funes Ministro de Educación Ministerio de Educación San Salvador, El Salvador (Minister of Education)

Dr. Arturo Méndez Azahar Ministro de Justicia Ministerio de Justicia 3a Av. Norte y lla Calle Poniente San Salvador, El Salvador (Minister of Justice)

Coronel Carlos López Nuila Director de la Policía Nacional 6a Calle Oriente San Salvador, El Salvador (Director of National Police)

Copies of appeals to:

Sr. Angel Benjamín Cestoni Secretario Ejecutivo Comisión de Derechos Humanos de El Salvador (CDH) 2º Piso, Edif. Fiscalía General de la República 13 Calle Poniente Centro de Gobierno San Salvador, El Salvador (governmental Human Rights Commission)

Comisión de Derechos Humanos de El Salvador (CDHES) (independent Human Rights Av. las Américas y Calle San José Commission)
Urb. Isidro Menéndez, Edif. ACUS
San Salvador, El Salvador

and to diplomatic representatives of El Salvador in your country.

Please check with the International Secretariat if sending appeals after 31 OCTOBER 1983.