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58. In a note dated October 2, 2001, the Commission repeated its request for precautionary measures to delay Mr. Bacon's execution for as long as the Commission continued to study his case. In making this second request, the Commission referred to its decision in the case of Juan Raúl Garza (N° 12.243), in which it held that an OAS member state's failure to take steps to preserve a condemned man's life while his case was being reviewed by the Commission was inconsistent with the state's basic human rights obligations. In a letter dated October 4, 2001, the United States informed the Commission that the governor of North Carolina had that same day commuted Mr. Bacon's death sentence to life imprisonment without parole.