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PRESIDENT ORDERS CALLEY RELEASED FROM STOCKADE

Lieutenant Will Be Confined to Quarters at Ft. Benning
Pending Review of Case

Years of Appeals Seen

Ziegler Says Nixon Acted on His 'Own Initiative,'
Not in Response to Telegrams

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"Mr. Ziegler said that the President's order was 'not a legal step.' When questioned, he said that Mr. Nixon was aware of the pro-Calley sentiment throughout the country that has been expressed in thousands of telegrams to the White House. But Mr. Ziegler said that the action 'was taken at the President's own initiative.'"

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The order, Mr. Ziegler said, was relayed by Admiral Moorer to Lieut. Gen. Albert O. Connor, commander of the Third Army, at Fort Benning. Mr. Nixon, he said, acted not in his capacity as Commander in Chief, but as President.