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Preservation of Evidence

Chief, Special Actions
Branch (My Lai)

Chief, Defense Section
Special Actions Division
(My Lai)

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1. The Defense Section, Special Actions Branch (My Lai), requests that the Chief, Special Actions Branch (My Lai) direct that all notes, records, and other documents produced, utilized, and/or staffed thru the Special Actions Branch (My Lai) with respect to all proceedings involving the My Lai cases be preserved until each case is ultimately disposed of by appropriate action. This directive would, of course, not apply to the personal work products of the attorneys involved in the cases.

2. The above request is dictated by the necessity of preserving any evidence relative to issues which may arise later, and which would be a proper subject of a subpoena duces tecum or other discovery device.

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