

CHANH

WITNESS STATEMENT

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| PLACE Quang Ngai, Republic of Vietnam | DATE 15 Mar '70 | TIME 1000 | FILE NUMBER |
| LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME WELLS, COY LEE | SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO. | | GRADE CW2 |
| ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS USACIDA, Task Force #2, Washington, D.C. | | | |

SWORN STATEMENT

I, Coy L. WELLS

, WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH.

Between 1340 - 1400 hours, 14 Mar 70, I interviewed Nguyen Thi CHANH in the presence of SP6 R. O. WATKINS acting as interpreter. Personal data of CHANH is as follows:

NAME: Nguyen Thi CHANH
 ID#: Unknown
 ADDRESS: Co Phu Hamlet, Tu Hien Village, Tu Nghia District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
 DOR: 1915
 POB: My Hoi sub-hamlet, Co Tay Hamlet, Son My Village, Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN
 OCCUPATION: Fisherywoman and housewife
 EDUCATION: None, can not read or write

CHANH stated substantially as follows: On the day that the Americans came to My Hoi, about two years ago, she went early in the morning to fish. While fishing she did not see any Americans, nor did she see anything or hear anything of the operation. She returned to the hamlet in the evening and discovered that crops, homes and livestock had been destroyed. She heard that about thirty Americans had been to the hamlet and had killed many people and destroyed the homes and crops. She saw many bodies. Many of them were piled in heaps in the various bunkers and had been blown, and torn and badly mutilated. She could not recognize many of them they were so badly torn up. She lost two members of her family, both niece's, they were: Pham Thi HONG, aged 45 and Pham Thi DA, 13 years old. They had been killed inside the family bunker. Their home, with everything they owned, all that they had worked for all of their lives had been destroyed. They did not own any livestock, however had lost a rice crop. She buried the members of her family and moved to Co Phu and has been there every since.

CHANH was shown the picture of Nguyen Thi TY and stated that she had known her well in the hamlet. She stated that she had been told the TY had been raped by a negro soldier, but she had no personal knowledge of this. Also that TY had gone to a hospital and she has not seen her since that day. CHANH 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. 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. WaldenRAYMOND O. WALDENCo A, 519th Spt Bn, APO 96307ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESSORGANIZATION OR ADDRESSINITIALS OF PERSON MAKING STATEMENTCoy 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

T J McCreavy

(Signature of Person Administering Oath)

THOMAS J. McCREAVY

(Typed Name of Person Administering Oath)

Criminal Investigator, Art 135b(4) UCMJ

(Authority To Administer Oaths)

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