

According to the Mexican authorities, Gordon was arrested on March 30, 1974 at Mexico airport after a voyage to South America in the company of a friend who recently made public some aspects of the trip. On arrival at Mexico International Airport, Gordon was found in possession of 28 grams of marijuana (about an ounce) and was charged with illegal importation of drugs into Mexico. He is being held at Lecumberri prison in the same block as Leslie Fieger.

In view of the type of drug and the small amount involved, and despite recent reports which emphasized a serious tightening and a more rigorous interpretation of Mexican drug laws, the Canadian Ambassador in Mexico has requested that Gordon's case be reviewed by the Mexican judicial authorities to determine whether the charge could be reduced from importation to simple possession. Our Ambassador has now been informed that the charge of importation will be dropped. It remains for Gordon's lawyer to secure the necessary document to obtain his release from prison.

Gordon Arnold's parents deposited \$3,150 with the Department for the assistance of their son. \$1,775 has already been remitted to Gordon at his request and against receipt on five separate occasions. A balance of \$1,375 is held at his disposal.

Gordon Arnold shares with another inmate a cell similar to that of Leslie Fieger and has arranged to have certain foods and other items and services.

The Canadian authorities are very concerned about the allegations which were made at the time of the hunger strike by American and Canadian inmates in Mexican prisons. The Canadian Ambassador in Mexico has requested an investigation into those allegations.