A Question Of How Free Calley Is

Columbus, Ga.

Lawyers for Lieutenant William L. Calley Jr. yesterday requested clarification from the Army as to just how much freedom Calley has. The lieutenant is still a military prisoner.

Calley, 30, convicted nearly three years ago in the My Lai massacre, was freed on personal recognizance in lieu of \$1000 bond Wednesday by U.S. District Judge J. Robert Elliott.

It was Calley's new day in court, a civilian court this time instead of military, and it gave him new hope for his future.

But with the freedom are still restraints, some imposed by the Army and some self-imposed.

"As an adjudicated military prisoner, he is still subject to Army regulations," said an Army spokesman who declined to be named.

"The Army still has some responsibility to him and he still has some responsibility to the Army. The crunch is — what are they?" the spokesman added.

"We have requested clarification from the Pentagon as to Calley's status," said Kenneth M. Henson, the local civilian attorney who pleaded for his bail.

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