

**LAIRD SAYS SLAYERS  
WILL ALL BE TRIED**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird said today that any present or former United States serviceman found to have had any role in the reported killing of civilians at Mylai in Vietnam would be brought to trial.

He said that if charges were warranted, "the charges will be made—but we are not going to announce the investigations in advance, because this is not the way we operate in this country."

Mr. Laird was interviewed in the American Broadcasting Company's television and radio program "Issues and Answers."

"It seems to me," Mr. Laird said, "that advance publicity regarding any allegations before an investigation is conducted is certainly not in the American tradition."

NY TIMES

15 DEC 69