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## Questions

- 1. Is Francisco still incarcerated? Yes
  - 2. If Mr. Kaufman had acceded to Judge Millsap's suggestion that he proceed with a state habeas petition, might not Francisco have already won a new trial, and perhaps even be out of jail by this time?
- 3. Was the Roberts case ever cited to the federal district court or to the
  - 4. How is this case distinguishable from Sharp?
  - 5. Has the Virginia Supreme Court denied writs of error in similar cases since the <u>Sharp</u> decision?
  - 6. If so, is this case distinguishable from those cases?
  - 7. Are there any issues of fact left unresolved here?
- 8. Was the federal habeas petition filed after or before Sharp was decided?
- 9. If it was after Sharp, why was the federal form chosen?

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