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By Press State Service

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Hopes of Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard for freedom through executive action of Ohio's short-term Gov. John W. Brown were smashed today.

Brown announced in a prepared press release shortly before noon that he does not "plan any executive action in this (Sheppard) matter."

The new governor was ap-

proached Thursday by Attorney William J. Corrigan, Dr. Sheppard's counsel. Brown was asked to study the Sheppard case briefs with a view toward possible commutation of Dr. Sam's life sentence.

Yesterday, Chief Assistant County Prosecutor Saul S. Danaceau voiced "strenuous objection" to any executive clemency for Dr. Sheppard. The Cleveland osteopath was convicted of second degree murder and is serving a life term for the slaying of his wife, Marilyn, in their Bay Village home.