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FROM : Department of State

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SUBJECT : Case of George de Mohrenschildt

REF :

There is transmitted herewith in duplicate a documented and self-explanatory case of George de Mohrenschildt against the Government of Haiti which arose during the Presidency of the late Dr. Francis Duvalier.

The Department has reviewed the matter and concluded that Mr. de Mohrenschildt has an equitable case but not one valid under principles of international law as it has not been established that all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted with a resulting denial of justice or that it would be futile to exhaust available remedies.

In the circumstances the Embassy is requested, unless strong objection is perceived, to discuss the case informally with appropriate officials of the Government of Haiti with a view toward persuading the Government of Haiti to enter into settlement discussions directly with Mr. de Mohrenschildt.

A report would be appreciated as soon as practicable.

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April 8, 1974

Mr. Charles R. Norberg
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Dear Mr. Norberg:

The Department has received your letter of March 21, 1974, asking about the status of the claim of Mr. George de Mohrenschildt against the Government of Haiti.

Shortly after the receipt of your letter a status report was received by the Department from the American Embassy in Port-au-Prince regarding the matter. The report states that the case was discussed informally with several officials of the Government of Haiti; that none of the officials were familiar with the case or, if familiar, were not willing to discuss its merits; that neither the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources nor Geodetic Service have any records of survey work performed by Mr. de Mohrenschildt, although officials of both agencies were vaguely aware of his presence in Haiti; and that one Haitian official stated that Mr. de Mohrenschildt dealt directly with the then Minister of Public Works, Luckner Cambronne, who had a personal financial interest in the contract arrangements.

Given the foregoing circumstances, consideration is now being given by the Department to what action can properly be taken to be of assistance in the matter. In the meantime, the Department would appreciate any comments which you or Mr. de Mohrenschildt may have on the matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Re: de Mohrenschildt v. Government of
the Republic of Haiti

Dear Mr. Kwiatek:

Pursuant to our telephone conversations and your earlier letter of December 13, 1973, regarding the claim of Mr. George de Mohrenschildt against the Government of the Republic of Haiti, may I request that if you have not yet heard from the United States Embassy in Port-au-Prince regarding the results of their informal discussions with officials of the Government of Haiti, you kindly request the Embassy for a report.

This claim has been pending for quite a while and Mr. de Mohrenschildt would greatly appreciate it if the matter can be brought to an early conclusion.

With many thanks for your help, I am

Sincerely,

Charles R. Norberg
CHARLES R. NORBERG

CC: Mr. de Mohrenschildt

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