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His Excellency President Elias Hrawi
Office of the President
Ba'abda Palace
Ba'abda, Beirut
Republic of LEBANON

Norway, September 1997

Your Excellency,

As a member of Amnesty International (AI), I would respectfully draw your attention to the case of

SHAWQI 'ALI JAMUL, Shi'ite Muslim, born 1954
HASSAN MUHAMMAD ZAHWI, Muslim, born 1951
'ISSAM 'ALI AL-MASRI, Sunni Muslim, born 1964
MOHIE ED-DIN HASHISHO, The Communist Party, born 1927
MUHAMMAD MAHMOUD MANSOUR, born 1955
SAMIA MUHAMMAD AL-MAHMOUD, Muslim, born 1958
MUHAMMAD ABU ZEID, Muslim, born 1943
HAMZA MUHAMMAD ABU ZEID, Muslim, born 1965
TAYSSIR MUHAMMAD ABU ZEID, Muslim, born 1964
MASSER MUHAMMAD ABU ZEID, Muslim, born 1967

AI is concerned for the safety of these ten individuals who "disappeared" between September 1982 and August 1983.

AI is an worldwide human rights organisation which works to promote all the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international standards.

AI is opposed to the "disapperance" of prisoners in all cases, irrespective of the reasons for their arrest, and seeks an immediate end to all "disappearances". AI states that a "disappearance" has occured when a person is arrested, detained or abducted against his or her will or otherwise deprived of his or her liberty.

I urge you to set up an independent commission of inquiry to investigate the fate of the "disappeared". To help you in this work, please find enclosed AI's criteria for such a commission.

Please keep me updated this issue.

Yours sincerely,

