IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 97-40434 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

NOE SANTA MARIA-MARTINEZ,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas USDC No. V-96-CR-8-S-1

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February 12, 1998
Before SMITH, EMILIO M. GARZA, and DeMOSS, Circuit Judges.

PER CURTAM:*

Court-appointed counsel for Noe Santa Maria-Martinez ("Santa Maria") has filed a brief as required by Anders v. California,

386 U.S. 738 (1967). Santa Maria has responded to counsel's
brief. Our independent review of the brief, Santa Maria's
response, and the record discloses no nonfrivolous issue.

Accordingly, counsel is excused from further responsibilities
herein and the APPEAL IS DISMISSED.

 $^{^{*}}$ Pursuant to 5TH CIR. R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR. R. 47.5.4.

No.