

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY
FORT McPHERSON, GEORGIA

17 June 1957

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Dear Mr. Bell:

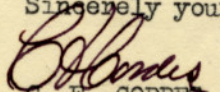
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In view of the above, it has been determined that there will be no further delay in the convening of the court, which is set for 25 June 1957.

I regret that the foregoing is not more favorable to your request, but in view of the time already elapsed since the charges in this case were referred for trial, I have been advised that further delay cannot be permitted.

Sincerely yours,


C. F. CORDES,
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