

ROBERTS, R.W.

WITNESS STATEMENT

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Washington DC 20314	6 November 69		
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE
GRAHAM, Robert B.			
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82d MP Det, 6th Spec Fcs, Ft Bragg, N. C.			

SWORN STATEMENT

I, Robert B. GRAHAM, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH.

INVESTIGATOR'S STATEMENT

At 1500 hours, 20 October 1969, I interviewed Mr Randal Wayne ROBERTS, at his quarters. This interview was in regards to any knowledge he may have had pertaining to the incident at My Lai (4), Republic of Vietnam. ROBERTS stated that he had been assigned to Company "C", 1st BN 20th Inf, Americal Division at that time, and that he had been assigned to go on that particular operation, but that he had not gone into the village, but had been assigned as a radio relay operator at a location about three thousand meters to the north of the village. ROBERTS thought that the unit had made the combat assault through the village from south to north, but he was not sure. He further stated that as far as he could determine at that time, the unit did not meet any resistance or receive any hostile fire. When questioned about Lt CALLEY, he stated that he knew CALLEY, did not like him and did not think he was a good leader. He had no knowledge of any criminal acts committed by CALLEY. ROBERTS denied having attended any pre-mission briefing prior to the operation at My Lai (4), but that he did hear from other men in the company that the unit was to go on a search and destroy mission in that village, and as he understood, it, this type of mission meant that all of the civilians in the area were to be rounded up and surrendered to the national police for questioning, and the village was to be burned. ROBERTS stated that subsequent to the mission, he heard from other men in the company about a light observation helicopter landing in the vicinity of the village and the pilot "raising hell" about the civilians being killed. ROBERTS could give no first hand information about the operation at My Lai (4).

At 1000 hours, 29 October 1969, I interviewed PSG Henry BURNETT Jr., Company 'E', Infantry Student Brigade, The Student Brigade, Fort Benning GA at the Fort Benning CID office. BURNETT stated that he had been assigned to the Americal Combat Control Center in March of 1968, and that he worked for a major who was commandant of the Center under General KOSTER. He stated that he had no knowledge whatsoever of the operation at My Lai (4). He had heard that an incident had occurred there about that time that was allegedly being investigated, but thought it had involved the Marine Corps.

At 1100 hours, 29 October 1969, I attempted to interview PSG Manuel LOPEZ, at the Fort Benning CID Office. LOPEZ was accompanied by Cpt MONACO, OSJA, Fort Benning, GA, who was acting as LOPEZ' legal counsel. MONACO stated that LOPEZ had given testimony for The Office of the Inspector General and had also given testimony for the Article 32 Investigation which had been conducted at Fort Benning, GA, and that he felt that any further questioning of LOPEZ would be an infringement on LOPEZ' rights and that he was advising LOPEZ not to answer any questions whatsoever to include identification

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number(s), home of record and other identifying data. LOPEZ declined to make any statement whatsoever and departed the CID office at 1110 hrs, the same date.

✓ At 1030 hours, 3 November 1969, I interviewed 1SG Jay BUCHANON, Company 'C', 3d Bn, 1st BDE, USATCI, Fort Bragg, N.C., at the Fort Bragg, CID Office. When informed of the nature of the investigation, BUCHANON stated that he had testified twice about the same incident and that while offering testimony at Fort Benning, GA he had been represented by legal counsel and that he had been advised to talk to no one about that incident until he had conferred with his legal counsel. I then called the Office of The Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Benning, GA., and explained the situation to Cpt DANIEL of that office. He informed me that Cpt ELLIS had acted as BUCHANON's legal counsel and that he was present at that time. I left BUCHANON alone in the office to talk to ELLIS and after about two minutes, I was summoned by BUCHANON who stated that ELLIS desired to speak with me. ELLIS informed me that he had advised BUCHANON not to answer any questions about the My Lai (4) incident. ELLIS further stated that anything BUCHANON had to say was included in the record of the Article 32 Investigation which had been conducted at Fort Benning, GA, and that copies of that record were available. Prior to leaving the office BUCHANON indicated that he did have some information about the incident at My Lai (4), and stated that he would think about it and might contact the CID if he decided there was any information he felt he should give. BUCHANON further indicated that he did not think much of MEDINA as an officer or as a commander. BUCHANON departed the CID offices at 1105 hours the above date.

STATEMENT (Continued)

STATEMENT (Continued) I, ROBERT V. REED, DOB 12/10/1941, SSN 421-12-1234, RESIDE AT 1011 1/2 1ST AVENUE, BISMARCK, ND 58501. I HAVE READ THE STATEMENT AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

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I, Robert V. Reed, HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1 AND ENDS ON PAGE 1. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

Robert V. Reed
(Signature of Person Making Statement)**WITNESSES:**

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 1 day of January, 1968
at 1011 1/2 1st Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS*Robert V. Reed*
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

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