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181. KEYES ALLEGATION (VVAW-WSI)

ALLEGATION: 1. Gassing of villages.
2. Aggravated assault.
3. Destruction of private property.

SUBJECT/SUSPECTS: Unidentified members of E Trp, 1st Cav Regt, 11th Bde, 23d Inf Div.

COMPLAINANT: Mr. Gary Keyes, former SP4, E Trp, 1st Cav Regt, 11th Bde, 23d Inf Div, Apr 69 - Mar 70.

BACKGROUND: Between 31 Jan and 2 Feb 71, at Detroit, MI, Mr. Keyes testified at the "Winter Soldier Investigation" (WSI) as a member of an organization identified as Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). Mr. Keyes stated that mostly between Duc Pho and Sai Wen, RVN, he saw the gassing of villages and .50 cal. casings thrown at civilians which at times resulted in injuries. Mr. Keyes also saw, at an undisclosed location, two SGT's firing a .50 cal. machine gun at several fishermen in the ocean for the sport of it. Mr. Keyes alleged that he and members of his unit fired M-79 grenade launchers, M-16 rifles, and M-60 machine guns at fishermen in a lake for no reason. Also between the aforementioned villages, he saw homes and rice paddies destroyed, apparently for no reason.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: Investigation completed; insufficient evidence.

On 14 and 15 Jun 71, Mr. Keyes was interviewed by CID investigators. He declined to make any statement or answer any questions concerning his allegations. Investigation will be reopened upon receipt of substantive information.

WITNESSES: Not identified.

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

RESPONSE TO INITIATOR: AGC notified of review and evaluation.

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