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(As of 4 Aug 71)

175. PUGSLEY ALLEGATION (VVAW-WSI)

ALLEGATION: Indiscriminate destruction of livestock.

SUBJECT/SUSPECT: Unidentified COL, 5th Special Forces Group.

COMPLAINANT: Mr. Donald Pugsley, former SP4, 5th Special Forces Group,
Oct 69 - Dec 69.

BACKGROUND: Between 31 Jan and 2 Feb 71, at Detroit, MI, Mr. Pugsley testified at the "Winter Soldier Investigation" (WSI) as a member of an organization identified as the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). Mr. Pugsley alleged that in Dec 69, an unidentified COL ordered a gunship to strafe water buffalo in Poli-Klang village.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: Investigation completed; unsubstantiated.

In a sworn statement to CID on 19 Jul 71, Mr. Pugsley stated that he was told by another individual that during a helicopter mission to extract a Special Forces Team, a U.S. Army LTC ordered a gunship pilot to strafe water buffalo with the aircraft's miniguns. However, the pilot, according to Mr. Pugsley, refused to strafe the water buffalo, and the mission was completed.

WITNESSES: SP4 Redacted (not further 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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