

Calley Denied Reduced Sentence

Washington

Army Secretary Robert F. Froehlke yesterday turned down an appeal from Lieutenant William Calley that his jail sentence for the My Lai massacre be reduced from 20 to 17 years.

The decision by Froehlke, on his last day as Army secretary, is separate from an appeal of Calley's conviction, now pending before the U.S. Court of Military Appeals.

Calley has been under house arrest at Ft. Benning, Ga., since his conviction before a court-martial board two years ago.

An Army-Air Force Clem-

ency and Parole Board had recommended the three-year reduction in Calley's sentence which Froehlke rejected.

President Nixon has said he will ultimately pass on the Calley case.

In his court-martial, Calley was sentenced to life in prison for the premeditated murder in March 1968 of no fewer than 22 Vietnamese civilians and assault with intent to murder a Vietnamese child.

On Aug. 20, 1971, the commander of the Third Army reduced the sentence to 20 years, a penalty upheld by the Army Court of Military Review last February 16.

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