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4 More Officers Call On U.S. to Convene War Crime Inquiry

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LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20 — Four young military officers today called for an investigation "of the responsibility" of Gen. William C. Westmoreland, Adm. Elmo Zumwalt and other United States military leaders "for war crimes" in Indochina.

The officers said at a news conference in the Ambassador Hotel here that they "fully support" the five officers who on Jan. 12 called for the creation of Army and Navy boards of inquiry to investigate American military activities in Indochina. That request for a board of inquiry, however, offered no names.

Others cited today included Gen. Creighton W. Abrams; Gen. William W. Momyer of the Air Force, and Gen. Lewis W. Walt and Lieut. Gen. Robert E. Cushman Jr. of the Marine Corps.

Lieut. (jg.) John Kent, Lieut. (jg.) Edward Shallcross and Lieut. (jg.) James Skelly of the Navy and Second Lieut. Norman Banks of the Air Force said today their letters requesting an inquiry would be sent to secretaries of the armed services, the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations and Judiciary Committees.

The young men said three other officers were unable to attend the news conference and would send similar letters. They were identified as Lieut. (jg.) James Schwertman and Lieut. Steven Auer of the Navy and Second Lieut. Ed Kendig of the Marines. The group was introduced by Michael Uhl, an organizer of the National Committee for a Citizens Commission of Inquiry into U. S. War Crimes in Vietnam.