Army Hears Appeal by Lt. Calley

Ft. Benning, Ga.

Lieutenant William L. Calley Jr. yesterday appealed privately for clemency to a three - officer panel which will recommend whether any changes should be made in the former platoon leader's 20 - year sentence for the murder of 22 civilians at My Lai.

Calley met for one hour and 55 minutes with the officers from the Army's Clemency and Parole Review Board in his duplex apartment where he has been under house arrest since his sentencing about 20 months ago.

But what he had to say to the panel remained a secret between the 29 - year - old Calley and the visiting officers from the Army's main disciplinary barracks at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

The officers can propose a wide variety of actions, ranging from freedom immediately for Calley t.) no change at all in his sentence.

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