

BON

WITNESS STATEMENT

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PLACE Quang Ngai, Republic of Vietnam	DATE 16 Mar 70	TIME 0930	FILE NUMBER
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME WIMES, COY LEE	SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.		GRADE CW2
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS USAIDIA, Task Force #2, Washington, D.C.			

SWORN STATEMENT

I, Coy L. WIMES, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH:

Between 1315 - 1340 hours, 14 Mar 70, I interviewed Le Thi BON in the presence of SP3 Raymond O. WALDEN acting as interpreter. Personal data of BON is as follows:

NAME: Le Thi BON
 ID#: Unknown
 ADDRESS: Co Phu Hamlet, Tu Hien Village, Tu Nghia District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
 DOB: 1926 *CLW*
 POB: Xam Cua sub-hamlet, Co Ily Hamlet, Son My Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
 OCCUPATION: Farmer and Fisherwoman
 EDUCATION: None, can not read or write

BON stated substantially as follows: She remembers the date that the Americans came to Ily Hoi and killed the women and children, since she lost members of her family. It was the 18th day of the 2nd lunar month of 1968. On that day she went to the market about four kilometers to the north of Ily Hoi. She departed at the time the sun was first up and returned at about 1800 hours. She did not see any Americans, helicopters, fires or firing. Upon her return to Ily Hoi, she discovered that many homes had been burned, crops destroyed and many persons killed. She lost five members of her family, they were: Vo Thi TUY, 60, her mother; Phu Thi HOA, 40, sister; Le Thi LY, 43, her sister; Ngo THIET, 22, nephew and Vo CAU, 5 months, nephew. She found them in the family bunker, did not know how they had been killed. There was excitement in the air, expecting the Americans to return. She buried the members of her family who perished that day and then went to Co Phu, where she has remained since.

BON was shown the picture of Nguyen Thi TY (AKA: Nguyen Thi BAY) and identified her as TY. She stated that she knew TY in the hamlet and spoke to her many times - she had heard that TY had been raped by a negro soldier however she had no personal knowledge concerning that. She had not seen TY since the incident. BON also stated that she had later heard that a count had been made of the dead and that 97 persons lost their lives that day in Ily Hoi, however while she saw "many" she did not count them. BON could offer no additional information and affirmed that her statement is true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

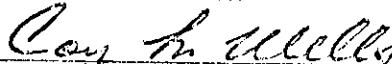
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I, Coy L. WEILS

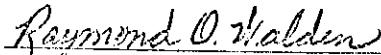
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MENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE 1 AND ENDS ON PAGE 1. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING THE STATEMENT. I HAVE MADE THIS STATEMENT FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.



(Signature of Person Making Statement)

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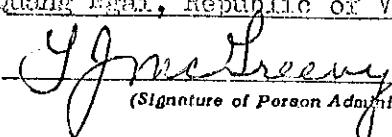


RAYMOND O. WAIDEN,

Co A, 519th Spt Bn, APO 96307

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a person authorized by law to administer oaths, this 16th day of March, 1970

at Quang Ngai, Republic of Vietnam



(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

THOMAS J. McGREEVY

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

Criminal Investigator, Art 136h(4) UCII

(Authority To Administer Oaths)

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