

Pho TIEC

WITNESS STATEMENT

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PLACE Quang Ngai, RVN LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME MOSES, Juel Marvin	DATE 30 Dec 69	TIME 1700, hrs	FILE NUMBER 69-CID011-00014
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS USACINA, Task Force Team #2, (RVN), Hq MACV, APO SF 96222	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE CW2

SWORN STATEMENT

1. Juel M. Moses

, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 30 Dec 69, I interviewed Phuong TIEC, in the presence of SA Arthur D. HARRIS, SSAN: [redacted], 25th MID, APO SF 96225, acting as interpreter. The interview was started at 1010 hours, and completed at 1215 hours. At the onset of the interview it was immediately evident TIEC was confused, afraid and illiterate. He had no conception of numbers, distances and /or directions. His personal data was obtained with considerable difficulty. It also appeared to this investigator that TIEC was reluctant. This investigator's statement reflects the end result of the interview after TIEC had been repeatedly questioned on some aspects of the incident under investigation. Personal data of TIEC is as follows:

NAME: Phuong TIEC
ADDRESS: Son My Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai, Province, RVN.
ID #: None
DOB: 1907
POB: Xom Lang sub hamlet, Tu Cung village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
OCCUPATION: Farmer
EDUCATION: None

The Americans came to his village twice. On the first occasion, approximately three months before the 2d visit, neither date could he recall. They were friendly and gave the villagers candy and cigarettes. On the second [redacted] visit which must have been during the 2d month of the Lunar calendar (16th Mar 68), because the rice was ready for harvest. The 2d time the Americans came he was out in the fields, approximately one kilometer from the village. He saw the Artillery shells hit outside the western perimeter of the village and then the air cruisers (Helicopters) came and the American troops landed. He was not afraid because the Americans came before and they had been armed. He watched the Americans enter his village. As he watched he saw the villagers being gathered up and saw the Americans burn the houses. He didn't know what was happening but he decided to hide in the [redacted] fields. As he remembered, the Americans came in three groups. The first group would gather up the villagers and march them off. The second group would kill the animals and burn the houses. The third group would destroy the crops and vegetation. At this time he completely hid from view and was not able to see anymore. Later, when he heard all the shooting stop, he entered the village. He saw many people dead in the village. Some in position, he believed indicated they had been pleading for their lives before they were shot. He saw bodies in houses that looked like they had been burned alive. He did recognize some of these bodies. The were: Dang HANH, age 52, male; Truong Thi NHO, age 35, HANH's wife and their three children, [redacted] names and ages unknown all were dead in their house; Do Thi THUOC, age 51, TIEC's wife, Pham

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STATEMENT (Continued)

Thi DIEU, age 20, TIEC's daughter; Pham Thi TIENG, age 10, TIEC's granddaughter; Pham CHU, age 5, TIEC's grandson; Do Thi CANG, age 40, TIEC's daughter in law; and Phung TUC, age 7, TIEC's grandson were found by TIEC in his house. All were dead except TUC, who TIEC found under the body of his wife. TUC had not been injured. TIEC found his son Phuong HOA, age 40, hiding behind a tree stump in the family courtyard. HOA had been wounded in the left arm and also a head wound. TIEC stated that HOA fled the village and he has not seen him since. TIEC stated he buried his family in the family courtyard.

On a sketch TIEC indicated the following residences:

Truong QUI, age 40, male, QUI's wife, name and age unknown. TIEC does not know whether they are alive or dead.

Do LUUYEN, age 45, the asst Hamlet Chief, brother of Do NHON, who is the hamlet chief. Both are on the hamlet's community council. LUUYEN's wife and children, names and ages unknown, are living with LUUYEN in Son My village.

Do THINH, age 70, male; THINH's wife, name and age unknown. THINH died in a farming accident and his wife was slain in her house by the Americans. TIEC stated all of THINH's children were ~~grown~~ grown and he don't recall there names, ages or where they are at this time.

DO NGUA, age 35, male; wife, name and age unknown. Both are residing in Son My. They had no children.

Nguyen DAY, age 80, male, wife name and age unknown; DAY's daughter Truong Thi BON, age 40. All escaped from the americans. DAY died in a farming accident and his wife died later of natural causes. BON lives in Son My.

Nguyen THIM, age 55, male; his wife Nguyen Thi CHUA, age 50 and nine children. TIEC does not know names or ages. TIEC heard CHUA went to market and came back to village and was captured and killed by the Americans. THIM and children live in Son My.

Nguyen Thi TIEN, age 65, female and son in law, name unknown. TIEN was killed by the americans. Son In law lives in Son My.

Nguyen Thi CHUC, age 50, female and three children. Names and ages unknown. The whole family was slain in their house by the Americans. TIEC stated this happened close to where he was hiding but because he was hidden, he could not see it.

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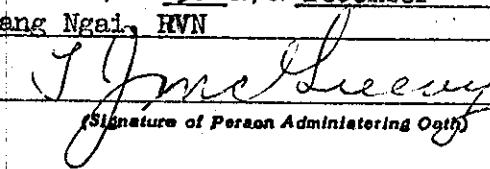
I, Juel M. Moses

HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATE-

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(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 30 day of December, 1969
at Quang Ngai, RVN


(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

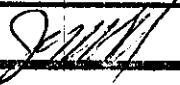
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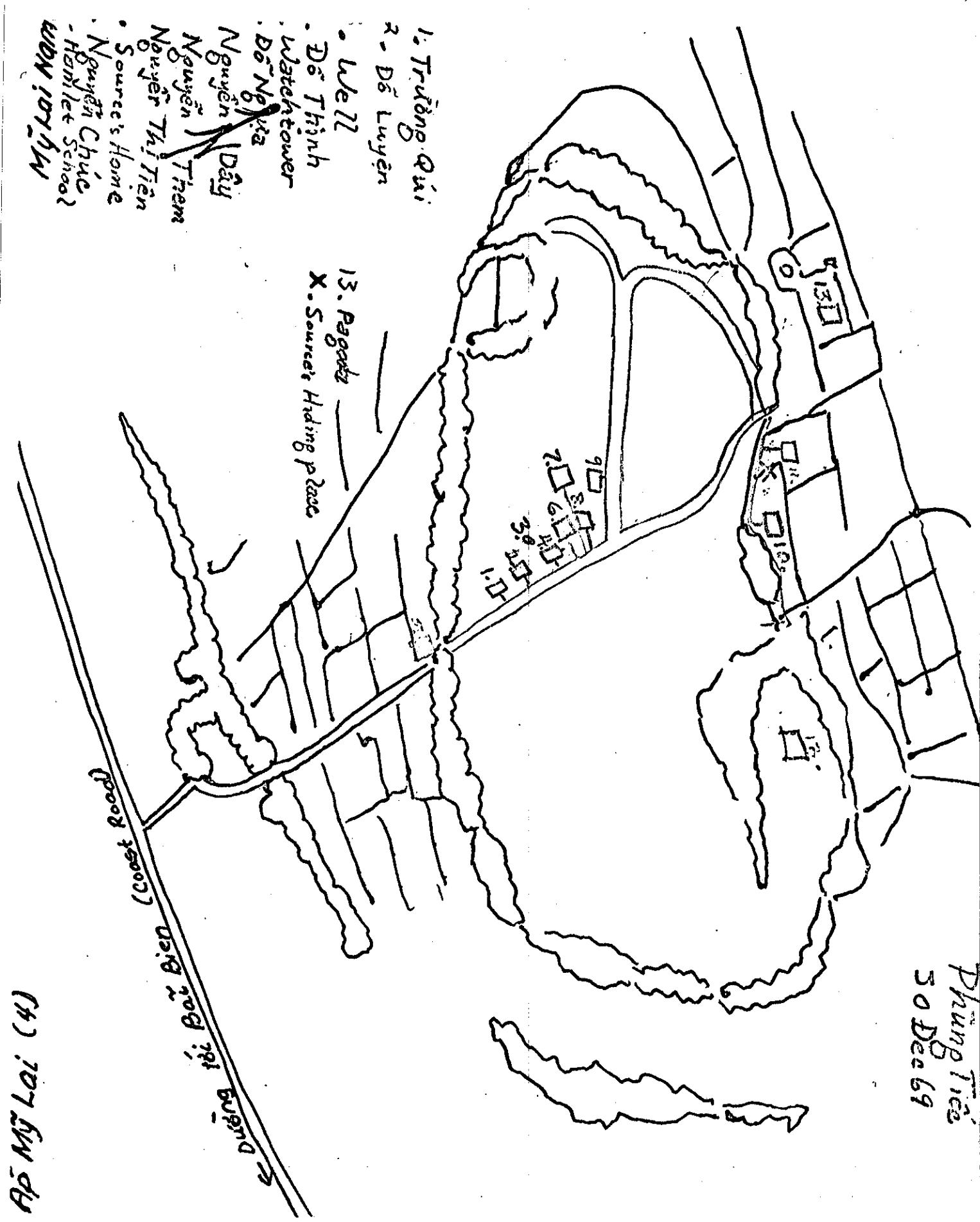
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