

WITNESS STATEMENT
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SWORN STATEMENT

I, Juel M. MOSTES, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:
On 25 December 1968, Mrs Pham Thi TUU was interviewed by me in the presence of SA Arthur D. HARRIS, SSAN: , 25th MID, APO SF 96225, acting as an interpreter. The interview was started at 1030 hours and was completed at 1500 hours with a 45 minute lunch break. At the onset of the interview it was immediately evident TUU was confused, afraid and illiterate. Due to age at the time of interview, 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 TUU was somewhat reluctant. This investigator's statement reflects the end result of the interview after TUU had been repeatedly questioned on some of the aspects of the incident under investigation. Personal data of TUU is as follows:

NAME: Pham Thi TUU
ID: 065367
ADDRESS: Noi Sanh, Son My Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN.
DOB: 12 Jul 1908
POB: Xom Iang, Tu Cung Hamlet, Son My Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN.
SEX: Female
OCCUPATION: Farmer
MARITAL STATUS: Widow

Sometime in March 1968, she could not recall the date, she was in her tatch house and she heard a lot of noise. Such as Helicopter engines, and explosions on the outside of the village perimeter. Her two sons Do CHUNG and Do THIEP ran away from the house to hide. She went outside to see if the two pigs she owned were still near the house. The Americans came by her house with a large crowd of villagers. They forced her into the crowd. No one of the villagers knew what was happening. The pigs were shot by the Americans. The crowd of villagers were taken to an irrigation ditch that was surrounded by rice fields on the East side of the village. The Americans pushed the people back near the ditch and the Americans told them to sit down. The villagers did not want to sit in the ditch because there was a foot of water in it. But the Americans could not understand the villagers. The Americans forced them to sit in the dirty water. The villagers kept telling the Americans, "No V.C." but the Americans did not pay any attention. The Americans started shooting and TUU bent over and put her hands over her face. One bullet went through her wrist and into her side. Even with a terrible amount of pain she did not say ~~and~~ anything because she was afraid they would shoot her again. Two Americans started the shooting but because she laid her head down, she could not see anymore. She did hear a lot of firing and then the bodies started falling on top of her. The Americans fired a lot at first then stopped and then there was a silence then the shooting started again. She layed in the ditch with bodies under her and on top of her. She layed in the

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ditch until the ~~next~~ afternoon when she heard voices she recognized as other villagers and she called for help to get out from under the bodies that were on top of her. She does not know the number of people in the ditch but it was very crowded. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Very very few of the people survived. One of the survivors Nguyen DIENG, age 50, (NFI) lost his left hand because of the incident and TUU believes he is now residing in Saigon. TUU would estimate that approximate that 10 people survived the shooting at the irrigation ditch but she does not know their names or where they are living now. She was not acquainted with them in the village. She does not recall who helped her out of the ditch because she was in much pain and things were not clear to her then. She does recall there was a crowd of people helping her out but she can not recall familiar faces. She does not recall the number of Americans at the ditch but there was a lot of them. The two Americans that started the shooting, she does not recall if they were caucasians or negros. She just saw two figures starting the shooting. The Americans did not have an interpreter with them and this was why they did not understand the villagers. TUU was taken to the Quang Ngai City hospital by two popular forces soldiers.

When she was being marched to the ditch by the Americans, she saw scattered bodies lying in the village, some of those she recognized were Do NHON, Age 30-40, he was the hamlet chief, his mother, TUU could not recall the name, Ba PHU, age unknown, and PHU's daughter, BI, age 7-10. All four bodies were lying in back of NHON's house. TUU stated NHON was the VC hamlet chief from Son My which at that time was under Viet Cong control.

TUU reiterated her son's THIET statement that her daughter in law Tran Thi DO and her four children had escaped from the Americans at the irrigation ditch and is presently living at Son My model village.

TUU stated Ba TUC and TUC's daughter, name unknown, age 2, were also among those brought to the ditch. TUC's daughter was slain and TUC was wounded in the left hand causing her to lose three fingers on that hand. TUC presently living at Son Quan village which is located approximately three kilometers from Quang Ngai.

TUU stated that Chin SON, female, age 60, was wounded in the left arm and later had to have the arm amputated and is presently living in Quang Ngai City but TUU cannot remember the house number.

TUU identified Black and white photograph frames #34 and 35 as Truong CHAU. Black and White photograph, frame #5 was identified as Mr XAM's or Mr BINH's house. Black and white photograph, frame #22, was identified as Mr Huong THO and he was thrown into the village well. TUU stated THO was in the crowd of villagers forced to go to the ditch by the Americans but because THO was old and could not keep up with the others, the Americans knocked him down to the ground. The rest of the villagers were told to proceed to the ditch but TUU looked back and saw an American throw THO into the well. TUU stated it was the American that was acting as the boss of the other Americans, that threw THO into the well.

TUU further identified black and white frame #27. The first man pictured on the left in the photograph is OT, age 28, and he lived in Ta Cung. The second man on the left is XAN, (NFI). She believes that all the men in the photograph were shot by the Americans but she has only heard this and does not know for sure.

Color photograph #15. The woman in the Red Shirt, black pants is Ba SO, daughter of HUONG THO's. Little girl in white shirt, black pants is niece of THO but TUU could not recall the name. The woman dressed in black is Ba CHAN. TUU could not identify the others in the photograph.

TUU could not identify any of the other photographs.

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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.

Juel M. Moses
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

ARTHUR D. HARRIS, SA
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25th MID, APO SF 96225
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 25 day of December, 19 68 at Quang Ngai, RVN

Thomas J. McGreevy
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

THOMAS J. MCGREEVY, MAJ MPC

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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