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GEORGE H. YOUNG

Demotion recommended

Demotion For My Lai General?

COLUMBUS (Ga.) — (AP) — Army Chief of Staff William Westmoreland has recommended demoting Brig. Gen. George Young Jr. to colonel for allegedly failing to investigate the My Lai massacre, the Columbus, Ga., Enquirer reported today.

The newspaper, quoting "reliable sources," said Westmoreland made the recommendation last week to Army Secretary Stanley Resor.

Young was assistant commander of the Americal Division during the My Lai assault on March 16, 1968. He now is director of maintenance for the Army Material Command in Washington, D.C.

Young, 50, was charged last year with dereliction of duty for failing to see that a proper investigation of the My Lai incident was carried out.

The charges were dropped last June by 1st Army commander Lt. Gen. Jonathan Seaman, who said the allegations were "unsupported by the evidence."

The status of officers and enlisted men cleared of criminal charges stemming from My Lai is being reviewed with the possibility of "administration action" against them, an Army spokesman said at the Pentagon.