

(As of 5 Nov 70)

55. BARBOUR-DROLSHAGEN-MORTON ALLEGATION (CCI)ALLEGATION: Murder and torture of unknown Vietnamese nationals.SUBJECT/SUSPECTS: 1. Unidentified tank commander, 101st Abn Div, RVN.
2. Unidentified Major, 1st Bde, 25th Inf Div, RVN.COMPLAINANT: 1. Mr. Edward Barbour, [ADDRESS REDACTED]
(former SP4, 101st Abn Div).
2. Mr. John C. Drolshagen, [ADDRESS REDACTED]
(former 1LT, Pacification Gp, S-2, 25th Inf Div).
3. Mr. Frederick Morton, [ADDRESS REDACTED]
[xx] (former E5, 541st MI Det, 11th Armd Cav Reg).BACKGROUND: On 18 Aug 70, at the John Marshal Hotel, Richmond, Va, Barbour, Drolshagen and Morton made allegations of war crimes during a press conference sponsored by the National Committee for a Citizens' Commission of Inquiry on US War Crimes in Vietnam (CCI). Mr Barbour alleged that: In Jul 68, 27 innocent civilians were killed near An Loy, RVN, by a US tank firing flechet rounds into a house suspected of being occupied by VC, and that an official Army investigation resulted in "no action" even though it was determined that the occupants of the house were non-combatants; and in 1968 he observed five wounded VC suspects loaded into a medi-vac helicopter and later heard from a friend that the suspects never made it to the base camp. Mr Drolshagen alleged that: (1) While assigned to military intelligence in Chu Chi, he witnessed and participated in the wiring of VC suspects' genitals to jeep batteries to obtain information; (2) he witnessed a VC suspect staked out by a US Army major and sliced with a knife, the major then cutting the suspect's throat; and (3) he witnessed the wiring together of corpses and dragging them through villages to scare any VC present. Mr Morton alleged that: He witnessed an 11th Cav helicopter unload several corpses at Bien Hoa and place them in front of a tent occupied by COL [REDACTED], with a note "compliments of the 11th ARC;" and while assigned to field intelligence duties he witnessed an ARVN soldier use a cigarette to burn a VC as a means to obtain information.STATUS/PROGNOSIS: CID investigation completed; case closed.

Messrs. Drolshagen, Morton, and Barbour were interviewed by CID and all declined to make written statements or answer questions concerning their allegations. Due to the lack of cooperation on the part of the three witnesses and the lack of any investigative leads, further investigation is terminated.

WITNESSES: Messrs. Barbour, Drolshagen, and Morton.INITIATED BY WHOM: OGINFO, HQ, DA.RESPONSE TO INITIATOR: Complainants interviewed by CID.