

XUONG

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 1300 - 1400 hours, 10 Mar 70, I interviewed Tran Thi XUONG in the presence of SP6 Raymond O. WALDEN acting as interpreter. Personal data of XUONG is as follows:

NAME: Tran Thi XUONG
ID#: 1034, Quang Ngai
ADDRESS: Son My Village, Son Tinh Distric, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
DOB: 11 Oct 29
POB: Son My Village
OCCUPATION: Farmer
EDUCATION: None, can not read or write

XUONG stated substantially as follows: On the 18th day of the 2nd lunar month of 1968, she departed My Hoi soon after the sun came up, on her way to the Son Thanh market. She did not see any soldiers of any type. She remained at Son Thanh for a period of three days before returning home. Upon her return, she discovered that the hamlet had been destroyed by fire. Crops had been burned also. She was told that the American soldiers had come on the morning she left and killed many persons and also some livestock. She did not see any bodies, but went to where friends had buried the members of her family who were killed that day. She saw the grave. Five members of her family were killed that day, they were: Nguyen Thi HOA, 28 years old, sister-in-law; Tran TRUNG, 12 years old, nephew; Tran DIET, 8 years old, nephew; Tran Cu ANH, 6 years old, nephew and Tran Cu EM, 3 years old, nephew. She did not know the names of any other persons who were killed that day, nor does she know how many were killed. Many survivors came to Son My Village and others went to Co Phu hamlet, Tu Hien Village Tu Nghia District, Quang Ngai, and she thinks they are still there. Her own husband had been killed several years before. His name had been Tran XANG. XUONG could offer no additional information and affirmed that her statement is true to the best of knowledge and belief.

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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:

Raymond O. Walden

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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 12th 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)