A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO HISTORIC LAND LOSS IN BERMUDA

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- MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF
 0:02: Good morning. Just for the record. I'll be Chairing the matters for the day Justice Norma Wade-Miller has recused herself for personal reasons, and Commissioner Stovell has recused himself for professional reasons; and also, we have a Commissioner who is going to join us via zoom, Miss Binns. Counsel start the matter for today.
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 0:48: Chairman and Commissioners witnesses all persons present my apologies for the late start, we had some administrative matters attended to, and we were attending to them. Chairman, the matter for today is Claim No.039. The Teart Darrell Case. The claim is in respect of the Estate of John Darrell land where the Heron Bay Primary School occupies. In brief, the way I give no evidence, I just indicate that the applicants alleges that the role of the government is such

that they wish to make a claim and their claim dates back to as far as 1953. Almost 70 or a little over 70 years. The applicants are represented today by four (4) members of the family who are descendants of John Darrell. I'm going to ask the witnesses are sworn or affirmed, as the case may be. If for any reason, because of religious or other reason, a witness may not wish to swear on the Bible. The witness may be permitted to affirm to speak the truth. May the witnesses be sworn or affirm. May I just indicate indicate also Mr. Chairman and members to the witnesses and advise that based on the inclement weather conditions and that the conditions may deteriorate it we just want to keep that at the forefront of our minds because it may affect that PSS, which we go today.

- MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF 3:25: Yes, Counselor, we're appreciative of the weather conditions and should the rather than inclement, we'll make the decisions then. And I'm sure being Bermudian, we understand what Bermuda weather brings you; and just for witness's comfort, you may remove your mask I mean you're in a bubble, so that you can be heard clearly and take your time and you give your name and then you're sworn and also and you give your evidence. So we can hear you clearly record what you say
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 4:07: First witness to be sworn Cynthia Bennett Fishington. Cynthia Bennett Fishington unless she wants to stand, but she's allowed to sit to affirm. I think at her age she has earned the right to sit down not to have to stand to be affirmed. Have her raise her right hand please. The microphone is up. So, just have her state her name Cynthia Bennett Fishington.
- **MS CYNTHIA B. FISHINGTON** 5:05: I, Cynthia Bennett Fishington, do solemnly and sincerely affirm that the evidence that I shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

- MS. HALLE TEART5:42:I, Halle Teart do solemnly and sincerely affirm
that the evidence that I shall give shall be the
truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.
- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 5:51: Please repeat your name for the record.
- MS. HALLE TEART 5:53: Halle Teart
- MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF 5:54: Please spell your name
- MS. HALLE TEART 5:56: HALLE TEART
- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 6:05: Thank you very much.
- MR. NATHAN DARRELL6:10:I, Nathan Darrell do solemnly and sincerely
affirm that the evidence that I shall give shall be
the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the
truth.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 6:53: Chairman, I just had I realized, from my recollection, the affirmation the word declare is not there. So, I was just inserting to declare and affirm I would just ask that it could be inserted.
- MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF 7:13: Yes, would you want them to repeat it
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 7:14: Please?
- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 7:15: Yes, if you would just do that please?
- **MS CYNTHIA B. FISHINGTON** 7:31: I, Cynthia Bennett Fishington do solemnly and sincerely declare affirm that the evidence that I shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.
- **MS. HALLE TEART** 8:03: I, Halle Teart do solemnly and sincerely declare, affirm that the evidence that I shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.
- MR. NATHAN DARRELL8:21:I, Nathan Darrell do solemnly and sincerely
declare and affirm that the evidence that I shall
give shall be the truth, the whole truth and
nothing but the truth.

MR.DONALD McMAHON8:43:I Donald McMahon swear by Almighty God that
the evidence I shall give shall be the truth, the
whole truth and nothing but the truth.

- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 8:52: Just repeat your name please
- MR.DONALD McMAHON 8:54: McMahon
- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 8:58: Thank you very much sir.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 9:08: So Chairman, I just indicated that the Attorney General's Department had been notified of the matter, as I understand it, they are viewing the matter absorbing it presently, by way of the matter being televised, and they intend to as they deem appropriate, enter an appearance at the appropriate time, if necessary, or consequently,
- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 9:40: Counsel could you give us a small of why that is necessary.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 9:45: What, in respect of their outline that I had provided, the applicant alleges are the applicants who have been sworn and affirm allege that the Government was instrumental in the position that the claimants find themselves meaning that they have now, been dispossessed of land. And for that reason, I think it prudent that a member of the Attorney General's Chambers, or Solicitor General's Chambers is present to hear the evidence that is to be led.
- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 10:26: And you're indicating that they are connected electronically.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 10:30: So I have been advised, and they intend to, as they deem appropriate, be present in person.
- MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF 10:39: Thank you. Thank you, Counsel
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON10:48:Chairman. I also, with us, I want to start the
process with the witness Cynthia Bennett
Fishington. But I have been advised and I verily
believe it to be true that Cynthia Bennett

Fishington is visually impaired. I am going to ask, however, that the statement which she has signed, that's to be read by one of the witnesses who is present with her. I'm sorry, I am aware and I was present when it was being read back to her prior to her signing. So she is aware of the contents, I just went to ask that process could be facilitated.

11:49: I have also advised the witnesses prior that

because there are four (4) persons here prior to speak, if they could just indicate who is speaking at each time. So the record when produced, the transcript will reflect the person who gave

- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 11:35: Would you name the person who's going to lead the evidence on behalf of Cynthia Bennett Fishington.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 11:41: Chairman, Miss Halle Teart will read on her behalf that statement.
- MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF 11:48: Thank you Counsel.
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON
 - evidence.
- MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF 12:07: Thank you Counsel.
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON12:09: I am just going to have the statement that was
signed by Miss Cynthia Bennett Fishington to be
handed to Ms. Halle Teart. Now, just before we
read it, could you say your name and we would
ask you to speak into the microphone. You can
sit back

The statement of Cynthia Bennett Fishington? You have that statement there with you?

MS. HALLE TEART 13:03: Yes.

COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 13:06: Cynthia Bennett Fishington, how are you related to her?

- **MS. HALLE TEART** 13:11: She is my great aunt and I am her great niece.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 13:16: Your great aunt and your great niece. Thank you. What is your mother's name?

MS. HALLE TEART	13:23: J	ludy Teart
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COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 13:25: Thank you. Now, you have a signed statement of Cynthia Bennett Fishington there with you?

13:33: Yes. It was signed by Cynthia Bennett Fishington in your presence? Yes sorry. It was witnessed by Carlton Adams.

Mr. Carlton Adams. correct?

statement, and it had then been witnessed by

COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 13:52: Okay. But before we go there, she had signed a

MS. HALLE TEART

MS. HALLE TEART 14:09: Yes.

- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 14:10: And this morning, she signed a copy of that statement in your presence however.
- MS. HALLE TEART 14:14: Yes.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 14:15: Thank you. Prior to the statement being signed this morning in your presence you read the contents to her. Did you read all the statement to her?
- **MS. HALLE TEART** 14:26: Nathan Darrell read the statement to her in full.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 14:29: Okay. And Nathan Darrell who is he to you?
- MR. NATHAN DARRELL 14:32: He is my cousin.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 14:34: Your cousin and where is he?
- **MS. HALLE TEART** 14:36: To the right of me.
 - 14:37: To the right of you, thank you. Just could you turn position the microphone in front of Cynthia Bennett Fishington? Is it Mrs. Fishington? Mrs. Fishington?

MS CYNTHIA B. FISHINGTON 14:54: Yes, sir.

COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON

COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 14:55: The statement was read to you by Mr. Nathan Darrell. You understood what was read to you and you then signed it? MS CYNTHIA B. FISHINGTON 15:06: Yes I did.

- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 15:07: Would wish your grand nice Miss Halle Teart to read the statement on your behalf.
- MS CYNTHIA B. FISHINGTON 15:06: Thank you yes.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 15:13: Okay. You may go ahead. Can I just ask you to read from the very top where it says Statement of Witness to the end thank you?
- MS. HALLE TEART
 15:26: Statement of Witness: Statement of Cynthia Bennett Fishington. Date of Birth: September 10, 1947. Address: 23 Rocky Wall Dr. Sandys Bermuda.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 15:45: Leave the phone number off please.
- MS. HALLE TEART
 15:47: Occupation or employer: Retired. This statement consists of two pages each signed by me, it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. And I make it knowing that if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have willfully stated it in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true, dated the 22nd day of January 2021 signed Cynthia Fishington. Witnessed by Carlton Adams statement.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 16:23: Just before you go on. Chairman I ask that this document be tendered as Exhibit CF1
- MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF 16:36: Statement of Cynthia Bennett Fishington as read by Halle Teart be tendered and admitted as Exhibit CF1
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 17:05: You may proceed madam.
- **MS. HALLE TEART** 17:08: I am the above named person and I live at the address given alone. My children are married and live elsewhere. I am one of the children of George Darrell. My father owned land in Southampton Parish, and it was a very large piece of land. My father was a pilot, he worked on the ferry. When he stopped working on the ferry. He came home and worked in the yard as

a stone cutter. He also had gardens on his land. I remember that people used to steal from his gardens. I can remember from when I was a little girl, how people went about stealing my father's land. He would put coven stakes, and people would take the stakes up. The people who were removing stakes put down my father to work the boundaries of his land were G Powell, the Paris Vestry person and Wycliffe Stovell. This happened more than once. And on one occasion, they pushed my father away and he pushed them back. My brothers Leroy and John, both of whom have passed saw this happen and they relayed it back to my mother and I could hear it all. I have remembered from time until the present and is of great importance to me

MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF18:25: Counsel I know it is early, however, is there any
indication that Adverse Notices will be sent to
these persons or their descendants who were
named at this point?

MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF

MS. HALLE TEART

- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON18:45: Not at this stage Chairman, but there are some
other persons who will be named in respect of
their Estate of E.T. Richards. An adverse notice
ought to be sent to the Estate of E.T. Richards.
 - 19:06: I also should make a note at this point. You may continue.
 - 19:12: My father was not allowed to pay tax on all of his land. They only allowed him to pay tax on a part of it. Whoever it was that was in charge of collecting taxes is who I'm speaking of. This is something that my mother and father told me about. I know that my father wanted to give E.T. Richards, the lawyer the deeds to his property to hold because people used to come to our house to search. My father found two of them in the house. They said they were lost and he took them up to Turtle Hill. When they were there, they pulled a gun on him and he got away. My father decided after that to give the Deeds to the lawyer E. T. Richard's to hold so that they would be safe. My mother did not want the deeds to the land to be given to Mr. Richards, but my

father trusted him and gave him the deeds to hold anyway. Mr. Richards was married to my father's cousin, and so my father trusted him.

- MS. HALLE TEART 20:11: Years later, when the Hamilton hotel burned down, E.T. Richards told my father that the deeds burned in the fire. After that he told G. Powell and other people that there were no deeds. Later on, when I was an adult, I asked my father to divide the land and give each of the children a portion of it. My father did not respond to that. There was a building on my father's land where Heron Bay School is located. That building was used as a school for black children. This was before my father's time. That building was donated by our family, it was on our land. There is no proof of permission of how the rest of the land was acquired by Government to build Heron Bay School. That property was ours that property that being my father's property. Signed: Cynthia Fishington.
- **MS. HALLE TEART** 20:59: The foregone statement was recorded by the undersigned at the Dame Lois Browne Evans building: Court Street, Hamilton. Dated: 22nd January, 2021. From Cynthia Bennett Fishington who is visually impaired. The statement was read over to Mrs. Fishing in the presence of her niece Judy Teart. Mrs. Fishington signed the document, which was also witnessed by Judy Teart: Signed by Carlton Adams.
- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 21:29: Just for clarification, Judy Teart is?
- MS. HALLE TEART 21:32: My Mother. Yes.
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 21:41: Now.

MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF

21:45: This is just a query from one of the Commissioners. Just one moment, I have a question from one of the commissioners that that is irrelevant to the Vestry named, could the witness give us the name of the Vestry. Which

MS. HALLE TEART 22:21: So Southampton Parish Vestry?

MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF
22:24: The answer is Southampton Parish Vestry. It is not Southampton Parish Vestry for clarification. It is important that the Commission know these things to make sure that they are not conflicted in any way. That's why we, from time to time will ask questions for clarification early in the evidence so that we don't have any interest which will be adverse Thank you very much. You may continue?

- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 23:14: Thank you. Mrs. Fishingon is there anything you'd like to add to? Anything you'd like to say or we may proceed? Haven't had a statement read, is there anything else you'd like to add at this time?
- **MS CYNTHIA B. FISHINGTON** 23:34: Yes, at the time she was reading it, it came in my mind and it went out just as it came in. But it's very hard to when you think of how hard my father and my mother actually fought for the land. As a child I was reminded all the time as to what was going on because one of the government stones, is that what they call them? When they place them on the ground where the Tribal Roads are? Yes. Well, the one that was placed right next to the land, and right next to the railroad was always shifted. In other words, it was placed there, I would say government people those that worked for the government. I remember, so clearly, because right where that was placed, that one should have been placed by government in that area was two trees. And those two trees were like, right next to it, but when I think back at how they would shift that Stone as well as when they shifted the stakes that were on top of the hill they shifted that stone almost the same time that they shifted those things.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 25:33: And this is what you have been told by?

MS CYNTHIA B. FISHINGTON

25:36: No, this is what I had seen. But especially that, because what was done up the hill was told to us and the one who related it to us, my two brothers related to my mom, and of course I being there heard it. But when it came to two below the hill in front of the house.

COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 26:02: I'm sorry when what

- **MS CYNTHIA B. FISHINGTON** 26:05: When it came to the stone? Yes, it's like a block. Yes, if you go up, they're still up there right next to the land. And when I saw I actually saw them, shift them from that side to that not every time but they did shift it. I did see it at one time. And so that was you know, I recognize that. Now the thing that went out of my head when I was listening, is the fact that people have always said, there's no deeds. But my mom, she witnessed the deeds. And so I actually heard it was like a PLP statement on the radio. vou know, they come on Wednesdays and Fridays. Well, they were dealing with land. And they said, how about the Darrell Land? And then someone commented, there's no deeds. But there were deeds. And my mom had witnessed those deeds. And that's how I knew there were deeds, because she told us as children, that she had seen those deeds that E.T. Richards says that there was no deeds.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 27:22: So are you saying that
- MS CYNTHIA B. FISHINGTON

COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON

MS CYNTHIA B. FISHINGTON

27:37: What I'm saying to you is, I don't know what happened to the deeds. I do know before the fire, my mama saw those deeds

27:24: She had seen those deeds. So in other words,

27:32: You are not accepting that the deeds were burnt in a fire. Is that what you are saying?

father, and my mother.

there were two witnesses to those deeds, my

COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON

MS CYNTHIA B. FISHINGTON 27:51:

27:51: Was E.T. Richards. He had them and apparently he must have an office in the hotel that burnt down, but there were deeds.

27:48: And the last person who had the deeds

- 28:06: Now, when you mentioned earlier that stones and you indicated that if I, if we were to attend the homestead now we would see the stones. When you say persons from the government move the stones, what in your opinion was the effect of moving the stones did it, the land area did it make it more did it make it less than that? What was the effect of moving in your mind when you made that point?
- **MS CYNTHIA B. FISHINGTON** 28:36: The stones were put there, right in that spot. So that when they cut through the Tribe Road it was a straight road going up the hill. In my yard, before they cut that Tribe Road, we could come outside and we could skip and my mom use to enjoy coming out and skipping with us girls. And you know how one person will have the rope on one side and rope on the other side someone will stand there and they'll turn and of course you skip through and do whatever or touch the ground. We always had fun. But we also played marbles and it was a yard and you didn't have to fall out of. If you go up there now and see where it was cut, if you tried to do anything like that you would fall off the hill. But now there is a wall there but when they took that away, they didn't just take it from my father, they took it from us as children who came out in that yard and played even with our friends coming there and playing with us. We could do all sorts in that yard without falling off the bank. COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 30:00: So on, on different days, you're saying men
- came there who you believe are from the government on different days and they move the stones. And by moving the stones, they area that you would have skipped on or you'd have played on with marbles, did that area become smaller and larger, but based on the movement of the stone what was the effect of that
- **MS CYNTHIA B. FISHINGTON** 30:23: They took 10 to 20 feet from the front of the house, and of course the yeard was smaller.

- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 30:31: Thank you very much. As you see fit, Mrs. Bennett Fishington, you can just indicate and speak. I'm just going to go back to Ms. Teart. Now Ms. Teart your mother, What is her name?
- MS. HALLE TEART 31:29: Judy M Teart
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 31:33: Where is she presently?
- **MS. HALLE TEART** 31:36: In the parking lot.
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON31:48: Why I paused, just as I had done just now,
Chairman, where I'd had Mrs. Bennett
Fishington indicate that she would have her
grandniece read her statement. Judy Teart who
I have been told by the witness is in the parking
lot, I have not actually seen her. I just need to
see her. I know she has signed and produced a
statement. Is he able to even come to the door?
- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 32:27: Are you indicating Counsel, that Judi Teart is on the property but
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 32:33: She's on the property but the intention was that her daughter will read the statement? Yes, but just for the connection because I have not formerly met in person and I just would like that she could even enter the room her daughter could identify her she could identify herself and then we just continue just for purposes of the exercise, but I will move on until that time.
- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 32:59: I believe she may be attending momentarily. Oh, yes. All right. Then I thought it was continue Counsel.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 33:11: I'll just wait a few moments, I've been told that she is going to appear.

MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF 33:17: Yes, for the authensity and validation of the identity of the witness. I get that's just for the record?

COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 34:21: As we wait Ms. Teart, forgive me for the bad pronunciation of your name. You have a PowerPoint presentation, which is to be made known on behalf of the claimants.

Madam your name is Judith Teart? Is she your daughter?

dated 23rd January, 2021. Is this your mother

- **MRS. JUDITH TEART** 35:52: Yes, Judith Teart, Yes my daughter Halle Teart, yes.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 36:01: You wish her, don't sit to read your statement

COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON

- MS. HALLE TEART 36:02: Yes, yes. Yes.
- COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 36:09: Thank you. Madam you have a statement of Judy Teart dated the 23rd January, 2021 and is it signed?

madam?

- MS. HALLE TEART 36:09: Yes sir.
- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 36:11: Counsel. Just for clarification, would you repeat what the exercise that's carried out for identification just for the record and clarity?
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 36:20: Thank you. Mrs. Judy Teart had asked that her daughter, Ms. Halle Teart, read the statement on her behalf. What I sought to do was to have Mrs. Judy Teart identify herself her daughter identify as her daughter will the person who will read her statement.
- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 37:00: Thank you Counsel just for the record.
 - 37:15: Now, the statement is signed. Please go ahead and read from where it says Statement of Witness
- MS. HALLE TEART37:26: Yes. Statement of Witness: Statement of Judith
McMahon Teart Date of Birth: 12th July 1972.
Address: 24 Whaling Hill, Southampton,
Bermuda. Occupation: Employers Career
Development Manager at Workforce
Development. The statement consists of two

pages each signed by me it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief that I make it known that if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have willfully stated and it's anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true. Dated: 23rd day of January 2021 Signed: Judy McMahon Teart. Signature witnessed: by Carlton Adams statement. I am the above named person and I live with at the address given with my two (2) daughters. Several months ago I submitted an application to the Commission of Inquiry into Historic Land Laws, on behalf of my family.

- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 38:13: Madam just a moment. Chairman I just asked that the signed document before the witness continues any further is tendered and admitted as JT1
- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 38:48: Yes, that statement of Judy Teart have two (2) pages will be done tendered as Exhibit JT1.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 38:55: Thank you, you may continue Madam.
- **MS. HALLE TEART** 38:59: My mother Marian Lowe, her sisters Cynthia Fishington, Faith Gilbert, Isabel McMahon, Patricia Elliot, and brother James Darrell are all children of George Wellington Darrell. George Wellington Darrell inherited property in Southampton Parish from the Amelius Darrell. I was made aware that there was an application to the Land Grab Commission in reference to the same property on behalf of the Darrell family, specifically the descendants of George Darrell, and I wish to advise the Commission that Raymond Davis does not represent the children of George Darrell nor has he obtained their consent to submit an application on their behalf.
- **MS. HALLE TEART** 39:44: Additionally, I was provided a copy of an Affidavit that was included in Raymond's Application to the Land Grab Commission. Raymond's Affidavit makes reference to the Estate of Amelius's Darrell. Amelius's property was inherited by George Darrell, my

grandfather, Raymond Davis is not a direct descendant of George Darrell. My daughter and I have conducted research and I've acquired documents which can prove that George Darrell's property was inherited from his father Amelius Darrell. My daughter Halle and I wish to make a presentation before the Commission using these documents to support our position with the aid of PowerPoint presentation. Raymond Davis does not represent the descendants of George Darrell and we did not wish him to do so. He is the nephew of George Darrell. The property to which I have been referring to is located in the Riviera Estate, Southampton and extends to Sunnyside Park to the south and middle road and so on. I wish to clear something that was said earlier, George Wellington Darrell who inherited the land from Amelius Darrell, who inherited the said property from his father Daniel Davis Darrell. Signed: Judy M. Teart. The foregoing statement was recorded by the undersigned on Friday 23rd January, 2021. At the Dame Lois Browne Evans Signature witnessed by Carlton buildina. Adams.

COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 41:11: Thank you Madam.

MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF

41:15: Counsel may I ask what's the relevance of that statement to Reverend Davis means to this Commission?

COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 41:22: The Commission had been advised that the named person Raymond Davis, that he was on behalf of the claimants intending to present the claim on behalf of the claimants. The Claimants are here advising that he is not so authorized. And there are assigned statement to that effect has been produced and read by the witness, so in terms of any intention of his to do so.

MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF 41:59: Thank you for that clarification.

COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON 42:01: Thank you, Crave Indulgence. Chairman and commissioners, what I am going to ask at this time that we could take a short adjournment there's an administrative matter that we need to attend to I just asked that it would require the commissioners to move but we just need to ascertain some details. I just asked for the time that is being done that the feed the outside feed that it could just be pause while we try to ascertain certain facts.

- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 43:50: It wouldn't be an imposition for us to actually have a slight adjournment and it would not be too much of an imposition for the Commissioners.
- **COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 43:59: So could I just ask the chairman to just ask the feed to just pause for a minute while we ascertain this matter.
- **MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 44:09: Yes, to the people that are operating the recording equipment if you would switch it off momentarily.

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