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MILITARY JUDGE REDUCES POTENTIAL CONFINEMENT FOR PFC. BRADLEY E. MANNING

WASHINGTON – The military judge presiding in the case of United States vs. Pfc. Bradley E. Manning announced her rulings on three separate defense motions seeking merger of several specifications for findings and sentencing.

Col. Denise Lind, the military judge, denied the defense's motions seeking merger of four specifications for purposes of findings but ruled that several specifications were duplicative for purposes of sentencing. This resulted in a reduction of maximum potential sentence to confinement from 136 years to 90 years. Manning still faces potential maximum penalty of reduction of rank to private (E-1); dishonorable discharge; forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

The prosecution sentencing case will resume at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7.

Pfc. Manning was found guilty of wrongfully causing intelligence to be published on the internet knowing that it is accessible to the enemy; theft of public property or records; transmitting defense information; fraud and related activity in connection with computers; and violation of Army Regulations 25-2 "Information Assurance" and 380-5 "Department of the Army Information Security Program."

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