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HEADQUARTERS, THIRD U. S. ARMY, Ft. McPherson, Ga. -- The Army has announced that the preliminary hearing in the court-martial of Private Gerald A. Smith will be continued at Fort McPherson on Tuesday, August 18, 1970, at 9:00 a.m. This session is open to the public.

The hearing, to be conducted under the provisions of Article 39 A, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), will be presided over by Colonel Richard L. Jones, military judge in the case. Captain Robert K. Raulerson will act as Pvt. Smith's defense counsel, and Captain Delmar C. Gowing as assistant defense counsel. Trial counsel (prosecutor) will be Captain Franklin R. Wurtzel, assisted by Captain William G. Eckhardt.

Pvt. Smith is charged with murder and indecent assault in connection with the alleged Son My incident which occurred in the Republic of Vietnam on or about 16 March 1968.