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192. KEYS ALLEGATION (VVAW-WSI)

ALLEGATION: 1. Forced evacuation of VN villages.  
2. Destruction of private property.

SUBJECT/SUSPECTS: 1. Mr. Keys (see COMPLAINANT).  
2. Members of Mr. Keys' former unit.

COMPLAINANT: Mr. Eugene H. Keys, former SP4, 3/4th Cav, 25th Inf Div,  
Feb 66 - Feb 67.

BACKGROUND: Between 31 Jan and 2 Feb 71, at Detroit, MI, Mr. Keys testified at the "Winter Soldier Investigation" (WSI) as a member of an organization identified as the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). Mr. Keys alleged that sometime in Jan 67, in an area known as "Ho Bo Woods," his unit, while operating in the area, forcibly evacuated the residents of a village and subsequently destroyed all of the buildings, threw rice into the village wells, and killed all of the fowl and livestock.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: Investigation completed; insufficient evidence.

Mr. Keys was interviewed by CID on 3 Sep 71. He declined to make a statement concerning his allegations. He further stated that he would make a statement only to a joint session of Congress.

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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