

Sunset Inn  
Talladega, Alabama  
March 8, 1957

Mr. Robert H. Bell  
Attorney at Law  
Huntsville, Alabama

Dear Sir:

I am following, with much interest, all the newspaper comments concerning your client, Colonel John Richardson. Having been a Court Reporter most of my life, would like very much to have the privilege of reporting this case unless other arrangements have been made.

I did much court martial work at old Camp Robert, Ala., Fort McChesnut, Fort Mogg, N.C. and Slaughter Field and Fort Monroe, Va., and can give you excellent references.

Am a high school and business college graduate, and have had over two years of Trinity work.

I am 53 years of age, a bachelor, no parents or dependents, in perfect health, sober and reliable, a Protestant and active member of the American



Legion, and was a Rotarian fourteen  
years.

I was hospitalized a long time with  
a broken leg but am in perfect con-  
dition now, except for a very slight  
limp, and want to get to work as  
soon as possible.

I shall be glad to hear from you.  
Very truly yours  
R H Cox



March 13, 1957

Mr. R. H. Cox  
Sunset Inn  
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Cox:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 8th regarding the court martial proceedings against Colonel John Nickerson, and to sincerely thank you for it.

As to the court reporter that will handle these proceedings, I am afraid that we, the defense, will have very little to say in this regard. The reporter will be appointed by the convening authority, which is Lieutenant General Hickey, the Commanding General of the Third Army at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Please be assured that we deeply appreciate your interest and good wishes.

Very truly yours,

Robert K. Bell

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