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PARDON FOR LT. [REDACTED] CALLEY?

Q. Has Lt. Calley asked the President for a pardon?

A. Yes, a petition requesting a pardon was received [REDACTED] from Lt. Calley's lawyer about two weeks ago.

Q. What does the President plan to do in this matter?

A. The President's legal counsel has referred the petition to the Pardon Attorney. We have spoken to the Pardon Attorney and he confirms that he has [REDACTED] received the referral.

Q. Why wasn't the request sent back to Calley's [REDACTED] lawyer the same way that Colson's request was [REDACTED] sent back to Colson's lawyer?

A. The Calley request was [REDACTED] in the form of a ^{legal} petition. It was not [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] letter like the one submitted by Colson's lawyer. The Colson request was returned to his lawyer so he could make any changes in the letter that he might care to before [REDACTED] sending it to the Pardon Attorney, if that is his decision.

Q. Do you know what the Pardon Attorney will do with the request?

A. I understand that the Pardon Attorney will take no action until the litigation is resolved. As you know, the military is appealing the decision by the Federal District Judge. But I think you'll have to check with the Pardon Attorney [REDACTED] for any other [REDACTED] details.



CALLEY

Q. Does the President have any comment on the overturning of the Calley conviction?

A. I have just had the opportunity to see the wire and I have not discussed it with the President.

Q. Will you see what his reaction is?

A. I will be glad to discuss it with him, but it is my understanding that the White House ~~xxxx~~ does not customarily comment on cases involved in the judicial process. As you know, this court action can be appealed by the Army attorneys.

