

GROUP LEAVES SAIGON AFTER SONGMY STUDY

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, Thursday, Jan. 8—Lieut. Gen. William R. Peers and two civilian lawyers left here this morning after a 12-day inquiry into the alleged massacre of civilians at Songmy. He said the inquiry had uncovered "some things that will have a bearing" on current court-martial proceedings.

General Peers declined to disclose any conclusions of his investigation into whether the Army had covered up an initial report on the alleged atrocity.

He said premature disclosure of his findings would prejudice his report to Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor and the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. William C. Westmoreland.

While General Peers is not directly involved in the courts martial of those American charged with killing civilians in the hamlet on March 16, 1968, he said his report would have a bearing on the trials.

The lawyers accompanying the general were Robert MacCrate and Jerome K. Walsh.

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