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WITNESS STATEMENT

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LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME WELLES, COY LEE	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE CM2

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SWORN STATEMENT

I, COY LEE WELLES

, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

INVESTIGATOR'S STATEMENT

At the above time, date and place, I interviewed LTC Pham Van PHO, 300229, Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) DOD: 2 Apr 33, POB: Thai Binh, North Vietnam, address: , Tan Dinh, Saigon, RVN, in the presence of Colonel Thomas F. MELAN , LTC Donald D. KOSTER, , G-2 Advisor, I Corps, APO SF 96337, and with the assistance of LTC Billy H. STAMBERGER, , HACV Team 55, APO SF 96215. LTC PHO related as follows: He was the G-2 for the 2nd ARVN Division during the period May 65 through 17 Dec 69. He does recall submitting to the CG, 2nd ARVN Div, a memorandum dated 12 Apr 68 with an annexed piece of VC propaganda and a report dated 11 Apr 68 from the Son Tinh District Chief to the Quang Ngai Province Chief. He stated that the CG responded by writing on the margin of the memorandum words to the effect of "Find out about this, if it is true, have it stopped, if it is not true, ignore it". He said that Major EARL was at one time his G-2 advisor and that it could have been during this period. He did discuss the content of the memo, the letter and the VC propaganda with his advisor. LTC PHO added that this was the only piece of propaganda of its type which came to his attention, however at the time he thought it was false and did not believe it. He was called into a meeting held by the CG, 2nd ARVN Div, wherein MG KOSTER, the Senior Advisor and the Aide of MG KOSTER were present. There were a number of other American Officers present also, however he could not recall any specific person nor could he say yes or no to several names which I mentioned. He was told to fetch his memo and the report and propaganda which it concerned. This he did, and those persons assembled discussed the matter about five minutes, then went on to other things. The entire discussion was held in English and he did not understand what was said, other than to understand that they were discussing his memo. He had no knowledge of a statement signed by CPT Angel RODRIGUEZ relating to the District Chief's letter of 11 Apr 68. He had no knowledge of any discussions held by anyone concerning alledged incidents at Mu Cung or Co Lay on or about 16 to 18 Mar 68.

LTC PHO stated that he corresponds once in a while with Major EARL and furnished the following address: Major Thomas B. EARL, Jr , Savannah, Ga.

NOTE: The above interview was recorded and the recording is in the possession of Col MELAN.

Nothing follows. *PHO*

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WITNESSES:

COY LEE WELLS
(Signature of Person Making Statement)
Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law
to administer oaths, this 27th day of January 1970
at Saigon, Republic of Vietnam

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Stanley D. Hunter
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

STANLEY D. HUNTER, Crim Inves

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