

AJAJA

Interviewing Witnesses and Liaison Visits to  
Fort Benning and Fort Hood

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1. In accordance with an understanding reached with the Staff Judge Advocates at both Fort Benning and Fort Hood, all counsel assigned to the Special Actions Branch, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, this installation, will observe the following instructions while attending Article 39a or trial sessions at those installations:

- a. Immediately upon arrival contact the local Staff Judge Advocate for an orientation as to any limitations he may desire to impose during your visit.
- b. The SJA at Fort Benning has specifically requested that no witness be interviewed by visiting counsel until such witnesses are permanently excused by the court.
2. Any court orders issued by the Military Judge should also, of course, be scrupulously observed.
3. No statements should be made to representatives of the press or news media.
4. No action should be taken to unduly prolong the departure of any witness which could create additional expense to local funding.

  
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