

(As of 27 Aug 70)

**45. ROTTMANN/UHL ALLEGATION (CCI)\***

- ALLEGATION:
1. Presence of nerve agents in RVN.
  2. Suppression of war crime information from news media.
  3. Wearing of ears and scalps of enemy by US Forces.
  4. Murder of enemy personnel attempting to surrender.
  5. Destruction of VN villages by bombing and napalm.
  6. Torture of VC/NVA.

SUBJECT/SUSPECTS: Unidentified US Forces, RVN.

- COMPLAINANT:
1. Mr. Michael J. Uhl, [SSN REDACTED], [ADDRESS REDACTED],  
[XX] (former 1LT, MI, 1st MI Team, 11th Bde, Americal Div).
  - \* 2. Mr. Larry L. Rottmann, [ADDRESS REDACTED], (former 1LT, PIO, 25th  
Inf Div).

BACKGROUND: Rottmann and Uhl made their allegations at a press conference in Boston, MS, on 7 May 70. The conference was arranged by the National Committee for a Citizens' Commission of Inquiry on US War Crimes in Vietnam (NVI)\*. Photographs allegedly depicting maltreatment of the enemy, a copy of FM 21-40 (CBR and Nuclear Defense), and a purportedly classified battle map were used by Rottmann and Uhl to substantiate their allegations. The only allegations specifically described were: (1) the use of a field telephone to extract information from a 16-year-old VN female, and (2) airmobile assaults by the 4th Bn, 9th Inf, 25th Inf Div in Jan 69 four or five miles inside Cambodia.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: CID investigation completed; case closed.

CID attempts to interview Rottmann and Uhl, following their news conference, were unsuccessful. The investigator was referred to Rottmann's attorney, Mr. Richard M. Howland, who said that Rottmann would not make a statement. Uhl referred the investigator to Mr. Jerry Rifkin, National Coordinator for the Citizens' Commission of Inquiry. Rifkin stated that any request for statements must be made on official letter-head addressed to the Commission. All subsequent attempts to contact Rottmann and Uhl were unsuccessful. Investigation concluded, based on the lack of cooperation from Rottmann and Uhl and the lack of any definitive leads to follow, that there was insufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the allegations.

WITNESSES: Rottmann and Uhl (complainants).

INITIATED BY WHOM: ODSGS(CAR).

RESPONSE TO INITIATOR: N/A.

\* NVI shortened to CCI; affiliated with the Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW)

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