Calley May Look for a Job

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Army Lieutenant William L. Calley Jr., who is free on bail from his 1971 court-martial conviction in the My Lai massacre, can take a job to pay off his debts and finance his defense, the Pentagon has ruled.

In a letter to Calley's civil-

ian lawyer in Columbus, Ga., the Army's judge advocate general ruled that no extraordinary, restrictions should be placed on Calley as long as he remains an officer.

The ruling means that once Calley obtains clearance from his commanding officer, he will be free to seek employment, providing the job "does not bring discredit upon himself or his service."

Calley originally was sentenced to life imprisonment, but the sentence later was reduced to 20 years through military appeals. On April 16, Army Secretary Howard H. Callaway cut the term to

ten years and sent the case to President Nixon for final review.

The President could either concur in the reduced sentence, or reduce it even further. If he concurs, Calley will be sent to the Ft. Leavenworth disciplinary barracks to serve at least six months of his time remaining, taking into account time off for good behavior.

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