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SUBJECT: Request for Travel Authorization and Appropriate Support

Commanding General  
Third United States Army  
ATTN: Office of the Army Staff Judge Advocate  
Fort McPherson, Georgia 30330

1. It is requested that the detailed and individual military defense counsel and the accused in the cases exceptioned United States v. Specialist Four Rovert W. T'Souvas and United States v. Private E-2 Max D. Nutson be furnished TDY authorization and funds in order to travel to the place where the offenses alleged to have been committed by the two accused noted above allegedly occurred, the hamlet of My Lai (4), Quang Ngai Province, Republic of South Vietnam.
2. The photographs, maps, and sketches of the area previously furnished the defense in these two cases, prepared by government agents and representatives, are not sufficient to enable the defense to properly prepare for trial in these cases. It should be noted that Specialist T'Souvas has already been ordered to stand trial by general court-martial, and it is anticipated that Private Nutson will soon receive similar treatment. It is impossible for the accused to be accorded adequate representation of a proper defense, absent the favorable consideration of this request.
3. It is further requested that the defense counsel and the accused be accompanied by adequate combat support on this mission, along with a photographer, a civil engineer and a cartographer. The parties concerned should be available to accomplish this travel anytime subsequent to 20 August 1970. At least two full days at the area should be allowed to accomplish this mission.

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