

WITNESS STATEMENT
(AR 195-10 - TB PNO 3)

MOWER

FILE NUMBER

PLACE Washington, D.C.
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE NAME MERCER, James Edmund
ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS 1st MP Det (CI), OPMG, Washington, D.C. 20315

DATE 17 Mar 70 TIME 0800 Hrs.
SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NO.

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SWORN STATEMENT

WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT UNDER OATH

Mr. James E. Mercer, Shippensburg, PA, was contacted in person for the purpose of obtaining a statement relative to his knowledge and/or participation in the offenses of murder and rape at My Lai (4), on 16 Mar 68. MOWER presented a Court Injunction dated 25 Nov 69, by CPT Audrey DANIEL, III, SJA, Ft Benning, GA, directing that he would not render any information to anyone except those individuals named thereon. MOWER indicated that he would answer questions if he was released from the Court Injunction.

On 15 Mar 70, MOWER was personally given a release to the aforementioned Court Injunction. MOWER read the release and then requested the undersigned to read the release to him in the presence of his wife and another witness. MOWER then declined to make any statement relative to the incident under investigation. MOWER maintains that he does not have a lawyer. The only explanation rendered for not wanting to make a statement was that it has been a long time since the incident, and he doesn't remember anything. fm

James E. Mercer
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