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Amnesty International continues to call for a review of the cases of Albert Woodfox and Herman Wallace, two of the 'Angola 3' who remain imprisoned after 35 years in Louisiana State Penitentiary, where they are held in permanent 'lockdown' conditions of solitary confinement that can only be described as inhuman and degrading.

Amnesty International welcomes the recent finding by a federal magistrate, effectively rejecting the state's claim that such conditions do not constitute "cruel and unusual punishment" under the US Constitution, and calls for the men's isolation to cease immediately.

Amnesty International's support for a review of the men's convictions is based on disturbing evidence that the trials of Woodfox and Wallace did not meet with international fair trial standards and that their convictions were based on the tainted evidence of prisoner informants. Amnesty is further concerned that they may have been targeted because of their political activism in prison.

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