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Statement of The Case

Gentlemen of The Court:

Today we start a judicial proceeding of significant magnitude to determine the guilt or innocence of the Accused, a Colonel in the United States Army.

It is not the first time that our Army has been fit to bring court-martial proceedings vs one of its able officers who possessed foresight & vision; who pioneered the ability of the Army to have one of its corps or branches to do a superior or more effective job than could be done by an entirely different arm of service.

On prior occasions the Army has seen fit to court its own who dared to take a stand in behalf of a part of the Army at the time. History has & will be the judge of whether the Army was right or wrong.

For the first time we wish to state the position of the Defense. The Army is the branch of Service of each member of the defense staff, as well as the Accused. Throughout this trial, it is genuinely & prayerfully hoped that everything we do will be in the interest of the Army, in the interest of national Security and we fully intend to do everything within our legal ability and ~~the~~ Col Nickerson's constitutional rights in his interest.

Col Nickerson pleads Not Guilty to all the charges & Specifications.

Thank you very much