## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 97-50148 Conference Calendar

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

versus

ALBERTO VARGAS-CERVANTES,

Defendant-Appellant.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
USDC No. A-96-CR-158
----October 21, 1998

Before POLITZ, Chief Judge, and WIENER and DENNIS, Circuit Judges.
PER CURIAM:\*

Court-appointed counsel for Alberto Vargas-Cervantes has filed a brief as required by <u>Anders v. California</u>, 386 U.S. 738 (1967). Our independent review of the brief, Vargas-Cervantes' response, and the record discloses no nonfrivolous issue.

Accordingly, counsel is excused from further responsibilities herein and the APPEAL IS DISMISSED. Vargas-Cervantes' motion for appointment of substitute counsel is DENIED.

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 R. 47.5, the court has determined that this opinion should not be published and is not precedent except under the limited circumstances set forth in 5TH CIR.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