

Office of the Army Staff Judge Advocate

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6 May 1957

Mr. Ray H. Jenkins,
Bank of Knoxville Building,
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Your letter of 29 April 1957 and your telegram of 3 May 1957 requesting a postponement of Colonel Nickerson's trial have been considered and referred to me for reply.

As you now probably know, pursuant to your request of 18 March, the transcript of certain testimony taken during the early investigation of this matter by the Department of the Army Inspector General has been downgraded insofar as practicable, and a regraded copy of that transcript has been forwarded to Lieutenant Colonel Zimmer, the appointed Military Defense Counsel, to replace the copy heretofore in his possession. Such downgrading should facilitate your preparation of the case by reducing the classified matter to which you now have access, but which the appointed military counsel must safeguard in accordance with existing regulations.

With respect to the request of 28 March 1957 that you and Mr. Bell, as well as the members of the court and the court reporter, be permitted to receive certain TOP SECRET information which you consider necessary for the case, your attention is invited to the inclosed copy of reply to that request which was dispatched from this headquarters, this date.

In view of the above, it has now been decided that the court will be assembled on 25 June 1957 for the trial of this case.

Respectfully yours,

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Cy ltr, Hq Third US Army,
6 May 1957

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