

CID REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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PREPARING CID AGENCY 1st MP Detachment (CI) USACIDA, DA Washington, DC 20315	TYPE OF REPORT 1st Progress PERIOD COVERED 30-31 December 1969	REPORT NUMBER 69-CID011-00073 DATE OF REPORT JAN 5 1970
OFFENSE Murder		

SUBJECT(S) (Last name - First name - Middle name - Grade - SSAN - Organization or address and ZIP Code)

BERGTHOLD, James Robert; Civ;

BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION

Investigation initiated upon information developed during the course of investigation surrounding alleged atrocities committed by former members of C Co, 1st Bn, 20th Inf, Americal Division, APO SF 96217.

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Investigation disclosed that on 16 March 1968, at My Lai (4), Republic of Vietnam, BERGTHOLD, by his own admission, shot and killed an unidentified Vietnamese male as an alleged "act of mercy." The incident occurred during a combat assault mission by members of C/1/20, of which BERGTHOLD was a member 3d Sq, 1st Platoon.

SUBSTANTIATION

BERGTHOLD stated that he participated in the combat assault mission on My Lai (4), RVN, during which he came upon a man who had been injured in the legs. BERGTHOLD stated he shot this individual with his assigned M-16 rifle as "an act of mercy". Mr. Robert E. MAPLES, 40 1/2 Ave A, Freehold, NJ, a former member of C/1/20 stated he witnessed BERGTHOLD shoot an unidentified Vietnamese man in the head with a .45 pistol during the operation.

Investigation continues.

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SUBJECT(S) (Show last name and following personal data in order listed: Service number; Security clearance; DOB; POB; Sex; Race; Height; Weight; Hair color; Eye color; Build; Identifying marks; Former name, aliases, or service number; Disposition of subject; Results of repository check.)

BERGTHOLD: None; 27 Aug 47; Niagara Falls, NY; M; Cauc; 70; 190; Brown; Blue; Heavy; former ASN: US 41 772 768; presumed to be at listed address; USAIRR-Negative.

VICTIM(S) (Show full name and following personal data in order listed: SSAN; Service number; Organization or address; Position occupied; Grade or title; Sex; Race; DOB; POB; Former military rank or service number; Location of victim.)

UNKNOWN (Unidentified Vietnamese Male) (Deceased) NFI

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