

Judge to Consider Calley Bond

Columbus, Ga.

A federal judge took under advisement yesterday a ruling on whether William L. Calley Jr., now a civilian, should remain free on bond.

However, Judge J. Robert Elliott indicated strongly that he would continue Calley's bond when he told government attorneys who sought to revoke Calley's bail that he found ample legal precedence for continuing it.

Elliott also named June 24 as a date for the hearing on the merits of Calley's petition which challenges his conviction for murders at My Lai.

Calley, 30, was given a dishonorable discharge from the Army Saturday, soon after President Nixon decided to uphold his twice-reduced sentence, to ten years imprisonment.

Despite the fact that he is now a civilian, Calley is still subject to his court-martial conviction of March, 1971, for the massacre of 22 Vietnamese civilians.

If Elliott denies Calley's petition seeking a reversal of his conviction, Calley would be returned to Army confinement. But he also would be eligible for parole after less than six months of additional imprisonment.

He had been under house arrest at his bachelor apartment at nearby Ft. Benning for nearly three years.

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