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PFC BRADLEY MANNING'S ARTICLE 32 HEARING SCHEDULED

FORT LESLEY J. MCNAIR, D.C. – The Commander, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall has directed an Article 32 hearing in the matter of United States vs. Pfc. Bradley E. Manning, Friday, Dec. 16, at Fort George G. Meade, Md.

Pfc. Manning is charged with aiding the enemy in violation of Article 104, Uniformed Code of Military Justice (UCMJ); 16 specifications under Article 134, UCMJ: wrongfully causing intelligence to be published on the internet knowing that it is accessible to the enemy; five specifications of Theft of Public Property or Records, in violation of 18 United States Code (U.S.C.) 641; eight specifications of Transmitting Defense Information, in violation of 18 U.S.C. 793(e); two specifications of Fraud and Related Activity in Connection with Computers in violation of 18 U.S.C. 1030(a)(1) ; and five specifications under Article 92, UCMJ, for violating Army Regulations 25-2 "Information Assurance" and 380-5 "Department of the Army Information Security Program."

If convicted of all charges, Manning would face a maximum punishment of reduction to the lowest enlisted pay grade, E-1; total forfeiture of all pay and allowances; confinement for life; and a dishonorable discharge.

Article 32 of the UCMJ requires the completion of a pre-trial investigation before a case may be referred to trial. The investigating officer inquires into the truth of the matters set forth in the charges, and makes a recommendation to the Special Court Martial Convening Authority as to disposition of the charges. An Article 32 hearing is similar to a civilian grand jury, with additional rights afforded to the accused. Some of those additional rights include the right to be present during the investigation; the right to cross-examine prosecution witnesses; and the right to have evidence within the control of military authorities produced at the investigation.

For media queries and information on credentialing for this Article 32 hearing, email mediadesk@jfhqncr.ds.mil or call the U.S. Army Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office at 202-685-4645.