

WITNESS STATEMENT

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LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME WELLS, COY LEE	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.	GRADE CW2	
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SWORN STATEMENT

I, Coy L. WELLS

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Between 1415 - 1450 hours, 9 Mar 70, I interviewed Do Thi SY in the presence of SP6 Raymond O. WALDEN, acting as interpreter. Personal data of SY is as follows:

NAME: Do Thi SY
ID #: None
ADDRESS: Son My Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
POB: Thuan Yen Sub-hamlet, Tu Cung hamlet, Son My Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
DOB: 1901
OCCUPATION: Farmer
EDUCATION: None, can not read or write.

SY stated substantially as follows: On the morning of the day that the Americans came and killed all the women and children, she was in her house at Binh Dong sub-hamlet, Tu Cung hamlet, Son My Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN. She saw the helicopters come and saw some of them hovering over Thuan Yen and later saw the soldiers come toward Binh Dong. She was frightened and hid in the family bunker. She did not see any soldiers shoot anyone, and did not hear any shots. To her knowledge no one was killed at Binh Dong. After the soldiers were gone in the afternoon, she got out of the bunker. She went toward Thuan Yen and saw about 25 bodies in the irrigation ditch between Binh Dong and Thuan Yen. There were two members of her family killed in Thuan Yen by the American soldiers on that day, they were: Nephews Quang EMI, 45 years old and Quang DU, 47 years old. Her daughter Quang THI THIEN, aged 38 years and grand daughters Le GIOI, 12 years and Le Thi THU, 6 years, are still alive and live at Son My Village. To her knowledge the following persons were killed that day: The Hai MINH family lost 5 members, a 40 year old woman and four children, two boys and two girls. The Ba XUAT family lost 4 members, a 40 year old man, 35 year old woman, two sons 3 and 5 years old. Also there was a 4 year old girl from this family who was shot and left for dead, but who later was rescued and is now alive at Son My Village. The Ba DOC family lost a 40 year old woman and a 3 year old boy. The Ba KHANH family lost the husband and wife, both about 60 years old. The Ba DICH family lost five members, the husband, 42 years old, the wife, 40 years old, one 8 year old boy and two girls, 9 and 10 years old. The Chi TRI family lost two members, the 30 year old mother and one 3 year old girl. After coming out of the bunker and seeing the bodies of the dead ones, she was very frightened and went to Quang Ngai for safety. She did not stay and assist, saying that only men and brave young women stayed to help bury the dead. She did not see any others who had been killed other than as described above. SY could not furnish any additional information and affirmed that her statement was true to best of her memory.

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I, Coy L. WELLS

HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1 AND ENDS ON PAGE 1. 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:

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Coy L. Wells
(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 11th day of March, 19 70 at Quang Ngai, Republic of Vietnam

Thomas J. McGreevy
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

THOMAS J. MCGREEVY

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

Criminal Investigator, Art 136b(4), UCMJ

(Authority To Administer Oaths)