

WITNESS STATEMENT

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MANH

PLACE Quang Ngai, RVN	DATE 28 Dec 69	TIME 1600 hrs	FILE NUMBER 69-CID011-00014
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SWORN STATEMENT

I, Juel M. MOSES, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 28 Dec 69, Mr Nguyen MANH was interviewed by me in the presence of SA Arthur D. HARRIS, SSAN: 25th MID, APO SF 96225, acting as interpreter. The interview was started at 1315 hours and was completed at 1620 hours. MANH had no conception of numbers, distances and/or directions. This investigator's statement reflects the end result of the interview after MANH had been repeatedly questioned on some of the aspects of the incident under investigation. Personal data of MANH is as follows:

NAME: Nguyen MANH
ID#: None
ADDRESS: Son My (model) village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN.
POB: Xom Lang sub-hamlet, Tu Chung village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai, RVN.
DOB: 1926
OCCUPATION: Farmer
Education: None

The Americans came to his village on three occasions. The first was approximately Jan 68. The Americans gathered the villages together and gave them candy and medicine and then told the villagers to go back to their homes. The same thing occurred in Feb when the Americans again came to their village. On 16 Mar 68, the Americans came again at approximately 0800 hours. MANH was in his house when he heard Artillery hit and heard the helicopters come. He sent his wife, Do Thi CHI, age 38, his son, Nguyen BO, age 7, and two daughters, Nguyen thi LU, age 4, and Nguyen Thi SO, age 2 to the coast road for safety. They went to Son My where they are presently living. MANH's father, Nguyen DAU, age 70; his brother Nguyen NHIEU, age 48; his other brother Nguyen TOAN, age 25, his mother Pham Thi CHANG, age 60, and his sister-in-law Do Thi EM, age unknown, (wife of his other brother Nguyen HUNG, who is a member of the 2d ARVN Div, Quang Ngai City, RVN and on the morning in question had left the house to go to the market). EM went with his wife and children and presently resides in Son My village. The men stayed to take care of the animals. A caucasian American came to the house and pulled his mother CHANG out of the house and forced her to go with him up the path to where some more Americans had a crowd of villagers standing in the dirt road. MANH does not know if the American saw the men in the house or not. While the American was taking his mother to where the other villagers were standing, MANH fled the house and went to Son Hoa. He returned to his village at approximately 1600-1700 hours, 16 Mar 68. He went to his house and found his father, DAU, his brothers NHIEU and TOAN had been shot by the Americans in the house. His family's six cows were dead in the animal pen. He also saw a pile of bodies of villagers in the dirt road. He did not make any attempt to look at the bodies because he was overcome with grief and went back to Son Hoa. Early the next morning, 17 Mar 68, he returned to his village and carried the bodies

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of his father and two brothers to graves located near Son Hoa. After burying his own family he helped bury some of the other victims from the villages. He did not recognize any of the bodies. Three men helped him bury the victims and were identified as Nguyen HOA, age 38, male; Nguyen CHET, age 47, male, and Nguyen KHINH, age 50, male, all presently residing in Son My. They buried the bodies in the rice fields located across the fields from his house. MANH indicated on the sketch the approximate area where the bodies are buried in a mass grave. MANH also indicated on the sketch the approximate locations of the residences of the villages of whom he is aware.

Do HOAI, age 38, male; HOAI's wife, Nguyen Thi PHAO, age 30, and three children, (names and ages unknown) presently living in Son My.

Nguyen KHOA, age 35; KHOA's wife Tran Thi TRAI, age unknown, and four children, ages and names unknown. KHOA, TRAI and three of the children are now living in Son My. One of the children was killed by the Americans. Location unknown.

Do CHUC, age 45, male; CHUC's wife, name unknown. CHUC's two daughters and one son were killed by the Americans. Names and ages unknown.

Nguyen Thi EM, age 35, female, and one daughter, Do Thi NHAN, age 18, and one son, name unknown, age 2. All are presently living in Son My.

Do Thi PHU, age 60, widow, who was killed by the Americans. Location unknown.

When shown the photographs, MANH identified photograph frame #34 (Black/white) as Troung CHAU, male, age 60, presently living in Saigon. Frame #20, (Black/White) appears to him as an empty house that formerly belonged to a family name Nguyen (NFI) that moved a long time prior to the arrival of the Americans. Frame #21, (Black/White) woman sitting on ground 5th from the left, was identified as Do Thi DINH, wife of Do Y. Both are presently living in Son My. Frame #22 (Black/White) identified as Do Nguyen, age 70, who died in May 69 of natural causes. MANH could not identify any other persons depicted in the other photographs. *DM*

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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 2. 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)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 28 day of December, 1969
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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