

(As of 16 Sep 71)

205. WILLIAM RICE ALLEGATION (VVAW-WSI)

ALLEGATION: 1. Murder of PW's.
2. Torture of PW's.
3. Maltreatment of PW's.

SUBJECT/SUSPECTS: Unidentified SGT, "Tiger Scouts," officers and members of D Co, 3d Bn, 47th Inf, or HQ, 3d Bde, 9th Inf Div.

COMPLAINANT: Mr. William Rice, former SP4, D Co, 3d Bn, 47th Inf and HQ, 3d Bde, 9th Inf Div.

BACKGROUND: Between 31 Jan and 2 Feb 71, at Detroit, MI, Mr. Rice testified at the "Winter Soldier Investigation" (WSI) as a member of an organization identified as Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). Mr. Rice alleged that on one occasion, NE of Giong Trom city, Giong Trom District, Kien Hoa Province, RVN, while on field operations, a VC suspect was left behind after being treated. Mr. Rice said he was told a few minutes later that a SGT had slit the wounded man's throat. Mr. Rice further alleged that he witnessed the beating and torture of VC suspects by officers and "Tiger Scouts." Torture of detainees occurred more often in the Delta area. Detainees' heads were forced under water for periods of time in order to obtain information.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: Investigation completed; insufficient evidence.

Mr. Rice was interviewed by CID on 24 Aug 71. He declined to make any statements or provide any information to CID concerning his allegations.

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.