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# Army Investigates Alleged Atrocity by General

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—An Army spokesman acknowledged today that an alleged war crime involving a two-star general was under investigation.

The Army's Criminal Investigation Division has been making inquiries since April 30 into allegations that artillery of the 25th Infantry Division blew up a Vietcong hospital complex near the Parrot's Beak Area in Cambodia in February, 1969.

The alleged atrocity was said to have been the result of an order by Maj. Gen. Ellis W. Williamson, then commanding general of the 25th Division.

General Williamson is en route to duty in Iran.

The Army spokesman said that General Williamson had been questioned about the allegation and had categorically denied that the incident had taken place. General Williamson was reported to have said that he had no knowledge of any such incident in Vietnam.

## Investigation Continuing

The Army spokesman said the investigation was continuing, to insure that all the questions that could be raised had been explored. The investigation, he said, was in line with the Army's policy of looking into all allegations that have

enough substance to warrant an inquiry.

The alleged atrocity came to light last April when a former captain, Gregory Haward, who had been on General Williamson's staff in Vietnam, testified that he had been in a staff meeting when the plans for shelling the hospital were made under General Williamson's order.

Mr. Hayward, now a law student at George Washington University here, appeared before an informal hearing on alleged war crimes conducted by Representative Ronald V. Dellums, Democrat of California.

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