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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Suggested Request for Material to be Levied on Mr. Beal

1. Per our brief conversation on 26 August, my colleagues and I believe it would be helpful if you could ask Mr. Beal to furnish us with copies of any depositions or sworn statements made by any of the defendants in the Green Beret case, any depositions or statements made by other military personnel not accused but having knowledge or alleged knowledge of matters relating to this case, and any investigative reports or transcripts of the Army's investigation available at this time.
2. If Beal asks, we are perfectly justified in making such a request in light of the press comment that has appeared to date and the other clear indications that if this matter does go to trial, at least a part of the defense that the accused intend to offer is the claim that the actions for which they are charged were at least tacitly condoned by some Agency officers. It could be pointed out to Beal that we would like an opportunity to review the available record in detail so that we can compare the reports we have received through our own internal channels with those developed by the Army during the course of its investigation.
3. As you are aware, we already have in hand from the Station some of the material described above, including sworn depositions by five of the eight military personnel who were detained. (We have no depositions from Colonel Rheault, Major Middleton, or Major Crewe since all three of them have refused to testify under the 5th Amendment.) There are two reasons for asking Beal to provide material, parts of which we already have. One (a trivial one) is that we may get more legible copies since the documents now in our possession are extremely difficult to read. The other point, an important one, is that the material we now have was given to us more or less unofficially by the Army in Saigon and, hence, we in Washington are not quite sure how far we can go in mentioning details gleaned from these documents in discussion with senior military officials here. If the Pentagon provides a full record, there will be no inhibitions on future conversations.

  
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