

~~RECORDED (27 Feb 71)~~ 1st Ind

SUBJECT: Request for Separation for the Convenience of the Government

Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 1st Bn, 504th Inf, 82d ABN Div,  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

TO: Commanding Officer, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

1. Sergeant Schiel has served in Headquarters and Headquarters Company since being initially assigned to Fort Bragg.
2. Sergeant Schiel became the center of much national and local interest after the announcement of the My Lai investigation and until his PCS to Third United States Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia, Sergeant Schiel maintained an excellant military bearing despite the constant publicity forced upon him. While at Fort McPherson, I am aware of no incidents that would change his past record of performance. After charges were dismissed against him he was once again assigned to this company. To this date he has continued to perform his assigned duties with professional accuracy despite constant interruptions by subpoenas to related My Lai cases. It is my opinion that the ends of justice would best be met by favorable action on his request.
3. Recommend approval. Recommend Honorable discharge be issued.

---

Captain, Infantry  
Commanding