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SUBJECT: Request for Information

PW The Provost Marshal General  
Plans and Operations Division  
POW and Allied Policy Br.  
Detainee Information  
Washington, D. C.

1. The undersigned defense counsel, representing individuals charged with violations of the U.C.M.J., arising out of U.S. Army activities at My Lai (4), Quang N'gai Province, Republic of Viet Nam on 16 March 1968, have been provided with the following information:

- a. That on 16 March 1968, while My Lai (4) was being assaulted by C/1/20, Task Force Barker, Americal Division, a group of Vietnamese individuals, attired in civilian clothing was exiting the village in an orderly manner. This group was moving south, on the main road leading from the village toward Quang N'gai City, Quang N'gai Province, Republic of Vietnam.
- b. That on 16 March 1968, while My Lai (4) was being assaulted by U. S. Infantry, a Command Helicopter, occupied by Colonel Oran K. Henderson, 11th Brigade Commander, was flying over the main road leading south from the village to Quang N'gai City, Colonel Henderson further observed two military age males running among this group. Colonel Henderson ordered his helicopter to land and extracted these two individuals. The time of this event was approximately 0800 - 1100 hours.
- c. That on 16 March 1968, the two military age males, mentioned in paragraph b. above, were extracted from My Lai (4), and transported by Colonel Henderson's helicopter to Landing Zone Dottie for interrogation.
- d. That on 16 March 1968, the two military age males were interrogated at Landing Zone Dottie and were found to be members of the Popular Forces, ARVN, who were captured by the Viet Cong and were being held prisoner at My Lai (4) until their escape during the assault by U. S. Infantry.

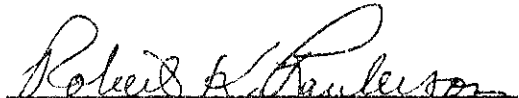
2. Request you furnish the undersigned defense counsel with the names, ages, current addresses and current duty assignments of the two Popular Force, ARVN males mentioned above. It is further requested that we be furnished with any transcripts (written or taped) or any other document pertaining to the interrogation of the two Popular Force ARVN males, including information on their disposition after the interrogation was completed.


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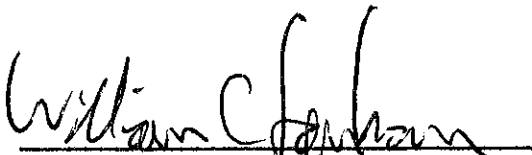
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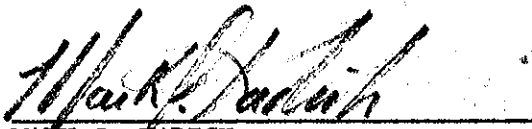
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3. This information is needed to properly prepare an adequate defense in each of these cases.

  
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