

DAY

WITNESS STATEMENT

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PLACE Quang Ngai, RVN	DATE 19 Jan 70	TIME	FILE NUMBER
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME LORON, Just Edwin	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE C-2
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS UNCLAS Task Force, Team 2 (RVN), Hq MACV, APO SF 96222			

SWORN STATEMENT

I, Just E. Loran, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

On 19 Jan 70, Mr Lham DAY was interviewed by me in the presence of SA Arthur D. HARRIS, SMN, 25th MID, APO SF 96225, acting as interpreter. At the onset of the interview it was apparent that DAY was illiterate, afraid and confused. This investigator's statement is the end result after DAY had been repeatedly questioned on the aspects of the incident under investigation. Personal data of DAY is as follows:

NAME: Lham DAY
 ID #: 065316
 ADDRESS: Truong An Refugee Camp, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN.
 DOB: 3 Feb 1907
 POB: Binh Tay sub hamlet, Tu Cung hamlet, Son My village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
 OCCUPATION: Farmer
 EDUCATION: none

In the early morning hours, on the 18th day, second month, of the lunar calendar, (16 Feb 69), he was working in the rice fields and he heard the artillery shells hit in the hamlet of Truach Yen which is another sub hamlet of Tu Cung village. After the artillery was finished he watched the helicopters land and American troops enter the sub hamlet of Truach Yen. When they entered that hamlet he heard small arms fire. Then the Americans came to his sub hamlet. He hid in the rice fields as the Americans made all the villagers assemble into a group. Everybody including the very young and the very old were gathered together into this group. When they had all been assembled into the group the Americans started shooting them. Most of the villagers were shot in the head. DAY stated he did not know how long the Americans were there or how many there were. He stayed in the rice fields until the early part of the afternoon, until he was sure the Americans had departed. When he went back to the village he saw many bodies in the village in almost every house. Some were killed as they were eating breakfast, some were killed sitting on the ground in front of their houses and some were killed on the paths of the village. Some of the bodies of the women appeared to have been raped. DAY based this opinion on the fact that their clothes had been ripped off and the area around their vaginas were ripped. His wife Nguyen Thi CHAU, age 55; his daughter in law Phan Thi LUON, age 33; LUON's son, Phan LANG, 10; LUON's son, Phan NGAI, 12; and LUON's daughter Phan Thi HONG, 15 days old were slain in the hallway of his house. LUON's husband Phan CAO, age 41, was not at home on this date and therefore was not harmed. CAO has since Chien Hoai and is possibly in the Chien Hoai Center, Tu HUNG, RVN. DAY does not know his exact location. DAY stated that he did not bury the members of his family as this was done by a burial detail from the other surrounding hamlets. DAY estimated that 45 people were living his sub hamlet and that 16 of them were killed by the Americans. DAY stated that there were no US in the hamlet when the Americans came. DAY had not additional information pertinent

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I, Joel 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.

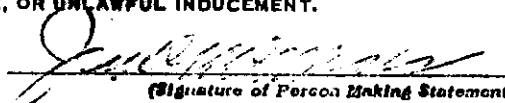
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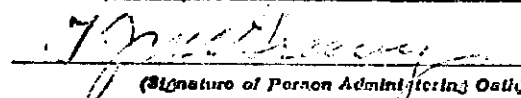
2533 MID, A C ST 96225

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(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 19 day of January, 1970 at Quang Ngai, RVN


(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

THOMAS J. MCGOVERN, ENJ ITC
(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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