

ACCUSING COLONEL FILES HIS CHARGES

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ATLANTA, March 15 — An Army officer preferred formal military charges today against a general and a colonel he has accused of ignoring reports of alleged atrocities in South Vietnam in 1969.

Named in charges filed by Lieut. Col. Anthony B. Herbert were Maj. Gen. John Barnes and Col. J. Ross Franklin, the former commander and deputy commander of one of the Army's most respected combat units, the 173d Airborne Brigade.

Colonel Herbert, who served briefly in the brigade before being relieved of his command, charged both men with dereliction of duty and a failure to comply with military regulations.

General Barnes, now assigned to the Pentagon, has denied the allegations. Colonel Franklin, still serving in Vietnam, has declined to make public comment.

Disposition of the charges now is up to the commanding officers of the accused men.