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February 18, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley
1205 Pendleton St.
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

This letter is to ask a favor from you if you deem it to be appropriate.

I have been trying to get the Navy to name a combat ship after my late father, Rear Admiral Herbert R. Sobel. My letters are to Navy Secretary. His assistants answer me and they say that Admiral Sobel is highly qualified for this honor but the list of potential candidates is long. Charleston Mayor Riley answered me that he couldn't give me any help because he was busy in successfully worked in promoting the Navy to get another ship named for our city- Charleston.

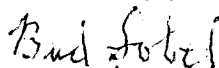
I'm enclosing a copy of Admiral Sobel's biog sheet and a copy of the letter from former Navy Secretary Paul Nitze to my mother on the death of Admiral Sobel in 1964 to highlight his Navy career.

My request is to see if a letter from you to Secretary Mabus might gain a positive result. His address is

Secretary Ray Mabus
U.S. Navy Department
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,



H.R. (Bud) Sobel Jr.



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

received
March 12, 1964

Dear Mrs. Sobel:

Please accept my most sincere personal condolence in the death of your husband, Rear Admiral Herbert Russell Sobel, United States Navy, Retired.

Rear Admiral Sobel will be remembered for his services to the Navy during the two great wars of our century. Graduating from the Naval Academy just after the declaration of World War I, he spent the next seven years in ships. The following years included tours of duty with the Naval Transportation Service; at the Naval Academy as an instructor in the Department of Seamanship and Flight Tactics; Executive Officer of the USS BADGER and Commanding Officer of the USS SANDS, destroyers of the Scouting Force; Fourth Naval District; and as Executive Officer of the U. S. Naval Home, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he retired from active Naval service on 1 July 1939. After only a short respite, he was recalled to active duty in September 1939 and served as Director of the Facilities and Material Division, Fourth Naval District, during the early months of the United States' participation in World War II. For ten months from November 1942 to September 1943, a critical period of the submarine warfare in the Atlantic, Rear Admiral Sobel served as Convoy Commodore of the Eastern Sea Frontier. For this service, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V." For the next three years, he served in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations. As Navy Department Liaison Officer with the Provost Marshal General for Prisoner of War matters, he received a Letter of Commendation from the Department of the Army. He was also commended by the Department of the Navy for his performance as Assistant Director of the Base Maintenance Division.

The Navy is indeed proud of your husband's dependable, loyal, and conscientious performance of duty by which he made a valued contribution to the preservation of freedom for his nation. I hope that the memory of his achievements during a productive life will bring some measure of consolation to you.

Again with my deepest sympathy,

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Nitze

Mrs. Herbert Russell Sobel
809 Venetian Way
Miami, Florida

HERBERT RUSSELL SOBEL

Dec. 21, 1896 Born in Cleveland, Ohio, 2nd son of William & Anna
 1912, at age 16 appointed to U.S. Naval Academy by Sen. Buckley (Ohio)
 1917, graduated as Ensign from U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
 1917-18 U.S.S. Wheeling
 1918-19 Aide to Rear Admiral H.O. Dunn, U.S.N.
 1919-21 U.S.S. Michigan
 Returned from Europe to U.S. duty Philadelphia Navy Yard
 Apr. 7, 1921 Married Julia
 1921-22 U.S.S. Stevens Commanding Officer
 Winter 1921-22 Fleet ordered to Charleston, S.C.
 1922-24 U.S.S. Bridgeport
 1924-26 Sixth Naval District, Charleston, S.C.
 Apr. 28, 1925 Birth of daughter Ann
 1926-27 U.S.S. New York
 1927-29 U.S.S. Nitro
 1929-31 U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., Instructor in
 Department of Seamanship and Flight Tactics
 Sept. 6, 1930 Birth of son H.R. Jr. (Bud)
 1931-34 U.S.S. Sands Commanding Officer
 Destroyer Scouting Force, Fourth Naval District
 1934-36 Fourth Naval District, Philadelphia, Pa.
 1936-38 U.S.S. Arkansas, First Lt.
 Trip to Europe - saw Hitler's Germany
 1938-39 U.S. Naval Home, Philadelphia, Pa., Executive Officer, Lt. Com.
 July 1, 1939 Retired, Commander
 September, 1939 Recalled to active duty
 1939-42 Director of Facilities and Material Division, Fourth
 Naval District, Phila., Pa.
 November, 1942, Took third convoy out of New York City;
 Served as convoy Commodore, Eastern Sea Frontier for
 ten months on Murmansk run during critical period of
 submarine warfare in the Atlantic.
 Earned Bronze Star Medal with Combat V, promoted to Capt.
 1942-45 Washington, D.C., Served the Office of the Chief of Naval
 Operations in charge of Naval shore installations.
 Earned Naval Commendation Medal from Dept. of the Navy for
 performance as Asst. Director of Base Maintenance Division.
 Navy Dept. Liaison Officer with the Provost Marshall
 General for Prisoner of War matters.
 Earned letter and Army Commendation Medal- in charge of
 German prisoners of war in U.S.
 1946 Retired as Rear Admiral, lived in Philadelphia, Pa.
 1956 Moved to Miami, Florida
 Director, Vice President of American Savings and Loan
 Association of Miami Beach.
 Jan. 3, 1964 Died of cancer in Bethesda Naval Hospital,
 Bethesda, Md. after short illness.
 Jan. 6, 1964 Buried at Graceland Cemetery in Miami.
 Dec. 7, 1964 Bronze grave marker supplied by U.S. Government
 unveiled. Marker reads:

Born		Rear Admiral Herbert R. Sobel		Died	
Dec. 21, 1896		United States Navy		Jan. 3, 1964	
Ohio		World War II			
World War I					
BSM		NCM		ARCM	