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Advisory for Saturday, June 7, 2003

Separated Guatemalan Twin Maria de Jesus to Be Released From UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital

(Note to Editors: New B-roll footage is available.)

WHAT: Formerly conjoined twin Maria de Jesus Quiej Alvarez will be released from UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital. A representative from Healing the Children and a UCLA nurse will be available to provide a brief update on the twins.

WHO:

- Guatemalan twin Maria de Jesus.
- Clarice Marsh, pediatric nurse manager, UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital.
- Cris Embleton, co-founder, Healing the Children.

WHEN: 11 a.m., Saturday, June 7.

WHERE: Front entrance of UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital, UCLA Center for the Health Sciences, 10833 Le Conte Ave. (Enter at Le Conte and Tiverton.)

BACKGROUND: The formerly conjoined twins were separated during a nearly 23-hour surgery at UCLA on Aug. 6, 2002. They returned to Guatemala on Jan. 13. Due to medical problems, both twins returned to UCLA's Mattel Children's Hospital from Guatemala on May 22.

MEDIA CONTACT: UCLA Health Sciences Media Relations, (310) 794-0777.

PARKING: Print and radio reporters must obtain a parking pass from the kiosk attendant at the Le Conte/Tiverton hospital entrance. Metered spaces have been reserved for oversized TV trucks only on the east side of Tiverton. Do not park in the clinic patient drop-off circle.

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