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**State Dept. Aide<sup>s</sup>  
Not Promoted  
Due to Mylai**

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The scheduled promotion of a foreign service officer was held up yesterday because of charges that he helped conceal the circumstances of the Mylai massacre in 1968.

James A. May of California was on the State Department's current list of foreign service officers scheduled for promotion to class 2, second highest grade in the service.

His name was deleted by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which gave routine approval to the rest of the list.

Rep. Samuel S. Stratton, a New York Democrat, requested the deletion, noting that May was "the State Department official immediately and directly responsible for the failure to report the allegations about atrocities at Mylai."

Stratton was a member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee which investigated the Defense Department's handling of the incident and reported "a concerted action among military and State Department officers to suppress all evidence of the allegation and its investigation."

"Mr. May is the State Department official the subcommittee was referring to," Stratton said in a statement to the Senate committee.