Pentagon Won't Comment on Verdict

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WASHINGTON, March 29- Army do that." The second-ranking civilian in the Department of Defense said perience in Vietnam said that United States military policy in tonight that the court-martial of the conviction would not impair Indochina. First Lieut. William L. Calley Army morale.

The official, Under Secretary
Thaddeus R. Beal, said that the court-martial "has been of great concern to anybody who cares concern to anybody who cares to concern to concern to anybody who cares to concern to conc

senior military officials at the Pentagon, conscious of the been a frequent critic of the in detail today.

Army, said that his office had "are bound to feel that they're Democrat of Florida, in whose carefully considered the expect-carrying the terrible burden of district Lieutenant Calley lived,

"There isn't any reaction," General Sidle said. "What can anybody say?" In talking of an

Impact on All Services

The same caution was shown don't." by some former generals, inby some former generals, in- the retired general suggested where he is on the faculty of cluding a past commandant of that a Presidential commission the University of Texas, said the Marine Corps, retired Gen. be appointed to study "the that he had been unaware the Wallace M. Green Jr.

"It certainly has an impact and to decide "who is respondict.
on all the military services," sible for what."
he said. "But I wouldn't want Representative Ronald V. soever," he added.

with them.'

'Scapegoating' Charged

appeal, he said that comment chairman of the board of Johnson said that he would not appropriate."

Arthur D. Little, Inc., said that have no comment. it was "tragic when a lieutenant work to be a comment." it was "tragic when a lieutenant in the infantry gets convicted Mr. Johnson's special assistant and officers flying bombers for national security affairs,

whole problem of war crimes" Calley court had reached a ver-

to make a comment. Let the Dellums, Democrat of California, has proposed legislation for A colonel with extensive ex- a Congressional inquiry into

Today, Mr. Dellums said that Jr. was "a pretty wrenching experience" for the Army.

The official. Under Secretary

The colonel, who asked not to be identified by name, said:

"As people look into the evi
Congressional action on the war

Members of a special investigating panel of the House bout the Army."

toons into places like Mylai for Armed Services Committee, which conducted an inquiry inquiry officials at the Services Committee, into the Mylai affair last year. refused to discuss the verdict

Pentagon, conscious of the been a frequent critic of the significance and sensitivity of Vietnam war, James M. Gavin, the Calley case, would comment directly on the verdict. "devastating in its implications Maj. Gen. Winant Sidle, chief for the morale of the Army."

of public information for the point of the said, the said, the said of the said, the said of the said of the said, the said of the said of the said, the said of the said o ed requests for comment on the the war, that the buck stops said that the conviction "simply points up the poignant tragedy

General Gavin, who is now for former President Lyndon B.

Walt W. Rostow, who was reached by telephone in Austin, The retired general suggested where he is on the faculty of

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