

EXTERNAL

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Further information on EXTRA 03/98 (AMR 14/01/98, 8 January 1998) - New
concern: Death Penalty

BAHAMAS Roger Chad GOODMAN
 Anatole MCQUAY
 Sean POITIER
 Alexander WILLIAMS

Roger Chad Goodman, Anatole McQuay, Sean Poitier and Alexander Williams, scheduled to be hanged on 13 January 1998, have all received reprieves as a result of legal action taken on their behalf.

Execution of any of the four men cannot now take place until fresh warrants are issued.

It is reported that notice of the intention of Roger Chad Goodman and Anatole McQuay to appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (JCPC) has been given. Additionally, petitions to a Bahamian court and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) have been filed on behalf of Sean Poitier and Alexander Williams.

In light of the above, no further action is necessary until further notice. Thank you to all those who sent appeals.