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Madame Jeanne CLAVE
Born 19 Feb. 1898 at Paris
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About 5 A.M. on 19 March, three Japanese soldiers in a state of intoxication broke into my home, 26 Rue de Lyon. Brandishing a revolver they ransacked the house completely, taking everything of any value (linen, food-stocks, etc.). Young Madame LABADIE, wife of an assistant chief, who had taken refuge with me with her three children, was present during this pillage.

She had her little boy, 13 months old, in her arms and two other little ones clinging to her skirt. One of the Japanese noticed her, rushed at her and putting down his rifle tried to drag her by force towards a bed. She struggled and I intervened, trying to make the Japanese understand by gestures that she was the mother of the children and a wife. The Japanese picked up his rifle and struck me in the groin with the bayonet. The wound bled copiously.

The Japanese ran away with their booty.

(Signed) J. B. CLAVE
Madame Jeanne CLAVE

Declared and signed under oath on 18 Sept. 1946 before me, the undersigned Investigation Officer, assigned by the French authorities to the inquiries of which the present affidavit is the subject.

(Signed) Sub-Lieut MASSOT Martial

Witness to the legality of the signature of Mme CLAVE above.
HANOI, 20 Sept. 1946
Chief of the Office of E.C.

(Sgd) J. Lariviere

(SEAL) Commissariat of the Republic
Civil Service HANOI - Tonkin and North Annam.

Certificate

I, A. ASHTON, hereby certify that I am thoroughly conversant with the French and English languages, and as a result of the comparison between the French and English texts, I have established that this is a true and correct translation of International Prosecution Document 2772-G-3.

(Sgt) A. ASHTON _____