

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

June 10, 1957

Colonel Emmett Perry, JAGC  
Staff Judge Advocate  
Alabama National Guard  
Care Judge Advocate General School  
University of Virginia  
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Emmett:

I regret that I am delayed in writing you regarding the matter we discussed in Montgomery late in May, but know you will understand.

One of the most imminent problems facing us at the moment in the case we discussed is the effect of the Inspector General in the same Headquarters as the Convening Authority signing the charge sheet as the accuser in a general court-martial proceeding. It is our thinking that the Inspector General is in reality a confidential agent of the Commanding General or Convening Authority, and this amounts in reality to the Convening Authority being both the accuser and the reviewer in this particular proceeding.

If you are able to find any citations on this particular point, they will prove to be most helpful to us. Your willingness to help us in this matter is greatly appreciated by the entire defense staff.

We are still somewhat at a loss as to the Army's timing and intentions in that we have requested a great amount of highly sensitive material very pertinent to the defense of this case, and as yet the Army has failed to comply with any of these requests. It being only fifteen days from the trial date, you can very readily see what an awkward and unfortunate position it places us in.

Thanking you and with kindest personal regards, I am

Always sincerely yours,

RKB:mfl  
CC: Mr. Ray Jenkins  
Colonel Charles R. Zimmer

Robert K. Bell