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(As of 19 Aug 71)

166. CRAIG ALLEGATION (VVAW-WSI)

ALLEGATION: Murder of unidentified VN.

SUBJECT/SUSPECTS: Unidentified members of 2/8th Bde, 1st Air Cav Div.

COMPLAINANT: Mr. Douglas S. Craig, former SP4, Co D, 2/8th Bde, 1st Air Cav Div, Dec 68 - Aug 69.

BACKGROUND: Between 31 Jan and 2 Feb 71, at Detroit, MI, Mr. Craig testified at the "Winter Soldier Investigation" (WSI) as a member of an organization identified as the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). Mr. Craig alleged that between Mar and Aug 69, at LZ St. Barber, RVN, unidentified members of his battalion nightly fired mortar rounds into a local dump with the knowledge that local civilians would be scavenging food. Mr. Craig said that, as a result of this mortaring, approximately two civilians a week were killed.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: Investigation completed; insufficient evidence.

In a CID interview on 8 Jun 71, Mr. Craig stated that he had no direct information that civilians were killed and had no knowledge as to who fired the mortars or what targets were offered. He further stated that he had misgivings about testifying in Detroit, as he could not substantiate the allegations. Mr. Craig said he did not desire to make a written statement because he said he had nothing to offer.

WITNESSES: Not identified.

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

RESPONSE TO INITIATOR: AGC notified of review and evaluation.

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