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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: RON NESSEN

FROM: ED SCHMULTS

SUBJECT: Execution of Michael Shobek
by the Government of the Bahamas

Question:

Did the United States Government take any action to assist Mr. Shobek?

Answer:

As is always the case with a serious trial, the American Embassy in the Bahamas followed very closely Mr. Shobek's trial. Mr. Shobek and his lawyer were visited many times by Embassy officials. Naturally any Embassy has the responsibility to see that American citizens are fairly and justly treated.

About a year ago when Mr. Shobek's guilty verdict was announced the American Embassy assisted in obtaining a prominent Bahamian attorney who perfected a right of appeal for Mr. Shobek and an appeal process was followed. The verdict was affirmed on appeal. Last Saturday the American Embassy conveyed to the Bahamian Government an appeal that Mr. Shobek's mother had made to the U. S. Government.

cc: ✓ Brent Scowcroft

The United States
Government took
every appropriate
action to assure
that Mr. Shobek received
justice.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/19/76

NOTE FOR:

Ed Smolts

FROM:

RON NESSEN

How do I
answer this?

RHN



6-R
9-11-76
and
RN
September 10, 1976
3800 Parkdale #1H
San Antonio, TX 78229
512 690-0283 or 225-7484 (Ask for Press Room)
or 226-4271 (Ask for City Desk)

Mr. Gerald Ford
President
United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is an article on Democratic National Committee Chairman Robert Strauss' interest in controversial property in San Antonio.

Strauss has made numerous telephone calls and has appeared at the offices of the San Antonio River Authority (SARA) in an attempt to get more than three times the common market price for the property.

The Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone is part of a highly charged situation in San Antonio. Enclosed are stories which contain background information on the status of the land.

Ralph Brown, an attorney for SARA, speculated today that the trial for the appeal of the ruling against Strauss will not be held until after the November elections, although SARA has proposed an earlier available date.

These, then, are the facts as they now stand. If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Phil Morales

Phil Morales
Reporter
San Antonio Light