

CHUT

WITNESS STATEMENT

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SWORN STATEMENT

I, Coy L. WELLES

, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Between 1140 - 1200 hours, 14 Jan 70, I interviewed Phan Thi CHUT in the presence of SSG Raymond O. WALDEN acting as interpreter. Personal data of CHUT is as follows:

NAME: Phan Thi CHUT
DOB: Unknown
ADDRESS: Co Phu Hamlet, Tu Hien Village, Tu Nghia District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
DOB: 1940
POB: Ly Hoi sub-hamlet, Co Tay Hamlet, Son Ly Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
OCCUPATION: Garden Farmer
EDUCATION: None, can not read or write

CHUT stated in substance as follows: She lived with her children in Ly Hoi and supported her family by raising a garden. Her husband had left her sometime before the Americans came on the 18th day of the 2nd lunar month in 1968. On that day she had risen and departed Ly Hoi early, just at dawn. She went to the Province market and the trip took a long time. She was on the road so early that she did not see any American soldiers at all, anywhere. She returned to Ly Hoi that evening, just before the sun went down. Upon her return she discovered that her house, her crops and one pig had been destroyed. She also discovered the bodies of three of her children in the family bunker. They had been killed by grenades. Their names were: Luong Van RUONG, 12, her son; Luong Thi XANH, 8, her daughter and Luong THI, 5, her son. She had seen the bodies of about eight persons altogether. She did not know the names of any other persons who were killed that day, however was later told that there had been 97 persons killed in Ly Hoi. She buried the bodies of her children, and then gathered with the other refugees and went to the area of Son Ly Village. CHUT stated that prior to Tet, about 400 - 500 persons lived at Ly Hoi, however many of them moved to more secure areas just prior to Tet. At the time the Americans came, there were about three hundred persons making their homes in Ly Hoi. CHUT could offer no additional information and affirmed that her statement was true to the best of her 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:

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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 15th day of March, 1970 at Quang Ngai, Republic of Vietnam

Thomas J. McGeevy
(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

THOMAS J. MCGEEVY

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

Criminal Investigator, Art 135b(4) UCMJ

(Authority To Administer Oaths)