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U.S. warned Soviets against smuggling spy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States cautioned the Soviet Union against trying to smuggle Felix S. Bloch out of the country weeks before reports surfaced that the veteran American diplomat was suspected of being a spy, it was learned Monday.

President Bush described reports of spying by Bloch as "very serious" but did not offer an assessment of potential damage.

Two U.S. officials said Bloch had been videotaped handing a briefcase to a Soviet agent in Paris earlier this year. Government sources also disclosed an unusual level of Soviet interest in Bloch's case.

Bloch, stripped of his official passport and State Department credentials, spent the day with one of his two daughters in a New York City suburb. State Department officials said he remains on the payroll, though on leave.

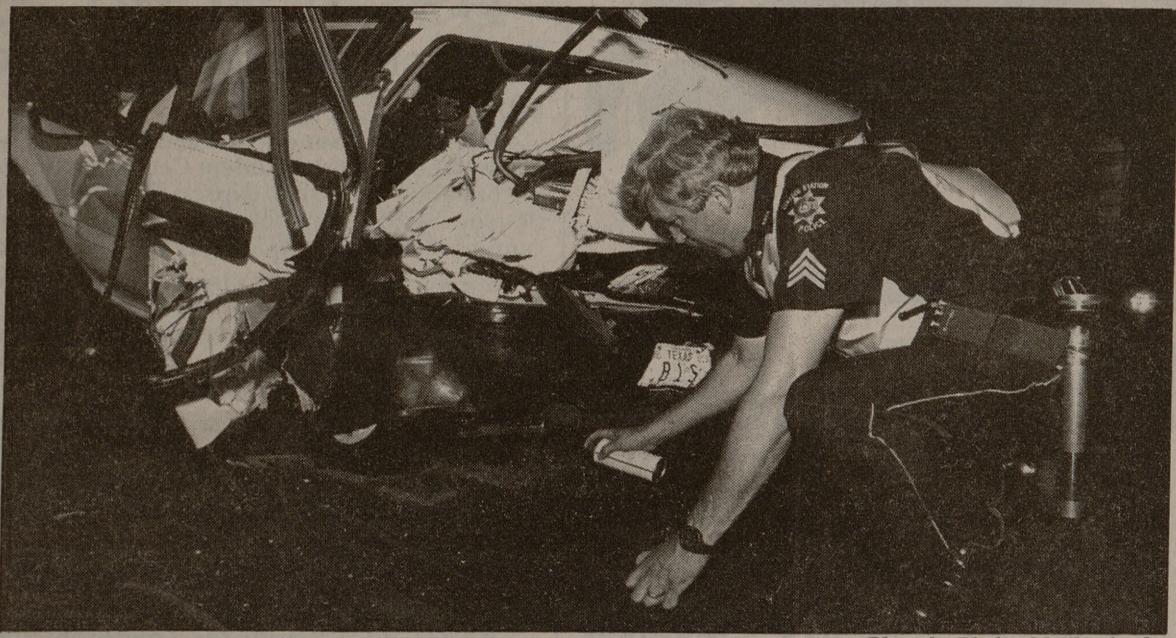
Bloch is refusing through his attorney to be questioned by the FBI, and only submitted to a short interrogation early in the investigation by State Department security officers, according to a government source familiar with the case.

The Soviets were informed through diplomatic channels, in a message described as "discreet," that U.S. relations with Moscow would be damaged if they tried to make off with the 54-year-old diplomat, a U.S. official disclosed.

"So far, they have observed the admonition," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

He said the Soviets were cautioned even as U.S. investigators were compiling evidence against Bloch but before they had all the material eventually amassed.

FBI agents tailing Bloch on Saturday as he drove to his daughter's home outside New York City were followed in turn by Soviet Embassy personnel, according to this source.



College Station Patrol Sgt. Robert Cahill marks the spot of a two-car accident on Texas Avenue Sunday night. A high-speed car chase with police led to the collision.

Photo by Phelan M. Ebenhack

Bryan police continue to investigate vehicle chase that ended in collision

By Kelly S. Brown
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An investigation continues after two Bryan teenagers led three police cars down Texas Avenue late Sunday on a high-speed chase that came to a crashing halt as the youths rear-ended a vehicle and sent its occupants to the hospital.

Lili Alim, a 22-year-old junior business administration major who was a passenger in the car that was hit, was treated and released from Humana Hospital. The driver of that car, Taswin Winarno, 26, of Bryan, broke his leg in the collision and remains in stable condition at Humana.

Phillip Franks, 17, the driver of the car being pursued, is being held at the Brazos County Jail on charges of DWI, attempting to elude a police officer and felony failure to stop and render aid. Franks' passenger, a 15-year-old Bryan resident, remains in the Brazos County Juvenile Detention Center for attempted aggravated assault on a police officer.

Sgt. Choya Walling of the Bryan Police Department said the incident began when an officer noticed that a

1989 Ford Escort (the car Franks was driving) matched the description of a vehicle that had been involved in several thefts during the past couple of weeks.

When the officer turned his lights on to pull the Ford over, Franks accelerated, beginning the chase that drew in another Bryan police officer and an officer from the sheriff's department, Walling said.

The Ford ran a traffic light and continued at a high speed before it rear-ended a white Honda Civic (containing Winarno and Alim) that was in the center lane, attempting to turn left onto Lincoln Drive, near the east entrance to A&M, he said.

When the Ford came to a stop, the driver fled on foot but was apprehended when he fell into a ditch on the A&M golf course, Walling said. Meanwhile, as officers approached the passenger in the Ford, the 15-year-old discharged a single shot from a .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol, he said. The bullet went through the floorboard on the passenger side of the vehicle.

"Our belief is that the youth intended to shoot an officer," Walling said. "He was preparing the gun to confront the officers as they approached the car, but it discharged in the process."

Study says schools abuse GSL program to increase profits

AUSTIN (AP) — A number of unscrupulous private, for-profit trade schools are abusing the guaranteed student loan program to make money by taking advantage of needy students, a new study says.

"These schools offer a questionable quality of training which leads the unsuspecting students into large student loan debts . . . and not to the high-paying jobs the schools advertise," says the report authored by Joe L. McCormick, executive director of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp.

The report — entitled "School or Scandal?" — says that while many for-profit schools offer valuable services to their students, the bad ones must be exposed and expelled from the loan program.

"Despite our efforts, we are discouraged by opportunistic schools that promise much and deliver little, ravaging the very people they are supposed to help," the report said.

The report recommended a number of state and federal actions to correct the problems.

"Additional steps, in the form of more thorough oversight, tightened regulatory guidelines, reduction of existing program loopholes, must be taken now by the state of Texas," the report said.

Among problems, the report cited:

- A school in Houston sent buses and recruiters to homeless shelters in Dallas, San Antonio and New Orleans, where they provided the residents with loan and enrollment applications.
- New students returned to the school on the buses, assured they would receive free housing and an adequate monthly living allowance. Upon enrollment, the students discovered that classrooms lacked equipment and instructors lacked training.
- "Within a few weeks, the living allowance money has run out. State officials discover the problem when a local food bank calls to complain about the influx of students from the school coming for the daily noon meal."
- Some for-profit schools expand the number of course hours required for a certain subject in order to qualify for government loans.
- The Houston Community College offers a two-week course to qualify for a private investigator's license, meeting the state requirement of 40 hours of instruction.
- But a for-profit school offered the same course with 300 hours of instruction, the minimum needed to qualify for a loan.
- The private schools charge "significantly higher tuition and fees than two-year public colleges offering similar courses."
- Training programs at many private trade and technical schools often are less than six months long. Loan periods are shorter, forcing students to begin repaying the same year they receive the loans, increasing the default rates.

The report notes that the task of regulating the schools is spread among several state agencies in Texas: the Texas Education Agency, Texas Cosmetology Commission, Texas Board of Barber Examiners, Texas Board of Private Investigators and Private Security Agencies, Department of Public Safety, Funeral Services Commission and the Texas Department of Health.

"These agencies appear to have little interaction, but instead focus on a small segment of schools that fall under their auspices," the report said.

Many of the schools are owned by individuals outside Texas, and state laws government the opening of branch campuses in Texas "provide little, if any, oversight," the report added.

Mosbacher delights shrimpers by suspending turtle-safety rules

GALVESTON (AP) — Hundreds of shrimpers who had staged a passionate blockade of ship channels along the Texas coast erupted in cheers Monday after Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbacher suspended rules requiring they use turtle safety devices on their nets.

Mosbacher's action, after a meeting with gulf-states congressional leaders Monday, averted the threat of another blockade that shrimpers promised would begin Tuesday if their concerns about the turtle devices were not addressed.

"I've been on a trip to happiness," said Tee John Mialjevich, a Greta, La. shrimper who is president of Concerned Shrimpers of America. "I'm swollen up with emotion. This is not exactly what we want, but we can live with it. For 45 days, there's no TEDs. We can squeak by."

Mialjevich and Gray Castle, a Commerce Department deputy undersecretary, climbed a motorized cart and announced Mosbacher's decision to hundreds of shrimpers gathered outside a gate at the Galveston Coast Guard station.

"Let's stay together. This isn't a cop-out," Mialjevich yelled to the throng, many of whom were involved in a blockade of the nearby Houston Ship Channel Saturday.

Similar blockades were staged in Gulf of Mexico ports along the Texas and Louisiana coasts. Shrimpers disbanded their makeshift armadas Sunday morning when federal officials promised their complaints about the excluder devices would be heard.

Castle said the threat of another blockade concerned Mosbacher, but added that officials also were worried about the effect of the rule on shrimpers' pocketbooks.

"It's true that anytime you get 250 shrimp boats

blockading a harbor, you've potential for problem," Castle said. "But you're talking about people's livelihoods . . . I think if any of us was in the same position, we'd react in the same way. And if the Secretary of Commerce isn't going to be concerned, then who the hell is?"

Mosbacher said Monday that enforcement of the turtle excluder regulations would be suspended for 45 days. Shrimpers then would be required to perform 90-minute tows, a method that would allow them to free any endangered turtles trapped in their nets before they are killed.

"Thank God, we're going fishing and making a living," Mialjevich said.

Mialjevich and Castle met for more than three hours while the crowd grew outside the gate.

Shrimpers, some accompanied by their families, waited for news from the meetings under thundering skies and intermittent rain. One child carried a sign saying, "Save my Daddy's boat."

"This is a lot more than we thought we would get," said Richard Santini of Galveston, who estimated he lost \$6,000 to \$7,000 during the blockade. "We can make a living now."

"This is a step in the right direction," Stanley LePire, a shrimper from Bonsecouer, Ala., said.

About 200 shrimp boats on Saturday crowded the deep-water Houston ship channel and about 300 shrimpers jammed Port Aransas, gateway to the Port of Corpus Christi.

During the blockades, gunfire was reported in Texas and Louisiana, and four shrimpers were arrested in Texas. There were no injuries, officials said.

Ship traffic was reported normal Monday, Coast Guard officials said.



Photos by Frederick D. Joe

Great Balls o' Fire

Mary Hooper, above left, and Karla Horelica, right, learn how to make Raku, a Japanese form of pottery that dates back to the seventh century, in a pottery class offered by University Plus. Monday, during a step in the process shown above in which the red-hot pottery is covered with wood chips, the chips ignited, leaving Horelica's hair singed after it briefly caught on fire. Though some degree of flare-up is expected during the process, this one, which occurred at the Raku kiln in the Langford Architecture Building, was more intense than usual. The Raku kiln was made especially for this type of pottery. Horelica, an art teacher at College Hills Elementary School, displays the finished Raku piece at right. She sold the pottery for \$80. The University Plus pottery course is taught by Joan Moore, who also teaches in the College of Architecture. Students learn techniques and several methods for making pottery in the course that goes from June 12 through Aug. 4.



Two workers injured in fall from scaffold

Two construction workers were treated and released from the hospital Monday afternoon after falling six feet from a scaffold on the southside Utility Plant behind the Military Sciences Building.

Associate director of the University Police Department Elmer Schneider said Jimmy Kerney, a 31-year-old Bryan resident, and Brad Baily, a 19-year-old College Station resident, were moving boards and placing them on the back edge of the scaffold when the weight shifted, tipping the scaffold.

A spokesman at the construction site said this was the first accident of the summer.

Japanese prime minister announces resignation

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Soudsuke Uno said Monday he will resign because of his party's weekend election disaster, and once again the Liberal Democrats seek a leader to rescue them from scandal and unpopular policies.

In Sunday's election for half the seats in Parliament's upper house, the governing party lost its majority for the first time since its formation in 1955.

Opposition leaders demanded the Liberal Democrat Party relinquish power and that elections for the more powerful lower house be held early. The Liberal Democrats would be forced out if they lost those elections.

Uno announced Monday he would resign after only two months in office to take responsibility for Sunday's balloting results, in which voters chastised the party for money and sex scandals, a new sales tax that outraged consumers and more liberal food import policies that angered farmers.

In Washington, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the United States "has long and strong relationships with Japan. We certainly would expect those to continue under any successor government."

Socialist candidates were the main beneficiaries of voter discontent with the party that has spent 34 years in power. Socialist Party secretary Tsunuo Yamaguchi said Monday: "To avoid inviting further confusion, the LDP must hand over the government to the opposition parties."