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Court Orders Kent Report Quashed

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A federal appeals court yesterday ordered the special grand jury report that commented on violence on the Kent State University campus quashed, but refused to throw out indictments against 25 students and faculty members.

The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit also ordered all who appeared before the special Portage county grand jury to remain silent.

The indictments against the students, former students and faculty members stemmed from the May 4, 1970, campus violence in which four students were killed by Ohio National Guardsmen.

The three-member appeals court said there was no reason the defendants would not get a fair trial and refused to set aside the indictments.

In ordering the jury report quashed, the appeals panel upheld the decision of U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Williams of Cleveland. The report exonerated National Guardsmen.

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