

Calley's Lawyers Lose Watergate-Linked Plea

Washington

The highest court of military law yesterday turned down attempts by attorneys

for First Lieutenant William L. Calley Jr. to make the government disclose any White House involvement in

the investigation of the My Lai massacre.

Attorneys for Calley, who is under a 20-year sentence for killing at least 22 civilians at My Lai, had sought June 18 to force disclosure of the role played in the My Lai investigation by John J. Caulfield and Anthony F. Ulasewicz, who have been linked to the Watergate coverup.

The Calley defense team presented the U.S. Court of Military Appeals with published references that Caulfield and Ulasewicz interviewed participants in the 1968 My Lai massacre on behalf of the White House "to determine if the first accounts of their atrocity were correct." The defense asked the court to force disclosure of transcripts of interviews, wiretaps, logs and any other records that have not come to light.

In rejecting the request, the court said Calley's attorneys had not indicated the new material had any bearing on evidence admitted at the lieutenant's trial or that it might have resulted in a more favorable verdict or sentence.

In addition, the court said,

Calley's lawyers did not claim the alleged White House investigations in any way violated either the Constitution or the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

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