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Dear Sirs:

Receipt of your letter of 3 June 1957 requesting release of certain classified information for your defense of Colonel John C. Nickerson, Jr., is acknowledged.

A determination as to whether or not requested official information is material or relevant to any trial by court-martial is a matter for the convening authority of the court-martial. In the instant case such determination must be made by the Commanding General, Third United States Army.

The convening authority has forwarded to this headquarters a copy of a letter dated 29 May 1957 from Lt Colonel Charles R. Zimmer, Colonel Nickerson's appointed defense counsel, containing a request similar to that made in your letter to me, together with a copy of the convening authority's indorsement replying to that letter, for consideration with respect to the availability of the requested information. When this matter has been given thorough consideration, you may expect a reply to your request from the convening authority.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Schow", is written over a circular stamp.

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