

DON

WITNESS STATEMENT

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PLACE QUAG NGAI, RVN	DATE 29 Dec 69	TIME 1730 hours	FILE NUMBER 69-CID011-00014
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SWORN STATEMENT

I, Juel M. MOSES

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 29 December 1969, Mrs Pham Thi DON, 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 1445 hours and was completed at 1630 hours. At the onset of the interview it was immediately evident DON was confused, afraid and 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 DON was somewhat reluctant and overwrought. This investigator's statement reflects the end result of the interview after DON had been repeatedly questioned on some aspects of the incident under investigation. Personal Data of DON is as follows

NAME:: Pham Thi DON
 ID# : None
 ADDRESS: Son My village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
 DOB: 1919
 POB: Xom Lang, sub hamlet, Tu Cung village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai, Province, RVN
 SEX: Female
 OCCUPATION: Farmer
 EDUCATION: None

The Americans came to her village three times. They came the first time in Jan 68 and once in Feb 68. They came the last time in the early morning hours, on the 18th day, 2d month of the Lunar calendar (16th Mar 68). She was in her house and heard the artillery shells land on the outside of ~~the~~ perimeter on the west side of the village. She also heard the helicopters land. She went to her front door and saw one helicopters land directly in front of her house and one to the west side. The Americans came to her house and forced her and her six relatives; her father Pham HA, age 85; her sister-in-law Le Thi CHI, age 35; CHI's two sons, Pham TANG, age 12, and Pham DIA, age 3; her other sister-in-law, GIAN, age 28 (NFI), and GIAN's son Pham CAU, age 2, to come out of the house and join a ~~large~~ crowd of villagers outside. DON stated CHI's husband Pham CONG, age 38; GIAN's husband Pham CHUONG, age 28 had been in the rice fields when the Americans came and when they saw the Americans, they fled to Son Hoa, village. Her daughter Nguyen Thi O, age 15 had departed the house to go to the market in Son Hoa village. The American forced DON and the rest of her family to walk to the irrigation ditch. DON lagged behind and when she got the chance she slipped into some bushes along the roadside and when the last American passed by she fled to Son Hoa village where she located her daughter and told her what had happened. At approximately 1800 hours, 16 Mar 68, she returned to her village. Along the way she met survivors of the village who told her that everybody that remained in the village had been shot by the Americans. She went looking for her relatives in the village. In the village she saw many

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dead people but as she went from body to body looking for her relations it was all a blur to her, and she did not recall recognizing anyone. At the irrigation ditch, she found HA, CHI, GIAN, TANG, CAU and DEO. She notified her two brothers and they buried the relatives. She does not know where. CHUONG and CONG are presently members of the 2d ARVN Division, stationed in Quang Ngai, RVN. The VC were in the village the night before the Americans came as they were every night but they departed the village prior to the Americans coming.

On the sketch DON indicated the residences of:

Do DOAN, age 40, male, his wife Pham Thi ANH, age 36, DOAN's daughter, name and age unknown and DOAN's mother, Ba KINH, age 64. DOAN and KINH were slain by the Americans at the irrigation ditch. ANH and her daughter live in Son My village.

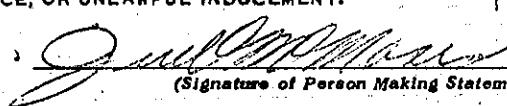
Ba PHU, age 60 and PHU's grand daughter, Do Thi Be, age 8. Be and PHU were slain in their house by the Americans.

Nguyen CHI, age 45, who lived alone. CHI was killed at the irrigation ditch by the Americans. DON heard he tried to run away but he was caught by the Americans.

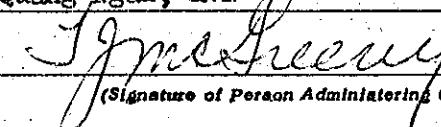
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1. Juel M. MOSES

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(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 29 day of December, 1969
at: Quang Ngai, RVN


(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

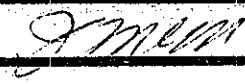
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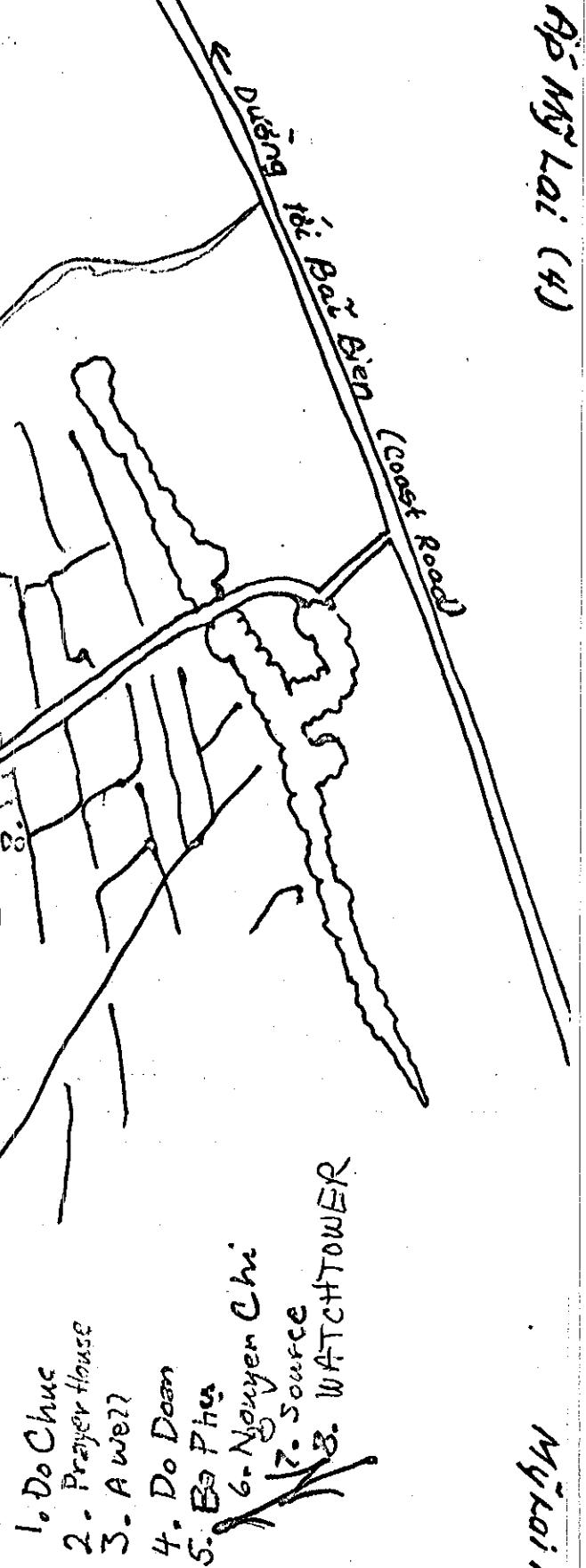
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