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| PLACE<br>ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI                                                                 | DATE<br>25 Feb 73           | TIME<br>1200 | FILE NUMBER |
| LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME<br>TOMAS, J. Anthony Robert                               | SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO. |              | GRADE       |
| ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS<br>1. Troop, 3d Squadron, 53 Military Assement, St Louis, Washington |                             |              |             |

STATEMENT

I, TOMAS, J. Anthony Robert, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH.

On 16 Jan 68, after the Combat Assault Operation at Ky Lai (4), 1st, Company C, 1/20th Infantry, 1st Air Cavalry Division, RVN, proceeded to the village of Ky Lai (5) (Ban Thet), RVN, where we conducted a Combat Assault Operation.

My squad and other squads of the 1st, 2d and 3d Platoons, Co C entered Ky Lai (5) from the south. We did not assemble on the line before entering into the village. We started at the southern side of Ky Lai (5) and moved north. A short distance in the village, HODGINS, WILSON, and I think ROBINSON and I got on line and continued on north through the village. We searched the area for VC and tunnels and there but found none. We did not fire any shots at anyone nor burned any buildings and going through the village. We received no fire or resistance from within the village while we were moving up and did not see any Vietnamese. I do not recall just where we were located in the village but HODGINS stopped us and said lets go back heading south. So we turned around and entered south through the village close to the eastern tree line. While walking along the tree line, I looked to my right and saw ROBINSON about thirty feet from me. I walked over to him where there was another soldier about ten feet from ROBINSON and to his left. I asked ROBINSON what does he have here. I turned and faced some bodies that were piled up two and three on top of each other. There were about seven bodies all together and they were all women between the ages of eighteen and thirty five. ROBINSON at this time had not answered me. While looking at the bodies which were completely nude, I saw that the bodies were filled with small pellet like holes. The wounds on the bodies showed that they had been sprayed with a weapon. I asked ROBINSON again, what does he have here. He said that he wanted to do his thing with all of the women, meaning have sex relations with them. He told me that the way that he got the women to strip their clothes was that he told them if they did not strip that he would shoot them. ROBINSON told me that he heard one woman to "boom boom" him. The words "boom boom" is intercourse in Vietnamese. He told me that at this time they all got scared and panicked and started yelling and screaming. He said that he could not quiet them down so he put a shotgun round in the M-79 Grenade launcher chamber and killed the group of women. In my opinion, ROBINSON fired into the group of women more than once from the appearance of the wounds in their bodies. There was no doubt in my mind that the women died from the wounds. I can not identify the soldier that was standing about ten feet from ROBINSON nor do I know if this soldier witnessed the killing. After this we continued on south to the end of the tree line at the southern side of Ky Lai (5) where the 1st and 2d Squad of the 2d Platoon reassembled.

Do you have knowledge of or did you witness HODGINS raping a Vietnamese girl about eighteen years of age, who was wearing a blouse that was unbuttoned, at Ky Lai (5) or Ky Lai (6)?

A. No.

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Do you have knowledge of any other organizations committed by American people to  
Go East by law (2), law, other than those mentioned above?

A. No.

END OF STATEMENT

AFFIDAVIT

I, ROBERT A. GORDON HAVE READ OR HAVE HAD READ TO ME THIS STATE-  
MENT 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:

(Signature of Person Making Statement)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law  
to administer oaths, this 10th day of SEPTEMBER, 1960  
at PO BOX 1015, Washington

ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

MARCEL S. SMITH

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

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