

## PENTAGON IS SILENT ON MYLAI CHARGES

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WASHINGTON Jan. 19—A spokesman for the Pentagon declined Wednesday to comment on renewed charges that the Army had covered up the massacre at Mylai in South Vietnam in 1968. Jerry W. Friedman, the Defense Department spokesman, said "our legal officers feel public comment at this time is inappropriate because the Calley case is still pending review."

Mr. Friedheim referred to the case of Lieut. William L. Calley Jr., who was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. That was subsequently cut to 20 years by Army authorities but President Nixon has announced that he will give the case a final review personally.

The new cover-up charges were made by Seymour Hersh, who first brought the atrocity to public light in 1969. In an article in the current issue of The New Yorker, he said that, according to Army documents, 347 men, women and children were killed by American soldiers at the hamlet. The usually accepted figure had been under 200.