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CBS reported yesterday that according to former Justice Arthur Goldberg, the late Earl Warren was denied admission to Bethesda Naval Hospital, possibly through administration inaction.

The episode was related by CBS correspondent Daniel Schorr, who said Goldberg told him that Warren spoke to him about it on his deathbed.

Schorr said: "Former Chief Justice Warren, on his deathbed in Georgetown University Hospital, told his colleague, Arthur Goldberg, that he had sought admission to Bethesda Naval Hospital, but President Nixon had not made it possible. Once Justice Warren was in Georgetown, Dr. Lukash (William Lukash, White House physician) offered to have him transferred to Bethesda. By that time, Mr. Warren declined."

Warren died July 9 at the age of 83. Schorr said a sitting justice is entitled to be treated at federal military hospitals, but as a retired justice, Warren's admission had to get executive approval.

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