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185, LYTLE ALLEGATION (VVAW-WSI)

ALLEGATION: 1. Indiscriminate use of fire power.
2. Destruction of private property.

SUBJECT/SUSPECTS: Unidentified members of E Co, 6/15th Arty, 1st Inf Div.

COMPLAINANT: Mr. John Lytle, former SP4, E Co, 6/15th Arty, 1st Inf Div,
Aug 67 - Mar 69.

BACKGROUND: * Between 31 Jan and 2 Feb 71, at Detroit, MI, Mr. Lytle testified at the "Winter Soldier Investigation" (WSI) as a member of an organization identified as the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). Mr. Lytle alleged that during harassment and interdiction fire, 105 MM shells were at times fired into villages at night as a result of movements in the villages. Mr. Lytle inferred that no efforts were made to determine who was in the target area and the firing resulted in the destruction of villages.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: Investigation completed; insufficient evidence.

In a 16 Jun 71 CID interview, Mr. Lytle stated that the villages were fired on because it was suspected that VC occupied them and because incoming fire had been received from the approximate area. Mr. Lytle was unable to identify any of the personnel involved or name specific incidents.

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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