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1 children of that marriage, were they not?

2 A Right.

3 MR. COLLINS: Thank you. I pass the witness.

4 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. PRELO:

6 Q Mr. Silva, do you know whether or not this Mirabal lady  
7 was before the Constitution?

8 A Yes. That was before the Constitution. That was when  
9 the girls were still small because the youngest girl or  
10 youngest sister of Julia were neighbors and we used to  
11 play together. So that's how I knew they were way before  
12 the Constitution.

13 Q So that was in the 30's, perhaps, or the 20's, late 20's?

14 A Somewhere in the 20's.

15 Q Your home is run strictly under Santa Clara custom and  
16 tradition, is that correct?

17 A I didn't get your question.

18 MR. COLLINS: Objection.

19 THE COURT: Sustained.

20 MR. PRELO: If the Court please, I don't know what  
21 the objection is based upon, and I can't --

22 THE COURT: It is a leading question, Mr. Prelo.

23 MR. PRELO: He stated -- well, I will rephrase it,  
24 Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: All right, sir.

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: