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1st MP Detachment (CI)
USACIDA, DA
Washington, D.C. 20315

TYPE OF REPORT

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PERIOD COVERED

30 Dec 69 - 3 Mar 70

REPORT NUMBER

69-CID011-00073

OFFENSE

Murder

DATE OF REPORT

6 MAR 1970

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. (OPMG-C-69-494)

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Investigation disclosed that on 16 March 1968, at My Lai (4), Republic of Vietnam, BERGTHOLD, by his own admission, murdered an unidentified Vietnamese male by shooting him in the chest with a .45 caliber pistol. Investigation failed to prove or disprove allegations by Mr. Robert D. MAPLES, a former member of C/1/20, that BERGTHOLD murdered an unidentified Vietnamese male by shooting him in the head with a .45 caliber pistol. Both incidents occurred during a Combat Assault mission by members of C/1/20, of which BERGTHOLD was assistant machine gunner to MAPLES.

Efforts to identify the murder victim(s) met with negative results.

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