

(As of 19 Aug 71)

199. FARRELL ALLEGATION (VVAW-WSI)

ALLEGATION: 1. Murder of a VN child.
2. Maltreatment of PW.
3. Destruction of crops and livestock.

SUBJECT/SUSPECTS: Unidentified Plt Ldr, NCO, and members of Co A, 2/60th Inf, 9th Inf Div.

COMPLAINANT: Mr. Michael G. Farrell, former SP4, Co A, 2/60th Inf, 9th Inf Div, Jan 67 - Jan 68.

BACKGROUND: Between 31 Jan and 2 Feb 71, at Detroit, MI, Mr. Farrell testified at the "Winter Soldier Investigation" (WSI) as a member of an organization identified as the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). Mr. Farrell testified that he saw a man shoot a child in the village of An Neut Tan in order to scare him and make the child leave a garbage dump. Mr. Farrell alleged that in the same village, he saw an NCO kick a PW and step on his wounded foot. On another occasion, crops and animals were destroyed, in one case by his platoon leader. Mr. Farrell also said that a village in Long An Province was burned during Easter 67 for no reason.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: Investigation completed; insufficient evidence.

In a 9 Jul 71 CID interview, Mr. Farrell stated that after consulting his lawyer, he was advised not to make any statements or provide any information concerning his allegations.

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.