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Further information on UA 218/83 (AMR 29/38/83 30 September) - "Disappearance"

EL SALVADOR: Bernard Wilfredo HERNANDEZ QUIJADA

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(please note correct name)

Amnesty International has received reports that Bernard Wilfredo Hernández Quijada is being held at the headquarters of the National Police in San Salvador. However, the reasons for his detention are not known.

Bernard Wilfredo Hernández Quijada, a student aged 29, had been taken handcuffed from his home in Nejapa, San Salvador, by men in civilian clothes on 23 September 1983. Subsequent efforts by his family to establish his whereabouts had proved unsuccessful.

Further recommended action:

Please continue to send letters:

- expressing concern about the reported arrest of Bernard Wilfredo Hernández Quijada
- requesting details of the charges against him and that he be immediately released unless charged and brought before a court
- urging that he be humanely treated while in detention

Letters should be sent to:

Coronel Carlos López Nuila
Director de la Policía Nacional
6a Calle Oriente
San Salvador, El Salvador

(Director of National Police)

General Carlos Eugenio Vides Casanova
Ministro de Defensa y Seguridad Pública
Ministerio de Defensa y Seguridad Pública
Casa Presidencial
San Salvador, El Salvador

(Minister of Defence)

S.E. don Alvaro Magaña Borja
Presidente de la República de El Salvador
Casa Presidencial
San Salvador, El Salvador

(President)

Please check with the International Secretariat if sending appeals after 11 November 1983.

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