

INSTRUCTIONS ON PROCEDURE AFTER ARRAIGNMENT.

1. The accused may not plead or be found Guilty on more than one of two or more charges laid in the alternative. (RP 37(A)). As to withdrawal of alternative charges by Prosecutor see RP 35(C). No other charge can be withdrawn for any reason without authority from Convening Officer. If Convening Officer concurs, Court may accept plea of Guilty to lesser, etc. offence. (RP 44(H)). Accused may change a plea of Not Guilty to Guilty during trial. (RP 38.) As to refusing to plead or not pleading initially see RP 35(A). As to plea when sentence may be death see RP 35(D).

2. The proceedings on each charge sheet (RP 62) after arraignment will be conducted as follows in the respective circumstances stated:

I. If pleas to all charges are GUILTY, use Record Form B below.

II. If pleas to all charges are NOT GUILTY, use Record Form D on p 3.

III. If pleas to some charges are GUILTY and to other charges are NOT GUILTY and,

(a) Such mixed pleas occur when there are no alternative charges in the Charge Sheet, use Record Form C below. (RP 37(A)).

(b) Such mixed pleas occur in a set of two or more charges laid in the alternative, see RP 37(A) and fn 2 as to discretion of Court, (i) to try the accused on all such alternative charges as if he had pleaded Not Guilty thereto, or, (ii) to record the pleas as the findings of Court. After deciding between (i) and (ii), Court will proceed under foregoing instrs as may be appropriate to result of its decision. See MML p 744 Instrs (2).

3. As to responsibility of President to accused see RP 59, 60(C); powers and duties of JA see RP 103; duty of Prosecutor see RP 60(A) (B); duty and privileges of accused and Defending Officer see RP 60(C), 87(C), 91, 92; swearing of witnesses from Court see RP 81, 82; questioning of accused see RP 80, 87(C), 92(B), and of witnesses see RP 83-85; calling or re-calling of witnesses by Court etc see RP 75-79, 86, 116; use of Summary of Evidence at Trial see RP 17(E) fn 6; and responsibility of JA or Pres to record proceedings see RP 94, 96.

RECORD FORM B—PROCEEDINGS ON PLEAS OF GUILTY TO ALL CHARGES.

B1. The President or JA, if any, complies with RP 35(B) by explaining to the accused the nature and meaning of the charge(s), and that on his plea of Guilty there will be no regular trial but merely a consideration of the sentence to be awarded after he has been given an opportunity to make a statement in reference to the charge(s). call witnesses as to character and make an address in mitigation of punishment. (RP 35 fn 3. 2. MML p 54 para 47.)

B2. President to accused: The Court will now receive any statement you desire to make in reference to the charge(s). If it appears from your statement that there are circumstances which indicate that you do not understand the effect of the plea of Guilty, or which show provocation or extenuation in respect of which in your interest the witnesses for the Prosecution should be examined, we shall advise you to change your plea to Not Guilty. In making a statement you will not be sworn or subject to cross-examination; and anything you say will not be used in evidence against you after you change your plea. If, however, it appears to the Court that your statement affects only the amount of punishment to which you are liable, you will not be advised to change your plea and you will be given an opportunity later to prove your statement by sworn testimony, if you so desire. (2)

President to accused: Do you wish to make a statement? Ans. 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