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Further information on UA 185/82 (AMR 29/68/82 5 August, AMR 29/76/82 23 August) -
"Disappearance"

EL SALVADOR: Patricia CUELLAR
Mauricio CUELLAR

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Patricia Cuellar, a United States citizen, and her father, Mauricio Cuellar, "disappeared" on 28 July 1982. Patricia Cuellar, a secretary who formerly worked for the *Socorro Jurídico*, the legal aid office of the Archbishopric of San Salvador, was abducted by uniformed officers in San Salvador. Her father, a businessman and head of the *Asociación Salvadoreña de Industriales* (Salvadorian Association of Industrialists), was taken from his home in Salvador by men wearing olive green uniforms. The family's maid was also abducted.

The Salvadorian authorities have denied that these three people are being held by the security forces and there has been no news of their whereabouts.

Further recommended action:

Please continue to send appeals on behalf of Patricia Cuellar, her father Mauricio Cuellar, and the maid who have been "disappeared" since 28 July 1982. Urge the authorities to acknowledge their detention, disclose their whereabouts and release them immediately unless formally charged and brought before a court. Urge that they be humanely treated while in detention.

Appeals should be sent to:

Sr. Alvaro Magaña Borja
Presidente de la República
Casa Presidencial
San Salvador, El Salvador

Coronel Nicolas Carranza
Director General de la Policía Nacional
Cuartel General de la Policía Nacional
San Salvador, El Salvador

Copies of appeals may be sent to:

Sr. Deane Hinton
Embajador de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica
en la República de El Salvador
Embajada de los Estados Unidos de Norteamérica
25 Avenida Norte
San Salvador, El Salvador

(*American Ambassador to El Salvador*)

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