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Col. Herbert is describing the similarities between instruction card, "CYA card," given to troops in Vietnam, and card given to troops assigned to riot duty in the United States.

The card has eight special orders .....

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Item 6: "I will to the maximum extent possible" - to the maximum extent possible, now - "let civilian police arrest civilians, but when assistance is necessary or in the absence of civilian police, I have the responsibility and the authority to detain or take into custody rioters, looters or any others committing offences. It is my duty to deliver evidence and to complete evidence tags" - that's a prisoner of war tag - "and detainee forms" - like we do on the Vietnamese - "in accordance with my instructions." That means if you walk out of Rich's Department Store - there's a riot in Atlanta - I'll tell you what it means to every troop.

You walk out with your daughter or your young son - we'll say your daughter - and two GI's come down there and take a liking to your daughter. They decide they want to ["police"?] her up, don't interfere, because they'll damn well take her away from you and take her out, and they have the authority to hold her up to 60 days. And the same thing happened to many a young girl in Vietnam, where a father got a rap in the mouth with a rifle butt, and the girl ended up with 14 men, [whom] the Army says she can no longer identify, 14 men raping her repeatedly, sodomy, and her intestine punctured, where she goes down and we pay a Vietnamese doctor to fill out a medical slip that she was not a good girl anyway, she was 10 years old, and the Army says, Well, if she could not identify her 14 assailants by name, that's why we - we remember the case - but of course they fail to add that she was dead, she was Vietnamese, but they also fail to add I identified them by name for General Barnes - I not only identified them, I gave him all the certificates and everything that had to go with it.

Item 7: .....