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SWORN STATEMENT

I, Arvil J. KIRK Jr.

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 25 December 1969, CAM was interviewed by me in the presence of 1LT John C. WOOD, SSAN: , Hq MACV, APO SF 96222, acting as interpreter. Personal data of CAM is as follows:

NAME: Do CAM
ID #: 065786
ADDRESS: Son My, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN.
DOB: 12 Jul 28
POB: Same as address
OCCUPATION: Farmer
SEX: Male
EDUCATION: None

CAM is the father of Do BA, interviewed by me on 23 Dec 69 (See Statement dated 23 Dec 69). CAM's wife is Nguyen Thi THI, 40 and his children other than BA are Do Thi LANG, 13, female; Do Thi DIEU, 10, female; Do Thi HUE, 8, female; Do Thi XI, 4, female and Do Thi HUONG, 6, female. During the interview of BA, he said that his mother was Nguyen Thi THE, 38 and his sisters as Do Thi LONG, 12; Do THI HUONG, 11, Do Thi DIEU, 8; Do Thi HUE, 3 and Do Thi XE, 2. Apparently the names and ages given by BA are incorrect as his father states that the names and ages he gave me during this interview are correct. Also it was stated by BA that his grandfather Do NGO was killed but he is CAM's uncle not his father. CAM stated substantially as follows: He does not remember the time of day or date but sometime during the early morning hours during a day in 1968, he was working in the field when he saw six helicopters land three separate times and unloaded U.S. soldiers each time. At this time he was a little less than a mile away. He saw the soldiers go toward his village which he called by two names, Thuan Yen or Xom Lang. He then ran for about one kilometer to Thuong An sub hamlet. The soldiers did not come into that hamlet but went into his village Thuan Yen. He could hear much shooting but could not see who was doing the shooting. He stayed where he was until the next day when he returned and learned that his family were all okay with the exception of BA who had been wounded and NGO who was killed. He then saw many bodies of old men, women and children. He does not know how many but guesses there were about a hundred. They were not stacked on top of each other but were spread out. He states that he could tell that they had been gathered together. There were two other persons there when he arrived, Do HOA, 38, M and Do Y, 46, both of his village. They also had been in another village when the U. S. soldiers arrived. He states that the three of them then buried all the bodies. He states that he did not count the bodies and to the best of his knowledge no one else counted the bodies at the trail. The way they determined how many were killed was by the various families getting together, determining who was missing and who was observed dead and came up with 300. He stated that the only names he could remember of persons dead

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at the trail were SANG, 60, F; BO, 50, F; PHU, 51, F and BE, 8, F. It had been a long time and he states he can not remember any others. The three men then dug long trenches and placed approximately three bodies in each trench until all were buried. CAM stated that inside the village he saw about thirty bodies near a well and several others dead in their homes. He could not give a number of persons dead in homes. Other farmers, names unknown, buried these people outside the village. CAM stated that on one end of the village in a ditch he saw many more bodies than he had seen on the trail. He guessed about 200. These were buried by many farmers, names unknown, away from the ditch and paddies. He stated that Tran Thi HOA, 20, F, Nguyen Thi DOI, 46, F and PhamDUNG, 52, M had been in the ditch when the group was shot but HOA was only wounded in the leg area and other two were not wounded. All three now live at an unknown address in Saigon. CAM could furnish only three names of persons living in homes near his; Nguyen SAM, age unknown, M; Nguyen NGU, 52, M and Nguyen TU, 48 M. SAM and TU are in a camp in Quang Ngai Province and NGU is in a camp in Son My. CAM stated that he had had one pig and two cows, which were all shot and killed. He stated that he was told that the soldiers came in three groups. The first killed people, the second destroyed houses and animals and the third destroyed trees and crops. He heard that Tran Thi HOA, 20, was raped but knows of no one else and saw no evidence of women being raped. He stated that US soldiers were there twice before once in Apr and once in May 67 and did not mistreat or kill anyone. They gave candy to the people both times. ARVN soldiers have been there several times and did not harm anyone. CAM identified a photograph depicting an old man with two children as Truong CHAU. The child standing he states is Truong DUC, age unknown and he does not know the other child's name. They are alive in Saigon at an unknown address. CAM viewed the photograph of the women huddled together and did not know the woman in the red shirt. He stated that the woman with the balding head was PHU, mother of the chief and the girl on the left as Do Thi BE, daughter of the chief. He identified the woman in black on the right as Do Thi CAN, 28, F, which is a different name than given by MEO in my statement of 25 Dec 69. CAM stated that there were no Viet Cong in the village and he knows nothing of the Viet Cong. CAM could not relate any houses or events or locations on the sketch and a sketch or notations by him could not be made. He could furnish no further information at this time. A photograph of CAM was obtained.

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I, Arvil J. Kirk Jr.

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WITNESSES:

1Lt JOHN C. WOOD,
Hq MACV, APO SF 96222

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(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law
to administer oaths, this 25 day of December, 1969
at Quang Ngai, RVN

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

KENNETH P. MCLELLAN

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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