

(As of 1 Jul 71)

169. MALLORY ALLEGATION (VVAW-WSI)

ALLEGATION:

1. Murder of unidentified VN.
2. Desecration of enemy graves.
3. Aggravated assault.
4. Larceny and destruction of private property.

SUBJECT/SUSPECTS: Unidentified members assigned or attached to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

COMPLAINANT: Mr. John Mallory, former CPT, assigned to the 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, May 69 - May 70.

BACKGROUND: Between 31 January and 2 February 1971, at Detroit, Michigan, Mr. Mallory testified at the "Winter Soldier Investigation" (WSI) as a member of an organization identified as Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). Mr. Mallory alleged that in the vicinity of Quang Loi Base Camp, he observed a deliberately low-flying American aircraft strike and kill a Vietnamese male. Mr. Mallory further alleged that while on military operations, unidentified members of his regiment, operating vehicles at excessive speeds, struck and killed Vietnamese civilians. On several occasions, unidentified members of his regiment violated enemy graves and used skulls taken from the graves as candle holders. Also, in Loc Ninh, two unidentified American soldiers severely beat a young boy about 12 years old, breaking his arm. Mr. Mallory also related that he and an unidentified CPT led their troops to an area where Vietnamese were selling their wares. The wares were taken and destroyed. Mallory said that on military operations, unidentified members of his regiment destroyed crops, livestock and homes of Vietnamese civilians.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: Investigation completed; insufficient evidence.

In a 17 June 1971 CID interview, Mr. Mallory refused to cite specific or factual information concerning his allegations; nor identify any of the persons involved. He said that he and the VVAW were only interested in getting a Congressional investigation initiated on US policy in Vietnam. 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 April 1971.

RESPONSE TO INITIATOR: AGC notified of review and evaluation.