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1 Q (By Mr. Prelo) You stated that in your home, you don't
2 discuss Navajo things with your wife?

3 A No.

4 Q Is it because the Santa Clara rules are utilized in your
5 home?

6 MR. COLLINS: May we have the objection?

7 THE COURT: Yes.

8 Q (By Mr. Prelo) Have you ever lived on the Navajo Reserva-
9 tion proper?

10 A No, not -- the only place I lived is right on the Federal
11 Government premises where I'm employed or was employed.

12 Q For whom were you working at that time?

13 A I was working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

14 Q Who supplied the housing for you?

15 A The Federal Government, BIA.

16 MR. PRELO: I have no further questions.

17 THE COURT: You may step down.

18 (Witness excused.)

19 MR. PRELO: I call Bill Baca, William Baca.

20 (Witness sworn by Court Clerk.)

21 BILL BACA,

22 having been first duly sworn according to law, upon his oath
23 testified as follows:

24 DIRECT EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. PRELO:

1 Q Mr. Baca, if you can't hear me, please ask me to repeat
2 the question, or if it is too fast or for any other reason,
3 if you don't understand, please let me know.

4 Can you hear me now okay?

5 A Not quite good.

6 Q Would you state your name, please.

7 A What were you saying?

8 Q Your name.

9 A My name. Bill Baca.

10 Q Where do you reside? Where do you live, Mr. Baca?

11 A I live in Santa Clara.

12 Q How long have you resided on the Santa Clara Pueblo?

13 A Well, most of my life.

14 Q When were you born, sir?

15 A I was born in Santa Clara.

16 Q What year?

17 A December 13, 1903.

18 Q How old are you?

19 A 70.

20 Q Are you presently working?

21 A Will you repeat that, please.

22 Q Do you have a job?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And what is that job?

25 A I'm working for the tribe as security for Puye.

- 1 Q Is that a fulltime job?
- 2 A No, not exactly.
- 3 Q What time of the year do you work there?
- 4 A Well, starting from April 1st until about, I'd say,
- 5 officially, this end of the month. I don't know for sure,
- 6 though.
- 7 Q Mr. Baca, what is your education?
- 8 A Well, I don't have much education.
- 9 Q Did you go to school?
- 10 A I went to school about two years, probably.
- 11 Q And where was that, sir?
- 12 A I was at home about one year, then to Indian School about
- 13 another year.
- 14 Q And where did you attend Indian School?
- 15 A At Santa Fe Indian School down there.
- 16 Q And when you say at home, where was that?
- 17 A At home?
- 18 Q Yes, sir.
- 19 A At Santa Clara.
- 20 Q Have you held any offices in the Santa Clara Pueblo?
- 21 A You mean on this Constitution?
- 22 Q In the Tribal Government.
- 23 A The Tribal Government, yes.
- 24 Q Before the Constitution?
- 25 A No. After.

- 1 Q What offices have you held, sir?
- 2 A I was elected the First Lieutenant Governor when this
- 3 Constitution was adopted.
- 4 Q In what year was that that you were First Lieutenant
- 5 Governor?
- 6 A I think it was in 1936, if I remember correctly.
- 7 Q Were you born in the Pueblo, Mr. Baca?
- 8 A Yes, sir.
- 9 Q Were your parents Santa Clara members?
- 10 A Both of them.
- 11 Q Are you married?
- 12 A I'm married, yes.
- 13 Q Do you have any children?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Is your wife a Santa Clara member?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Do you have any daughters?
- 18 A I have one daughter.
- 19 Q Is she married to a Santa Clara?
- 20 A She is not married yet.
- 21 Q She's not married at all?
- 22 A No.
- 23 Q Do you have any sons?
- 24 A I have, yes.
- 25 Q Aren't they married?

- 1 A Will you repeat that, please.
- 2 Q Are they married?
- 3 A Yes, I have three, married.
- 4 Q And where do they reside?
- 5 A Well, I was married twice. From my first wife, I have a
- 6 son, and he's living in Chicago now. He's working there.
- 7 Q Your second marriage? You did have a second marriage?
- 8 A That's right.
- 9 Q How many children did you have from the second marriage?
- 10 A I have five boys and one girl.
- 11 Q And the girl is single, you state?
- 12 A That's right.
- 13 Q But are the boys married, Mr. Baca?
- 14 A The second two boys are married.
- 15 Q And where do they live?
- 16 A They live in Santa Clara.
- 17 Q Did they marry Santa Clara girls?
- 18 A That's right.
- 19 Q Both of them?
- 20 A Both of them.
- 21 Q And the third boy is a bachelor?
- 22 A What was that?
- 23 Q The third boy is not married?
- 24 A The third, three of my boys, are not married.
- 25 Q Are you familiar with the enrollment practices of the

1 Santa Clara Pueblo?

2 A Only the old one?

3 Q To date.

4 A No, I don't think so.

5 Q Are you familiar with the old practices of enrollment in
6 the Santa Clara Pueblo?

7 A No.

8 Q Do you know whether or not the children of a Santa Clara
9 woman that marries a non-Santa Clara man are enrolled in
10 the Santa Clara Pueblo?

11 A Not that I know of.

12 Q You don't know or you don't know if they are?

13 A I guess you'd have to kind of talk a little louder. I
14 don't hear very well.

15 Q Do you know whether the children of a Santa Clara woman
16 that marries a non-Santa Clara man are enrolled in the
17 Pueblo today?

18 A Not today.

19 Q Do you know why?

20 A Well, I think the Constitution was closed some years ago
21 and they are not allowed to enroll them.

22 Q Do you know what the rule was before the Constitution?

23 A No, not -- no.

24 Q You don't know if it was the same or not?

25 A No, I really don't know.

1 Q All right, sir. Do you know whether -- strike that.

2 When the Santa Clara woman marries an outsider, do
3 you know where they normally would live?

4 A Will you repeat that question, please.

5 Q When a Santa Clara woman marries a non-Santa Clara man,
6 do you know where they would live, usually?

7 A I don't catch on that last words.

8 Q If a Santa Clara woman marries a non-Santa Clara man,
9 do they live on the Pueblo?

10 A You mean do they live in the Pueblo?

11 Q Where would they go live?

12 A Well, I don't know.

13 Q Okay. Who is the household head in the Santa Clara
14 Pueblo family?

15 A Who is the head of the household?

16 Q Yes, sir.

17 A Oh. The man.

18 Q The man?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And if he marries, do they live at his house, or do they
21 live at the woman's house?

22 A Well, if the man had a house, I guess that's where they
23 lived.

24 If the woman is from the Pueblo and she has her
25 home there, they live there.

1 Q Now, you stated that the male is the head of the household.
2 Would you explain what you mean by that statement?

3 A Well, he is the leader in the whole family. He supports
4 the family and, well, raises them and, of course, the
5 woman is more household. She has so much more to do in
6 the house.

7 But the man has more say-so and where to enroll the
8 children or what, what to do, and he's the head of the
9 family.

10 Q Do you know which one of them teaches their children
11 religion?

12 A No. Repeat that question, please.

13 Q Do you know whether the mother or the father teaches their
14 children religion?

15 A Religious. You mean religious?

16 Q Yes, sir.

17 A Well, I won't say because I don't know. I guess every
18 individuals have their own way of teaching their children
19 religious.

20 Q Before the Constitution, you don't know how enrollment
21 worked?

22 A No, I don't.

23 MR. PRELO: May I have a moment, Your Honor?

24 No further questions.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Collins.