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178. DZAGULONES ALLEGATION (VVAW-WSI)

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ALLEGATION: Torture and assault of PW's/VC suspects.

SUBJECT/SUSPECTS: 1. Mr. Dzagulones (see COMPLAINANT).
2. Unidentified MAJ, Bde S-2, HQ, 11th Bde, 23d Inf Div.
3. Two unidentified CIA agents.

COMPLAINANT: Mr. Donald J. Dzagulones, former SP5, 1st Tm, 635th MI Det,
Jan - Dec 69.

BACKGROUND: Between 31 Jan and 2 Feb 71, at Detroit, MI, Mr. Dzagulones testified at the "Winter Soldier Investigation" (WSI) as a member of an organization identified as the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). Mr. Dzagulones alleged that in Mar 69, at HQ Bde, Duc Pho, Quang Ngai Province, he witnessed the Bde S-2, an unidentified MAJ, torture a wounded NVA PW by prodding his wounds and using smelling salts because the PW would not respond to questioning. The incident occurred at the Bde aid station and was witnessed by a doctor and two MP's, none of whom took action to prevent the torture. In Aug 68, at Duc Pho, two CIA agents interrogated a suspected spy with the aid of electrical torture via field phone and beating. The interrogation ended when the PW was rendered unconscious. The agents then placed him in a jeep and dumped him north of Duc Pho on Highway 1. Dzagulones further alleged that in Jun 69, at Duc Pho, he conducted an interrogation in which Scout Dogs were used to scare the PW's. The dogs were restrained by their handlers, but one prisoner was bitten on the leg.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: Investigation completed; insufficient evidence.

Attempts by CID to identify the unidentified MAJ referred to by Mr. Dzagulones in his allegations were unsuccessful. On 7 Jul 71, Mr. Dzagulones telephonically contacted CID and stated that he would not answer any questions concerning his allegations of war crimes. He said all he had to say had been said before the WSI committee.

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 has been notified of review and evaluation.

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