

WITNESS STATEMENT

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PLACE On the Road, RVN	DATE 19 Jan 70	TIME	FILE NUMBER
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME NGUYEN, Thoi Nguyen	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.	GRADE C72	
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS Binh Dong Sub Hamlet, Tay Cong Hamlet, Son Ly Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN			

SWORN STATEMENT

I, Joel H. Jones, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 18 Jan 70, Mrs Nguyen Thi DI was interviewed by me with SA Arthur D. HARRIS, SMC, 25th MID, APO SF 96225 acting as interpreter. At the onset of the interview it was evident that DI was afraid, confused and somewhat hesitant in her answers. This investigator's statement is the end result of the interview after DI had been repeatedly questioned on the aspects of the incident under investigation. Personal Data of DI was obtained after much difficulty. DI's personal data is as follows:

NAME: Nguyen Thi DI
 ID #: None
 ADDRESS: Truong An Refugee Camp, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
 DOB: 1914
 POB: Binh Dong Sub hamlet, Tay Cong Hamlet, Son Ly Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai, Province, RVN.
 OCCUPATION: Farmer
 EDUCATION: None

In the early morning hours (the sun was 6 inches off the horizon), on the 18th day, 2d month, of the lunar calendar (16th Mar 68), she was in her house preparing breakfast. She heard the shooting in Thuan Yen sub hamlet and after awhile the Americans surrounded her subhamlet of Binh Dong. The Americans then entered her hamlet and started shooting people wherever they were found. The Americans then assembled the rest of the villagers and marched them back to Thuan Yen to the irrigation ditch located on the east side of that hamlet. Thuan Yen is in the same direction from her hamlet as the sun sets. There were approximately 150 villagers in the crowd that was marched back to the irrigation ditch. When they got there, the Americans made the villagers get into the ditch. DI got into the water of the ditch which was about hip level when she was standing. She sat down in the water and the water was up to her chin. The Americans started shooting the people in the ditch and dead bodies started falling on top of DI. She was wounded in the thigh by one of the bullets. When the Americans stopped shooting, she waited until she was sure they had left and then she climbed out of the ditch. She was carried to the Quang Ngai City hospital, Quang Ngai, RVN, for treatment of her wound. She did not recall the names of the people that carried her to the hospital. Her husband, Man HAI, 60; and her son, Phan XI, age 15 were killed by the Americans in her house. DI's sister in law Nguyen Thi CHOI, 45; a widow; CHOI's son Phan THI, 4; CHOI's daughter Phan thi CAN, 6; and CHOI's son Phan HI, 3 were slain in their family shelter. These were the only dead that DI found and could recognize. DI stated that this was all the information that she had pertaining to the incident under investigation.

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I, Thiel H. Rosen, 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.

WITNESSES:

ARLENE D. HARRIS, SA

2500 17th, APO SF 96225
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INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

Thiel H. Rosen
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 19 day of January, 19 70 at Quang Ngai, RVN

Thomas J. McGraw
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

THOMAS J. MCGRAW, MAJ LEO
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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(Authority To Administer Oath)

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