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CROSS EXAMINATION

BY MR. COLLINS:

Q Mr. Baca, do you have a son named Antonio?

A A son?

Q Yes.

A Yes.

Q What last name does Antonio use?

A You mean from the first wife?

Q Well, does Antonio go by the last name of Baca, or does he use another last name?

A The first son.

Q Is Antonio -- What is Antonio's full name?

A Oh. Antonio goes by his grandma's last name, Sisneros.

Q He goes by his grandmother's last name, is that right?

A Yes.

Q Where does Antonio live now?

A He's in Chicago now.

Q Is he married?

A He's married, yes.

Q Does he have children?

A Two.

Q Are they recognized as members of the Pueblo?

A That's right.

Q Is his wife Indian?

A No. She's an Anglo.

1 Q His wife is Anglo?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Do you know whether adopted children can be taken in as  
4 members of the Pueblo?

5 A No, I don't.

6 MR. COLLINS: Thank you, sir.

7 THE COURT: Do you have any questions, Mr. Prelo?

8 MR. PRELO: I have nothing further of this witness.

9 THE COURT: You may step down, Mr. Baca.

10 (Witness excused.)

11 MR. PRELO: May we approach the bench, Your Honor?

12 THE COURT: Come right ahead.

13 (Discussion at the bench.)

14 MR. PRELO: Since this has gone twice as fast as  
15 we expected, the witness we had here this morning,  
16 plaintiffs prefer that we not put him on today, and if  
17 the Court would entertain a motion to recess, we have  
18 that witness and one other witness that we would like  
19 to save because of the time element till tomorrow.

20 THE COURT: Fine.

21 MR. COLLINS: We don't care, Your Honor, as long as  
22 a man we aren't prepared for doesn't go on today. As  
23 long as we have another witness to proceed, we think that  
24 other witness should proceed, first.

25 MR. PRELO: It would throw my whole case off, and

1 he is an expert. And I'd like to put him on and then --

2 THE COURT: All right.

3 MR. COLLINS: Your Honor, we'd like to have the  
4 direct testimony, so long as we could cross. We just  
5 want to cross. That's all.

6 THE COURT: Is he here?

7 MR. PRELO: Yes, he is here.

8 THE COURT: Fine. Let's go ahead and get the direct.

9 (Witness sworn by Court Clerk.)

10 JUAN CHAVARRIA,

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

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. PRELO:

15 Q State your name, please, sir.

16 A Juan Chavarria.

17 Q Mr. Chavarria, where do you reside?

18 A At Santa Clara Pueblo.

19 Q How long have you resided at the Pueblo?

20 A Most of my life, with a few years excepting when I was  
21 out of the Pueblo.

22 Q How old are you, sir?

23 A 68.

24 Q Are you employed?

25 A Yes, I am.