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WITNESS STATEMENT

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PLACE <u>Dong Ha, RVN</u>	DATE <u>29 March 71</u>	TIME <u>1300</u>	FILE NUMBER
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME <u>Giles, Jackie B.</u>	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE <u>WO1</u>
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS <u>48th Aviation Helicopter Company</u>			

SWORN STATEMENT

Jackie B. Giles WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

At about 1245 hours on 20 February 1971 while on a mission to provide gun cover for a resupply of the elements of the 1st ARVN Division, I observed aircraft 66-700 receive heavy fire which caused it to land. The aircraft was on fire from the mast section aft, and on impact, the tail boom fell off. I saw that the left pilots door had been jettisoned, and that neither the copilot nor the crew chief were in their seats. I do not believe that the impact on landing was of sufficient force to have thrown them out. We remained on station, circling overhead for minutes until one of my crew was wounded and we were forced to break station.

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