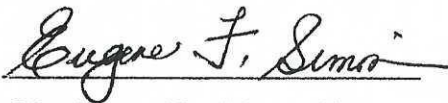


### Witness Statement

1. I am Eugene "Jean" Foggo-Simon and I am presently resident in Oberlin, Ohio, USA.
2. I am a retired employee of the Bermuda College and was also self-employed as a distributor for Mary Kay Cosmetics. I moved to Ohio in order to live with family.
3. I was born in 1938 in St. David's Island, Bermuda. I was a small child during 1942 but I was advised by family of the relocation of the St. David's Islanders from the current airport area/runway area of the Island to the current areas where most St. David's Islanders resided.
4. As a St. David's Islander, I have had a stake in the community where I grew up as a child. I have been able to track my family roots back to the 1700s in Bermuda.
5. I started my genealogy research 24 years ago and then started to prepare a report on what I had been able to find.
6. I was able to locate articles in magazines, books and other publications that I have included in my list of references. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, I have been unable to have these references sent to Bermuda and the Commission of Inquiry.
7. I recall an article about my Great Grandmother's nephew, Tommy Fox, who lost 200 acres of property in 1941 due to expropriation of land for the United States Base; the date was 4<sup>th</sup> January 1941. This property was located on the west end of St. David's Island where the L. F. Wade Airport is located currently. This article appeared in the New Yorker Magazine, and was entitled "*A Reporter at Large*". A Mrs. Trimmingham knew them and this was a highlight in the report.
8. In a book called *The Base Colonies*, my Great Grandfather and Great Grandmother Dolly and Solly Fox were discussed. They owned 5 acres that later became a graveyard in St. David's Island for the US military.
9. My family also had a restaurant near the "second gate" to St. David's. This restaurant was run by Doris Minors, who was a relative of mine, and served the soldiers when they left the base.
10. My Great Grandmother Dolly Fox was the one who asked for the amount to be re-considered, as she believed \$422 for 5 acres was an insult to her.
11. I recall residing in wooden barracks at Cassius City on the north side of St. David's Island that served as transitional housing for 12-18 months, while the family was being

relocated from their home to the new accommodations. I was too young at that time to know who built the new accommodations but we moved into a pink and white house. These pink and white houses were built and put all over Lighthouse Hill in St. David's.

12. I learned that Sir Stanley Spurling was a Member of the House of Assembly for the eastern parishes and was also on the St. David's Committee. Mr. Spurling, however, did not reside in the east end of the island.
13. I learned that the United States Government wanted to have the base near Bermuda's seaport at Darrell's Island in Hamilton Harbour. The Bermuda Government had actually suggested St. David's Island as a better alternative due to possible loss of tourism around Hamilton Harbour. This was a central location and the Committee did not want it there.
14. I wish to rely on my articles and the research that I found.
15. I hope that the Commission can assist the persons of St. David's to receive their apology from the Bermuda Government for the harm that was caused to our community at that time.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugene F. Simon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mrs. Eugene "Jean" Foggo-Simon