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**Maj. Scheepers het talle aandenkings van Amerika teruggebring, onder andere die Amerikaanse lands vlag.**

South African Police Major Coenraad Scheepers attended a Washington, D.C. conference of the Fingerprint Society in April 1983. In an interview in the SAP magazine SERVAMUS a year later the major - director of the fingerprint office in the city of Springs northeast of Johannesburg - relates how his 'friend and American colleague, Sam Durrett', invited him to come to the USA. Sam Durrett is an agent of the United States Secret Service.

The article entitled by the SERVAMUS reporter 'S.A.P. "Infiltrates" F.B.I. and Secret Service' says Scheepers and Durrett met at another Fingerprint Society conference in England two years before. Durrett and three other Secret Service agents met Scheepers at Washington's National Airport. 'From that moment on it was a great festival,' says the SAP major, adding that both FBI and Secret Service men did everything to make his stay as pleasant as possible. The 11-nation attenders at the three-day conference discussed new methods and technologies and the latest equipment and aids. Scheepers spoke to the assembly. Sam Durrett wrote him afterward: 'First I would like to thank you for your support and input and would like to emphasize that it is due to you that the conference was considered such a success.'

Scheepers was invited to stay longer and work with the Secret Service and FBI fingerprint people, study their methods and techniques and at the same time exchange knowledge. Scheepers avers the standard of training at the FBI academy is 'unbelievable' and that the Americans are ahead of the SAP in technical fields, with latest laser techniques and hundreds of computers. The FBI has 250 million fingerprints on file against the SAP's 8 million.

Scheepers' American friends took him sightseeing through the White House and over Civil War battlefields in Virginia. The sheriff of Fairfax presented the SAP major with a badge. The high point of Scheepers' US visit was meeting the director of the Secret Service - 'a confidant of Ronald Reagan himself and could therefore mean a lot to us' - who presented Scheepers with an inscribed photograph: 'To Major Coenraad Scheepers. With many thanks and best wishes in all your endeavours.'

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Die manne van die U.S. Secret Service het gesorg vir 'n aangename verplyf. Hier poseer maj. Scheepers (middel) saam met 'n paar van dié joviale kêrels.

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