

WITNESS STATEMENT

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DOC

PLACE Quang Ngai, RVN	DATE 23 Dec 69	TIME 1100	FILE NUMBER 69-CID011-00014
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SWORN STATEMENT

1. Juel M. MOSES

, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 23 Dec 69, Mrs Nguyen Thi DOC, was interviewed by me in the presence of 1LT John C. WOOD, SSAN: , Ha MACV, APO SF 96222, acting as an interpreter. The interview was started at 1100 hours and was completed at 1530 hours with a 45 minute lunch break. At the onset of the interview it was immediately evident that DOC was a very primitive person, confused, having a wandering mind and being illiterate. She had no conception of numbers, distances and/or directions. Her personal data was obtained with considerable difficulty. It also appeared to this investigator that DOC was somewhat reluctant. DOC during the interview gave at least 3 different versions of the sequence of events and names/persons involved in the incident of 16 Mar 1968. This Investigator's Statement reflects the end result of the interview after DOC had been repeatedly questioned on some of the aspects of the incident in question. Personal data of DOC is as follows:

NAME: Nguyen Thi DOC
 ID #: None
 ADDRESS: XOM Lang, (Also Known as Thuan Yen), Tu Cung Hamlet, Son My Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai, Providence, RVN.
 DOB: Unknown (Age 70 years)
 POB: Unknown
 SEX: Female
 Marital Status: Married
 OCCUPATION: Farmer

Sometime in March 1968, DOC was not able to give an exact date, during the early morning hours, she was eating breakfast with her family when the American soldiers entered her village. DOC identified the members of her family as NOI (husband-age 80 years), DOM (her son, age 40 years), THONG, (Her daughter, age 40 years), KHOAN (daughter-in-law, age 40 years), THINH (son of DOM, age 3), HOANG, (DOM's son, age 5), GIA (THONG's son, age 18), NGO, (THONG's son, age 3), XI, (THONG's daughter, age 10), HOA, (THONG's daughter, age 11), NOM, (DOM's son, age 5) QUAY, (DOM's daughter, age 13) and HOAN, (DOM's daughter, age 8). When the Americans entered the village, one American, a caucasian, approached the front door and started shooting her family. She was shot in the upper right forearm and fell to the door. Another caucasian soldier set fire to her house and she, HOAN, who had been shot in the right foot and NOM fled to the family shelter which was located in the front yard where they remained until late that afternoon and the soldiers had departed the village. Late that afternoon, DOC could not recall the time, she, HOAN and NOM departed the village and went to a relative's home in Som Bao. (Som Bao was later destroyed and is no longer in existence). The next day, she and HOAN went to the Quang Ngai City Hospital, Quang Ngai, RVN for treatment of wounds they sustained in the attack. Approximately three months later she went back to her village but no one remained in

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in the village. DOC denied seeing any other bodies in the village on the date of the attack. DOC stated that prior to the Americans entering the village that her niece QUAY had departed to sell chinese noodles in a nearby village so was not present during the attack by the Americans. DOC stated that NOI, DOM, THONG, KHOAN, THIMH, HOANG, GIA NGO, XI, HOA were killed as a result of the shooting by the americans. DOC further stated that her home was destroyed by the Americans. Shown photographs of Xom Lang DOC could not recognize the area or could not draw a sketch to indicate where in the village her house was located. DOC further stated that she had heard from an unknown person that a neighbor named PHO (NFI) had also had his house destroyed by the Americans and his wife and two nephews (NFI) had been killed in the attack. She believed PHO resides in Chau Thoa Resettlement Village but does not know where this village is located. DOC had no additional information pertinent to this investigation.

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1. Juel M. MOSES

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(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 23 day of December, 1969
at Quang Ngai, RVN



(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

THOMAS J. MCGREEVY, MAJ MPC

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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