

THIET

WITNESS STATEMENT

For use of this form, see AR 195-10 - TB PMG 3; the proponent agency is Office of The Provost Marshal General.

PLACE	DATE	TIME	FILE NUMBER
Quang Ngai, RVN	24 Dec 69	0930	69-CID011-00014
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE
MOSES, Juel Marvin			CW2
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS			
USACIDA Task Force #2 (RVN Team), co Hq MACV, APO SF 96222			

SWORN STATEMENT

I, Juel M. MOSES

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 24 Dec 69, Mr Do THIET was interviewed by ME in the presence of SP4 Arthur D. HARRIS, SSAN, 25th Inf. Div, APO SF 96222, acting as an interpreter. The interview was started at 0930 hours and was completed at 1200 hours. THIET had no conception of numbers, distances and/or directions. This investigator's statement reflects the end result of the interview after THIET had been repeatedly questioned on some of the aspects of the incident under investigation. Personal data of THIET is as follows:

NAME: DO THIET
ADDRESS: Tu Cung hamlet, Xom Lang Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Providence, RVN.
DOB: 1955
POB: Tu Cung hamlet, Xom Lang Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Providence RVN.

Sometime in March 1968, he could not state the exact date, he heard the Artillery shells hit on the outside perimeter of the village. He became afraid and sought shelter in the family's tunnel complex located underneath their house. Later after the American's had left he came back into the house and discovered that his mother Pham Thi TUU had been shot in the right side and in the left wrist. He also learned that his sister-in-law TRAN Thi DO and her four children, Do Thi HUU (daughter, age 13), Do Thi THUAN (daughter, age 12), Do THAN, (son, age 9) and Do Thi TANG (daughter, age 6) were marched to the dirt road leading from the main road to the village along with other members of the village by the Americans. There DO, HUU, THUAN, THAN and TANG were able to slip away and hide in the rice fields nearby. From there they watched the Americans shoot the rest of the villagers on the road. THIET stated that TUU, DO, HUU, THUAN, THAN and THANG presently reside in Son Hoa village with his other sister Do Thi MAU. THIET stated he has one brother Do GIEN, who is living in Xom Lang as a fugitive from the Government of Vietnam. His brother in law Nguyen THO is in a jail but he does not know where. THIET further stated that the Americans also shot his uncle Do NGUYEN and his cousin Do Thi BAY in their house then set fire to the house and their bodies were cremated in the fire. His paternal uncle Phan XE, age 50, had been one of those shot on the dirt road and the uncle's survivors HUONG, age 49, (wife), Pham Thi SON (daughter, age 25), Pham Thi NGO (daughter, age 13), and Pham CO, (son, age 12) are residing some place in Quang Ngai Providence but he does not know the name of the village.

He also heard that a woman named Ba HAI, age 55, had also been shot by the Americans and her two surviving daughters, HOA, age 23 and HAI, age 17 were residing in Xom Mai, Hamlet, Son My Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Providence, RVN. He further heard that Mrs NHO (NFI) had been raped, shot and her body left in her burning house.

THIET stated that he had obtained most of this information from Mrs Ba TUC, who

EXHIBIT	INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT	PAGE 1 OF 3 PAGES
---------	-------------------------------------	-------------------

ADDITIONAL PAGES MUST CONTAIN THE HEADING "STATEMENT OF TAKEN AT DATED CONTINUED." THE BOTTOM OF EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE MUST BEAR THE INITIALS OF THE PERSON MAKING THE STATEMENT AND BE INITIALED AS "PAGE OF PAGES." WHEN ADDITIONAL PAGES ARE UTILIZED, THE BACK OF PAGE 1 WILL BE LINED OUT, AND THE STATEMENT WILL BE CONCLUDED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF ANOTHER COPY OF THIS FORM.

STATEMENT OF DO THIET TAKEN AT PROVIDENCE INTERROGATION CENTER, QUANG NGAI, RVN, ON 24 DECEMBER, 1968, CONTINUED.

also told him that her daughter THIET could not recall the girl's name, had been shot by the Americans in her house. TUC further told him that other casualties Ba TUAN, age 49, Nguyen Thi HUYNH (TUAN's daughter, age 17) had been shot in their house. TUC further related to THIET that O. GAP, age 50 (NFI), GAP's wife, (NFI), LAHN, age 11 (GAP's daughter and CU, age 7 (GAP's son) had been among those shot in their house and then the house was burned. TUC now resides in THUNG Son Village, Quang Ngai Providence with her son CU, age 11.

THIET further stated that he learned Nguyen Thi XAM, age 57, wife of Nguyen XAM, and Nguyen Thi MOT, age 8, (XAM's daughter) had been shot in their house, THIET believed that XAM, Nguyen XUAN, age 19 (XAM's son), and Nguyen Thi HOA, age 17 (XAM's daughter) now reside in Saigon, RVN, and the other members of XAM's family, a son Nguyen XAM, Age 35, a daughter Nguyen Thi NO, age 13, and a daughter, Nguyen Thi NI, age 28 reside in Son My village. One other son Nguyen MY, age 25, a former Viet Cong, is now with the Army of Republic of Vietnam but THIET stated he does not know where he is stationed.

THIET stated that other survivors of the village that he knows about are: Ba TUNG, widow of Do TUNG, age 49, Do Thi HOAN, daughter, age 19 and Do DUNG, ~~XAM TUNG~~ TUNG's son, age 8, reside in Son My Village. Also residing in Son My village is Do CAM, Age 45, Do BA, (son of CAM) age 17, Do Thi LAN, CAM's daughter, age 15, Do Thi HUONG, age 13, (CAM's daughter), Do Thi DIEU, age 12, (CAM's daughter) and Do Thi HUE, age 10, (CAM's daughter).

When shown the photographs, THIET identified black and white photos of frames 34 and 35 as Truong CHAN as the elderly man and his two nephews Truong DUC is the elder child and DUC as the baby. Color Photo #15, THIET identified the woman in the red shirt black pants as Ba SO, a fish merchant who lived in Son My village, the little girl wearing the white shirt and black pants as Do ~~THI~~ TAN NHON and the woman standing on the right side of the picture as Do Thi CANG, age 33. THIET further identified Black and white photo and color photo #17 as GAP's house. Color photo #7, was identified as Ba XAM.

THIET identified the approximate areas of the homes of the person's he identified in this statement.

THIET was interviewed at the Providence Interrogation Center, Quang Ngai City, RVN where he has been detained as a Chieu Hoi since 20 Nov 69.

////////////////////End of Statement////////////////////

[Handwritten signature]

AFFIDAVIT

I, Juel M. MOSES HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1 AND ENDS ON PAGE 3. 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.

WITNESSES:

Arthur D. Harris

ARTHUR D. HARRIS, SA

, 25th MLD, APO 96226

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

Juel M. Moses
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 24 day of December, 1969 at Quang Ngai, RVN

Thomas J. McGreevy
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

Thomas J. MCGREEVY, MAJ MFC
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

Art 136 (b)(4), MCM

(Authority To Administer Oaths)

App. My Lai (4)

