

CUONG

WITNESS STATEMENT

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PLACE Quang Ngai City, RVN LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME KIRK, Arvil Jackson Jr.	DATE 15 Mar 70	TIME 1630	FILE NUMBER
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SWORN STATEMENT

I, ARVIL J. KIRK JR. AJK, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Between 1305 - 1330 hours, 14 Mar 70 at Co Phu Hamlet, Tu Hien Village, Tu Nghia District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN, Nguyen Thi CUONG was interviewed by me in the presence of SP5 Jeffery H. JOHNSON, acting as interpreter. Personal Data of CUONG is as follows:

NAME: Nguyen Thi CUONG
ID #: None
ADDRESS: Co Phu Hamlet, Tu Hien Village, Tu Nghia District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
DOB: 1958
POB: My Hoi sub hamlet, Co Tay Hamlet, Son My Village, Son Tinh District Quang Ngai Province, RVN
OCCUPATION: Fishergirl
EDUCATION: None, can read and write

CUONG stated substantially as follows: About 0800 hours, 18 Feb 68 of the lunar calendar, she was on the beach about 100 meters from her home in My Hoi. At this time she saw between twenty and thirty U.S. soldiers coming across the bridge from the mainland into My Hoi. The soldiers then went into My Hoi. She stated that she did not know at what point the soldiers began to fire their rifles but that they fired their rifles. She hid on the beach until the soldiers left about 1000 hours. She could not tell what the soldiers did when they got into My Hoi for she could not see them at that point. However, she stated that she saw them leave and went into the sub hamlet at this time. She then went to the home of the family with whom she lived and found them all dead in the family bunker. She found the bodies of her aunt, Ngo Thi MUOI, age 40; cousin, Luong Thi HU, age 14; Luong THANH, age 9, a cousin; Luong Thi CU, age 5, a cousin and Luong Thi DIEP, age 3, a cousin. MUOI was shot in the lower left side. HU was shot in the head. THANH was shot in the upper left chest. CU was shot in the left hip. DIEP was shot in the lower left part of the back. She was very much afraid and saw no other dead bodies. There were no family animals. She knew of no Viet Cong in the village, hamlet or sub hamlet. She stated that her real parents had been killed a long time ago and since that time she had lived with MUOI as a foster child. She could furnish no further information. CUONG affirmed that her statement was true as she remembers it. It should be noted that if CUONG was born in 1958 as stated, she would have been approximately ten years of age in March 1968.

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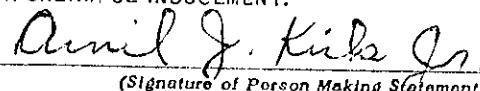
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I, ARVIL J. KIRK JR.

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.



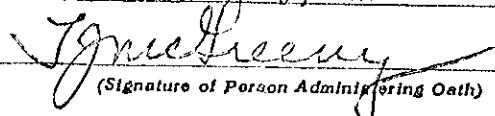
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WITNESSES:



John W. JOHNSON
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 15th day of March, 1970
at Quang Ngai City, RVN

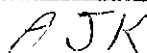


THOMAS J. McGREEVEY

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Crim. Lawes, Art 135b(4), UCMJ

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