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UA 10/30 URUGUAY: Mario Walter Soto (AMR 52/G1/80 22 January) - Health Concern

Mario Walter Soto died shortly after being released from Libertad prison. He had been moved to the military hospital in October 1979 where it was discovered that he had cancer of the stomach, duodenum and pancreas. He was then returned to Libertad prison where he had served five years of his 15-year sentence, reportedly for "subversive association". His family had long tried unsuccessfully to obtain his release on humanitarian grounds. It is believed that Mario Walter Soto was probably released in May 1980 under *Libertad anticipada*, the rest of his sentence having been waived. He died on 23 June 1980, aged 45.