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WITNESS STATEMENT  
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| PLACE<br>Washington, DC 20315                                         | DATE<br>2 Apr 70            | TIME<br>1200 | FILE NUMBER<br>69-010011-00073 |
| LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME<br>THOMPSON, Billy Howard          | SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO. |              | GRADE<br>Civil Investigator    |
| ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS<br>1st Inf Bde (CT) OFC, Washington, DC 20315 |                             |              |                                |

SWORN STATEMENT

I, BILLY H. THOMPSON

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH.

INVESTIGATOR'S STATEMENT

The following information was developed on 10 October 1969, during the interview of Mr Bruce Under COX, which was not included in his written statement dated 10 October 1969.

COX was hesitant to make a written statement, but he finally agreed to do so. He was questioned extensively as to the number of dead Vietnamese he observed in My Lai (4), RVN, and when confronted with the information furnished by other members of his unit, he said there could have been more bodies; however, he did not recall seeing more than 3-5. He said he could not further describe these bodies. He repeatedly stated that he did not see anyone killed and did not see any of the member of his squad kill anyone, although they were firing for recon.

COX was questioned about BERGTHOLD and stated he knew him as they were both from upper New York State. He stated he was not sure if he saw BERGTHOLD during this mission, but he probably did see him at the briefing or the LZ but he was not positive. He was aware of BERGTHOLD's normal position as a machine gunner and he did not know if BERGTHOLD had killed any Vietnamese during this mission.

During the entire interview, COX indicated that the interview was taking to much time. His mother telephoned twice during the interview to check on his status and to reassure the undersigned that her son was not guilty of any type of misconduct. It was also learned that COX had recently been interviewed by the local CID because of his alleged involvement in illegal blackmarket currency transactions while stationed in Vietnam.

COX indicated that he could furnish no additional information about the unit's assault on the village of My Lai (4).

EXHIBIT

INITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENT

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I, FRANK J. WYSE, JR.

HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THE STATE-

MENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1 AND ENDS ON PAGE 2. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT  
BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE  
OF THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF PUNISHMENT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT  
OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL BROUGHTMENT.

*Frank J. Wyse, Jr.*

(Signature of Person Making Statement)

WITNESSES:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law  
to administer oaths, this 22 day of January, 1970  
at Washington, DC

*Robert J. [illegible]*

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

WITNESS MY HAND

(Type Name of Person Administering Oath)

Attest: 135 (S) (C) 1112

(Authority for Administering Oath)

STATE OF NEW YORK

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