

A Full Exoneration Sought by Counsel For Green Berets

F. Lee Bailey and Henry B. Rothblatt, defense attorneys for four of the eight Green Beret soldiers implicated in the alleged killing of a Vietnamese intelligence agent, said yesterday that they would be satisfied only with the complete exoneration of their clients.

They also said that the story of what happened could be told only if the Federal Government cooperated.

The two attorneys appeared with Army Capt. Robert F. Marasco, whom the Army had called the "trigger man" in the case at a news conference at the Americana Hotel.

They reiterated their contention that Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor's statement last Monday announcing that the charges against the men had been dropped left "a cloud" and "an implication of guilt."

"We feel that because of the incomplete exoneration, there is a story to be told," Mr. Bailey said. "But the only one that has the power to put the story out is the Government."

He was alluding to Title 18 of the United States Code, which prohibits divulging classified information.

"Congress has the power to request that the Army declassify certain information," Mr. Rothblatt said. He declined, however, to demand a Congressional investigation of the matter.

"We are asking, or rather suggesting," he said, "that the members of the House who have the power to call an investigation call one to remove the implication of guilt."