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170. WEBER ALLEGATION (VVAW-WSI)

ALLEGATION:

1. Murder of unidentified VN and PW.
2. Assault.
3. Destruction of private property.

SUBJECT/SUSPECTS:

1. Unidentified personnel, US Forces.
2. Unidentified LT, Co A, 1/6th Inf, 198th Lt Inf Bde, 23d Inf Div.

COMPLAINANT: Mr. Jim Weber, former SGT, 1/6th Inf, 198th Lt Inf Bde, 23d Inf Div, Nov '67 - Nov 68.

BACKGROUND: Between 31 Jan and 2 Feb 71, at Detroit, MI, Mr. Weber testified at the "Winter Soldier Investigation" (WSI) as a member of an organization identified as Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW). Mr. Weber alleged that VN civilians were shot and a man was pushed out of a helicopter. Mr. Weber also alleged that when he tried to feed a detainee, an unidentified LT kicked the food out of the PW's mouth. When Weber told the officer he could not do that, the officer threatened him with an Art. 15 and a court-martial; but nothing came of it. Mr. Weber further related his unit burned a village because the inhabitants had too much rice.

STATUS/PROGNOSIS: Investigation completed; insufficient evidence.

In a 15 Jun 71 CID interview, Mr. Weber refused to make any statements concerning his allegations. He stated the only subject he would identify was Lyndon B. Johnson and that the purpose of his appearance before the VVAW was to stop the mass murders in Vietnam and not have the soldiers prosecuted. 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 Apr 71.

RESPONSE TO INITIATOR: AGC notified of review and evaluation.

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