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(As of 4 August 1972)

206. BUNGE ALLEGATION (VVAW-WSI)

ALLEGATION: 1. Attempted murder of VN male.
2. Desecration of graves.
3. Gassing of VN civilians.

SUBJECT/SUSPECTS: Unidentified CO and members of Co B/3/187th Inf, 101st Abn Div.

COMPLAINANT: Mr. William S. Bunge, former 1LT, Co B/3/187th Inf, 101st Abn Div, Jul 68 - Jun 69.

BACKGROUND: Between 31 Jan and 2 Feb 71, at Detroit, MI, Mr. Bunge testified at the "Winter Soldier Investigation" (WSI) as a member of an organization identified as the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). Mr. Bunge alleged that in the presence of his CO, several members of the HQ section, using an M-60 machine gun and an 81mm mortar, fired at an unarmed VN civilian. The CO took no action to stop the soldiers. Mr. Bunge does not believe the civilian was hit. Mr. Bunge also stated that on another occasion, his CO ordered that a grave be excavated for no reason other than morbid curiosity. Mr. Bunge further alleged that while assigned at Camp Evans, it was standard procedure to use CS (tear gas) to disperse civilians in the camp trash dumps.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: Investigation completed; supplemental investigative efforts completed; unfounded.

In an interview with a CID investigator on 12 Oct 71, Mr. Bunge reiterated the statements which he made before the VVAW, and provided names of possible witnesses. He did not, however, provide the names of the individuals allegedly involved in the incidents, or the name of his former CO. Mr. Bunge declined to sign a written statement stating that he wished to seek legal counsel. Former members of Mr. Bunge's unit were interviewed including former commanding officers of Co B, and no evidence other than Bunge's unsigned statement was revealed that supported the allegations.

WITNESSES: 1. CPT
2. CPT
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4. CPT
5. Other former members of Co B/3/187th Inf.

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INITIATED BY WHOM: AGC; WSI material is contained in the Congressional Records of 6 and 7 Apr 71.

RESPONSE TO INITIATOR: AGC has been notified of review and evaluation.

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