## Open Forum

ROBERT WILLIAMS: THAT'S OUR LAST SECTION. NOW MOVING TO THE OPEN FORUM PORTION OF THE PROGRAM.

YOU'LL NOTE ON THE AGENDA, WE ARE SCHEDULED TO GO TO 3:30AND THERE'S TIME AFTER THAT. JIM MAY GIVE SOME CLOSING REMARKS. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET EVERYONE IN THAT SIGNED UP. IF YOU WOULD COME DOWN: LEONARD FOSTER, CAROLYN LUBENAU. KEITH FRANKLIN KAREN BEGAY. IF I CALLED YOUR NAME AND YOU ARE NOT HERE, I HAVE TO MOVE YOU DOWN.

LEONARD FOSTER: (SPEAKING NATIVE LANGUAGE.)

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ A
SHORT STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENTS. NATIVE AMERICANS INCARCERATED
IN FEDERAL PENITENTIARIES. AND MY BROTHER LEONARD PELTIER.
MY NAME IS LENNY FOSTER, THE PROGRAM SUPERVISOR FOR NAVAJO NATION
CORRECTIONS PROJECT. I SERVE AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
TREATY COUNCIL.

TREATIES, TRADITIONAL CULTURE AND SACRED LANDS. OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS, I VISITED 96 STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND PROVIDED SPIRITUAL COUNSEL TO 2000 INDIGENOUS MEN AND WOMEN.

I OBJECT TO THE EXTREME RACISM, DISCRIMINATION TOWARD OUR RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL BELIEFS AND PRACTICE WHICH MAKES DIFFICULT FOR NATIVE PRISONERS TO PARTICIPATE IN TRADITIONAL CEREMONIES IN A CONSISTENT MANNER. IF AT ALL.

I WITNESSED AND EXPERIENCED HARASSMENT, INDIFFERENCE, INTIMIDATION, WITH REGARD TO PRACTICING OUR RELIGION.

PRISON OFFICIALS REFUSED TO ALLOW NATIVE CEREMONIES TO BE OFFERED TO DEATH ROW PRISONERS. OFFICIALS CLAIM CEREMONIES WILL BE USED AS A MEANS OF ESCAPE OR SINGING AND DRUMMING IS DISRUPTIVE TO THE SECURITY OF THE INSTITUTION. TOBACCO IS RESTRICTED FOR CEREMONIES, WITH THE ASSERTION THAT PRISONS ARE SMOKE FREE.

IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE MOST NATIVE PEOPLES ARE INCARCERATED FOR ALCOHOL RELATED OFFENSES, ADDICTION IS LONG RECOGNIZED AS A HEALTH ISSUE. IT'S BEST ADDRESSED THROUGH TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL PRACTICES AND BELIEFS.

NATIVE PRISONERS ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN TRADITIONAL PRACTICES BECOME MODEL PRISONERS, CULTURALLY VIABLE AND RESPONSIBLE AND CONTRIBUTING CITIZENS IN THE NATIVE COMMUNITIES UPON RELEASE. DENIAL OF ACCESS TO SPIRITUAL RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES IS A VIOLATION OF INSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

AND -- I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE SEEK COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT THROUGH THE DECLARATION FOR THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION AS AN IMPORTANT HUMAN CIVIL RIGHT FOR NATIVE PRISONERS.

NATIVE AMERICAN ACTIVIST LEONARD PELTIER WAS WRONGFULLY CONVICTED IN CONNECTION WITH TWO DEATHS OF FBI AGENTS. DESPITE THE COURT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT HE HAS BEEN IN PRISON OVER 36 YEARS.

THEREFORE I RECOMMEND THAT SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR SEEK COMPLIANCE THROUGH
THE DECLARATION AND DEMAND CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION TO THE VIOLATION
SUFFERED BY LEONARD PELTIER AND INVITE THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR, VISIT HIM.
AND SEEK AN ACT OF EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY BY BARAK OBAMA.
APPLAUSE APPLAUSE

URGE PRESIDENT OBAMA TO PUT THIS TRAGIC CHAPTER OF AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY TO REST IN AN HONORABLE FASHION. FURTHER DELAY, IT MAY COME TOO LATE. THANK YOU.

I NEED YOUR HELP. IF YOU TAKE IT TO HEART AND READ THE FULL TEXT, IT WOULD BE A REAL STEP TOWARDS RECONCILIATION. IF YOU COULD VISIT HIM AND TALK TO HIM IN PERSON.

ROBERT WILLIAMS: NEXT.

(I DON'T KNOW WHAT HER NAME IS.)

>> GOOD AFTERNOON, SISTERS AND BROTHERS. AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE WE ARE
HONORED TO PARTICIPATE. WE ALSO WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HERE, AS THIS
SESSION IS INTENDED TO REVIEW THE SITUATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AGAINST
THE BACKDROP OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION, IT'S ESSENTIAL THE

CLARIFICATION BE MADE, THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOT A DOMESTIC DOCUMENT BUT AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE.

THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION PRECLUDES THE RIGHT OF STATES TO TAKE UNDER THEIR OWN CONTROL, THE DESIGNATION OF CULTURAL AND LEGAL IDENTITY. SELF-DEFINITION IS THE PRECEPT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. IN CONFORMITY WITH YOUR MANDATE TO IDENTIFY, EXCHANGE AND PROMOTE BEST PRACTICES, WE REQUEST YOU ACCEPT THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION, AND FROM THE FORUM ON THE IMPACT OF DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY, CONDUCTED IN THE ARIZONA STATE CAPITOL ON MARCH 23. HOSTED BY THE NATIVE AMERICAN CAUCUS, AND PRESIDED BY O'ODHAM, THE EVENT WAS ORGANIZED BY TONATIERRA, BY THE UNITED STATES PERMANENT FORUM AND ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES WITH THE INTENT OF PRESENTING THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND PRINCIPLES OF THE WORLD AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW IT'S UTILIZED TO DEFINE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE.

THE FORUM HERE IN ARIZONA WAS AN HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT. WE BELIEVE THE FORUM, HOSTED AT THE STATE CAPITAL IS A GLIMPSE OF A NEW SYSTEMIC STANDARD THAT POINTS TO REDEFINITION OF RELATIONSHIPS AMONGST STATES AND PEOPLE, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STANDARDS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

WE SUBMIT THE ATTACHED REPORT, VIDEO AND DOCUMENTATION FROM THE
ARIZONA FORUM ON THE IMPACT FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SESSION. WHERE THE
SUBJECT IS SPECIAL ON THE AGENDA. LAST YEAR, TONATIERRA HOSTED ORIGINAL

HEARING ON THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY HELD IN PHOENIX WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM ACROSS NORTH AMERICA, INCLUDING MEXICO.

IT WAS ORGANIZED TO COMPLETE THE STUDY RELEASED BY THE PERMANENT FORUM.

ON MARCH 16, MEMBERS OF SEVERAL TRADITIONAL COMMUNITIES OF ARIZONA TOOK

PART IN A THREE - DAY SPIRITUAL RUN WHICH DELIVERED A COMMUNIQUE TO THE

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DEMANDING THE UNITED NATIONS DOCTRINE TO BE

INTEGRATED TO THE SOCIAL STUDY CURRICULUM

AT ALL LEVELS ACROSS THE STATE. AS OF THIS CONFERENCE TODAY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TONATIERRA RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION. THIS DEMAND IS UNDER REVIEW. THE FORUM ON THE IMPACT OF, WAS A SERIES OF PRESENTATION AND EXCHANGES AMONG THE PEOPLE AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONS AND PUEBLOS. IT LASTED THREE HOURS. THE EVENT WAS STREAMED LOCALLY VIA INTERNET AND AN OFFICIAL PROCEEDING TO BE ARCHIVED.

THE FORUM CALLED FOR ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN AT ALL LEVELS, FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO THE REGIONAL TERRITORY, TO ADDRESS THE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS THAT CONTINUE TO DAMAGE THE SPIRIT OF HUMANITY. TO QUOTE THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS. WE CALL FOR THE PROCESS TO PREVAIL OVER THE DISTORTIONS OF DOCTRINE. NOT FOR THE PURPOSES OF REDRESS BUT ENGAGE IN CORRECTING, TO MOVE FORWARD, AS CHILDREN THE OF NATION AND PUEBLOS OF MOTHER EARTH.

THIS PROCESS, REFERENCES, IS THE SAME PROCESS THAT BRINGS US TOGETHER

TODAY. AND MOVING TOWARD RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE FROM LOCAL

TO GLOBAL SCALE AS THEY ARE ARTICULATED.

THE INITIAL CHALLENGE IS TO CONFRONT, SUCH AS THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY,
UNJUSTIFIED COLONIALISM AGAINST THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE.
THESE ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS. WE AFFIRM THE REQUEST OF THE NORTH
AMERICAN CAUCUS FOR A DEEP EXPLORATION. WE SUBMIT THE PROCESS AND
CONTENT OF THE FORUM ON THE 23RD OF MARCH HELD IN ARIZONA BE INTEGRATED
INTO THE THEME OF THE 11TH SESSION AS AN EXAMPLE OF BEST PRACTICES.

WE REQUEST THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON THE RIGHTS, COMMUNICATES TO THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO INQUIRE REGARDING THE DEMAND TO INTEGRATE.

WE RECOMMEND THAT IN FURTHERANCE OF THE OBJECTIVES, SPECIAL ATTENTION

AND SUPPORT BE GIVEN TO THE IMPACT OF THE DOCTRINE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

AGREEMENT. THANK YOU.

NEXT SPEAKERS, KEITH FRANKLIN. EDMUND RAY, WENONA---

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>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY. THE TOHONO O'ODHAM PEOPLE ARE
HOSPITABLE. I HAVE THREE MINUTES WORTH HERE, AND I HAVE TO READ ALL OF
THIS. PART OF THIS, I WANTED TO START OUT TALKING ABOUT EDUCATION.
AND THERE'S TWO PARTS OF THIS THAT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT. THE PROBLEMS

CANNOT BE SOLVED AT THE SAME LEVEL OF AWARENESS THAT CREATE -- I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE URBAN INDIAN POPULATION AND MAKE SURE WE ARE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE STILL. WHEN WE LEAVE THE RESERVATION, WE SEEM TO BE EXCOMMUNICATED AND TREATED LIKE SOMEBODY THAT SHOULDN'T BE THERE.

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT JUST IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO -- AND I'M ON THE NEW MEXICO INDIAN EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL. WE'RE FINDING WE HAVE 36,000 URBAN INDIANS IN THE SYSTEM. AND THEY ARE FLUNKING. BAD.

WE'RE THE LOWEST IN ALL THE PROFICIENCIES. WE HAVE A GAP, RUNS AROUND 39 TO 40. AND IT'S CONSTANT. AND WE HAVE HAD THE PROBLEM SINCE 2004.

WE HAVE THE HIGHEST TRUANCY, DROPOUTS, AND I'M SURE A LOT OF YOU PEOPLE I'M PREACHING TO THE CHOIR, A LOT OF PROBLEMS IN ALBUQUERQUE. WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR CHILDREN? WHEN WE GO BEFORE THE SUPERINTENDENT ON THE SCHOOLBOARD. WE DON'T REALLY GET ACCEPTED AS A SPEAKER. WHEN WE LOOK AT THE CHILDREN, WE HAVE AROUND 6,000 CHILDREN IN THE SYSTEM.

AND MOST OF THEM ARE FROM THE LOCAL PUEBLOS. AND NAVAJO AND APACHE. AND GO TO THE TABLE, (INAUDIBLE) TRYING TO GET SOMETHING CHANGED. AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT ALL YOU TRIBAL LEADERS, ESPECIALLY NAVAJO, HALF OF THE 6,000 ARE NAVAJO CHILDREN.

AND I AM TALKING FOR YOUR KIDS. YOUR PEOPLE SHOULD BE THERE WITH ME AT THE TABLE TO TALK ABOUT THE ISSUES. AND THAT'S ON EVERYBODY'S TRIBE, THE TRIBAL PEOPLE NEED TO STAND UP AND TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS, OF THEIR TRIBAL PEOPLE.

EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE OFF RESERVATION. THOSE KIDS NEED HELP AND WE'RE NOT MAKING IT.

AND ONE THING I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT, WHEN WE GO TO THE MEETINGS LIKE THIS ONE HERE, IT'S TRIBAL. YOU DON'T SEE URBAN INDIANS. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CENSUS, OUT OF 4,000,000 INDIANS THEY IDENTIFIED IN 2000, THREE-QUARTERS WERE URBAN, OFF THE RESERVATION. I. H. S., AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, THE MONEY GOES TO THE 1 MILLION ON THE RESERVATION.

WE DON'T HAVE THE REPRESENTATION WE SHOULD. WE'RE THE MAJORITY.

OF COURSE, WE WERE TOLD IN THE OLD DAYS. WE WERE GOING TO GET AN

EDUCATION, DO WHAT WE NEEDED TO DO AND COME BACK AND WORK ON THE

RESERVATION.

THERE'S NO JOBS. WE NEED JOBS. AS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT URBAN. WE'RE GETTING LIKE ANYONE ELSE. IN THE FUTURE IT LOOKS LIKE THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, WE MAY NOT BE TRIBES. WE MAY RUN UP AGAINST THE WAL WHERE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SAYS, THERE'S 4,000,000 OFF THE RESERVATION, AND A MILLION ON. WHY DO WE HAVE THE RESERVATIONS, LET'S JUST ASSIMILATE EVERYBODY.

THAT'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF AND MAKE SURE WE DON'T RUN INTO THAT AND GET INVOLVED TOGETHER AS URBANS AND AS TRIBAL PEOPLE AND TALK THE ISSUE TOGETHER. I COULD GO ON, BUT I GAVE YOU THE THREE MINUTE SPEECH.

ROBERT WILLIAMS: THANK YOU.

>> AND I APPRECIATE YOU LETTING ME SPEAK.

EDMUND RAY: I'M FROM THE FOUR CORNERS AREA. GREETINGS TO THE PANEL. AND TO THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR.

THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH SELF-DETERMINATION, WHEN THE SELF-IS MISSING.
WHEN THE INDIAN NATIONS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE A PROGRAM, IT MUST
BE. THE NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT IS A EXAMPLE
OF A SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM. (INAUDIBLE) ARTICLE 13. WITH THE PRIVATE
SECTOR.

THIS REQUIRES ASSESSMENTS THAT INVOLVE COMMUNITIES SUCH AS MINE AND IDENTIFY THEIR NEED. AND REQUIRES ANNUAL INDIAN HOUSING PLANS FOR INTELLIGENT DEVELOPMENT. THE PROBLEM IS IF THE TRIBAL DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITY DOESN'T FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS, SELF-DETERMINATION DOES NOT WORK. THAT IS OUR PROBLEM.

WE FEEL THERE MUST BE NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT INVOLVE COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL AREAS THAT ALLOW THE PUBLIC AND OUR PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY LOCAL NEEDS. AND WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT IN THAT COMMUNITY.

WHAT MIGHT THAT INCLUDE? THAT INCLUDES ENCOURAGING LOCAL SMALL
BUSINESSES FOR GOODS AND SERVICES, DAY CARE, EMPLOYMENT TRAINING, SUPPORT,
AND THE LIKE. THERE MUST BE NEED, INDIAN HOUSING PLANS THAT ASSESS THE

NEED. FAIRLY ALLOCATE FUNDING RESOURCES AND ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY NON- PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS I HAVE.

I HAVE AN INTEREST, I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY NON- PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN SHIPROCK, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. THERE'S A PROBLEM AND IT EXISTS. OUR PRESENTERS IDENTIFIED THE NEED FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE AND FOLLOW THE LAW. WE AGREED WE THINK THE NATION SHOULD REMIND EVERYONE THERE'S AN INDIVIDUAL HUMAN RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT, ARTICLE 13. AS TO ENCOURAGE INITIATIVES SUCH AS OURS, THERE'S AN OVERALL OBLIGATION, THAT ORGANIZATIONS CAN CARRY OUT THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT.

### SELF-DETERMINATION.

THERE'S A PRIVATE SECTOR IN INDIAN COUNTRY, ECONOMISTS AND THEY MUST BE SUPPORTED AND ENCOURAGED. IT'S OUT THERE FOR US TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF. I'LL TELL YOU A QUICK STORY. THERE'S A LITTLE NAVAJO FAMILY. DECIDED TO GO AND VISIT ANOTHER PART OF THE FAMILY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RESERVATION. AS YOU KNOW, WHEN ONE GOES, EVERYONE GOES. THEY ALL CLIMB IN THE VAN. TRAVEL DOWN THE ROAD. GET TO THE FAMILY MEMBER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RESERVATION. WHEN THEY GET THERE, THEY VISIT (INAUDIBLE) AND RETURNING HOME AND THEY HAVE TO STOP MIDPOINT, REFUEL, GET SNACKS, AND DO THE OTHER PART.

FOR THE KIDS. WELL, EVERYONE DOES THAT. GAS UP, EVERYONE CLIMBS BACK IN THE VAN AND THEY TAKE OFF. AND THE DRIVER, THE FATHER, PATRIARCH, SAID, WAIT, WE'RE MISSING SOMEONE. WE NEED TO TAKE A HEAD COUNT. SO-AND-SO, YES I'M

HERE, AND WHERE'S GRANDMA. AND SHE SAYS, I'M HERE, THEY SAY, IT'S JUNIOR. WE LEFT JUNIOR BEHIND. THEY TURN AND GO BACK. AND ON THE WAY BACK, THEY SEE JUNIOR IN FRONT OF THE STORE WITH ICE CREAM.

WE ARE ALL HERE AS LEADERS, KEEPERS OF OUR FAMILIES, OF THE TRIBES WE BELONG TO AND HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO. WE ARE LISTENERS. AND THAT'S ONE OF THE GREATEST CALLINGS WE HAVE, TO LISTEN, REALLY LISTEN TO UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE. IF WE REALLY LISTEN, WE CAN BECOME GREAT LEADERS AND UNDERSTAND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BE LEADERS, ORDAINED OR CALLED TO THIS PARTICULAR CALLING, TO REALLY LISTEN.

TO PUT YOUR EAR TO THE GROUND. MOTHER EARTH AND LISTEN TO HER, WITH YOUR HEART. AND UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE IS SPEAKING TO YOU. HAVE COMPASSION. TO HONOR ONE ANOTHER, RESPECT ONE ANOTHER. AND TO LOVE AND APPRECIATE WHAT WE HAVE IN THIS WORLD. THANK YOU.

ROB WILLIAMS: WENONA IS RUNNING FOR CONGRESS. WE WERE NOT ABLE TO GET HER IN. ONE OF OURS. AND WE'RE PROUD OF HER. SHE WOULD BE THE FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN WOMAN ELECTED TO CONGRESS. REMEMBER THAT NAME.

MANNY.

MANNY: (NATIVE LANGUAGE.)

GOOD AFTERNOON. I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TOHONO O'ODHAM PEOPLE ON THESE TRADITIONAL LANDS AND TERRITORIES. WE ARE SITUATED AT THIS HEARING. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US.

I'M GOING TO START WITH A LITTLE STORY ABOUT THE RAPPORTEUR HERE, AND IT'S

NICE TO SEE A FORMER NEW MEXICO LOBO THAT ACHIEVED THIS POSITION. WE WERE IN A COUPLE OF UNDERGRAD CLASSES TOGETHER. I WON'T SAY HOW LONG AGO.

MANY MOONS AGO.

I'M HERE TO ADDRESS A BREACH OF TRUST BY OUR TRUSTEE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. IN CORRELATION TO EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES EXISTENT ON OUR LANDS AND TERRITORIES FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS. SPECIFICALLY IN MY AREA OF MOTHER EARTH, LAGUNA AND ACOMA. HAVING GROWN UP IN THE HEART OF WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE GRANTS?? MINERAL BELT. THE LARGEST ORE PRODUCING AREA FOR URANIUM OVER THE LAST 65 YEARS. MINES, MILLS WERE LOCATED IN THE GRANTS MINERAL BELT. NUMEROUS ASPECTS OF OUR TRADITIONAL BASED KNOWLEDGE HAVE BEEN THREATENED BY URANIUM MINING IN OUR AREA.

OUR SISTER PUEBLO TO THE EAST, LAGUNA, HOUSED THE JACK PILE MINE. IT WAS THE LARGEST OPEN PIT URANIUM MINE IN THE WORLD. 24,000,000 TONS.

90 PERCENT OF THAT 24,000,000 TONS WENT TO ONE SOURCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND WHEN WE INFORM THE ELDERS THIS HOLE IN THE FRONT YARD, THE JACK PILE MINE WAS SITUATED CLOSE TO A VILLAGE OF 3,000 RESIDENTS. NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS IN THE EARLY FIFTIES WERE THE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE GIVEN THEIR FREE PRIOR AND INFORMED CONSENT CONCERNING THIS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ACTED ON BEHALF OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES. THE NEIGHBORS TO THE WEST, DINE', HAVE EXPERIENCED SIMILAR ATROCITIES.

AS WE HAVE OVER 1000 UNRECLAIMED MINES. ANOTHER BREACH OF TRUST BY THE SO-CALLED FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBLE PARTY. ALL ASPECTS OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARE DEGRADED: THE AIR, LAND. WATER, FLORA, AND FAUNA, THAT IMPACTS THE TRADITIONAL BASED KNOWLEDGE. AND LIVES.

ONE OF THE MOST NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES OF A 50- YEAR LEGACY IS IMPORTANTLY THE IMPACT TO HUMAN HEALTH. IN THE PROCESS OF MINING URANIUM, THE CHEMICAL DERIVATIVES, RADIO NUCLEOTIDES, THESE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO EXIST ON RESERVATIONS SUCH AS LAGUNA, ACOMA, SPOKANE, LAKOTA, AND IN PROVINCES IN CANADA, WHERE THE MOST INTENSIVE MINING FOR URANIUM GOES ON TODAY. HAVE SIMILAR PROBLEMS THAT WE EXPERIENCED 30 YEARS AGO. THE SAME PROCESS REPEATED OVER AND OVER. OUR FOOD, SECURITY IN CLOSE PROXIMITY, SOVEREIGNTY IS IMPACTED AS WE CONTINUE TO GROW OUR CROPS.

AS WE CONTINUE LIKE THE NAVAJO NATION, TO GRAZE OUR LIVESTOCK IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE CONTAMINATED AREAS.

SO WE HAVE NOT ONLY IMPACTED MINING POPULATION, WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE INJUSTICES, BUT PEOPLE THAT DID NOT EARN ONE CENT.

RAPPORTEUR, I ASK YOU TO TAKE THESE ISSUES TO HEART. IT'S CONDEMNING EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIFE. THE 50 YEAR LEGACY OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL CHAIN MUST BE

STOPPED ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE GLOBAL CATASTROPHE THAT OCCURRED MARCH 11, 2011. IN JAPAN.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

NEXT SPEAKER, THEY WILL SPLIT THEIR TIME.

IN THE MEANTIME. WHILE THEY ARE GETTING SET UP. FAITH HALL, MIKE WILSON. NORMAN RATION AND PETER CLARK.

>> THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE FIRST, BEING HERE IN NATIVE LAND I PASS THE WORD TO MY BROTHER.

>> I'M DENNIS MANUEL. TOHONO O'ODHAM.

I'M HERE TO SUPPORT JOSEPHINA'S EFFORTS ON THE PLANS FOR A MOUNTAIN, THAT A MOUNTAIN PROJECT. WE'RE AT THE PRESENT TIME TRYING TO CREATE A SITE FOR A MULTICULTURE CENTER, WE'RE COMBINING EFFORTS TO WORK ON THE PROJECT. AND WE HAD TO GO BACK IN OUR HISTORY. THESE ARE OUR O'ODHAM TERRITORIES, AND GIVE THE HISTORY ON THE A MOUNTAIN. A MOUNTAIN, A PROTECTOR, USED FOR LOOKOUT SITE FOR ENEMY APPROACHING, IN THE OLD DAYS. THAT'S WHAT THEY USED. AND SO THEY ASKED US TO JOIN WITH A GROUP TO SUPPORT THE SPIRITUAL SIDE OR THE O'ODHAM TRADITIONAL SIDE OF THE PROJECT.

SO WE'RE AT THE PRESENT TIME WORKING WITH SAN XAVIER, WE HAVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT. WE STILL HAVE MEETINGS TO ATTEND TO SEE IF WE CAN GET IT UNDERWAY, AND SHE CAN FILL YOU IN. I'D LIKE TO GO BACK ON WHO I AM, WHERE I COME FROM.

THE WORKS FOR THE PROTECTION OF SACRED SITES. IT'S GOING ON 30 YEARS, THAT I

WORKED WITH EARNEST MORISCO?? WHO RESIDES IN (INAUDIBLE). FOR 25 YEARS, I HAVE BEEN WITH THEM. THEIR FAMILY HAS BEEN THERE SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL., SO FAR WE WON OUR CASE IN THE TRIBAL COURTS.

WE'RE MOVING FORWARD ON OUR PROJECT TO PROBATE IT. AND NOW ON THE OTHER PROJECT, WITH A MOUNTAIN. AND SHE WILL FILL YOU IN AND I THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME OUT.

# >> THANK YOU, (NATIVE LANGUAGE)

I'M NATIVE HERE FROM TUCSON, BORN AND RAISED IN THE BARRIO. AND I RAISED MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. IT HAPPENS TO BE BELOW THE PEAK. LEARNING THE HISTORY OF THE LAND, IT'S EVEN MORE SACRED OF HOW TO PRESERVE THE SITE. BEING THE ORIGINAL BIRTHPLACE OF TUCSON. SENOR MIKE WILSON ONCE HAD A SESSION, BEFORE THERE WAS A BOND ELECTION IN 99 TO PRESERVE THE LAND. MOST OF US ARE FAMILIAR WITH THAT DEVELOPMENT. THE CITY HADN'T BEEN ABLE TO COMPLETE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART AND PRESERVE THE LAND. IT'S SO MUCH DESECRATED. IT WAS FIRST A BRICKYARD. AND WE MIGHT BE STANDING NOW IN THE BRICKS THAT OUR ANCESTORS REMAINS WERE USED DEVELOP THE BRICKS AND THEN, THE CITY OF TUCSON CAME AND MADE IT AS A LANDFILL. AND FROM THAT LANDFILL, THE WATER WENT IN THE BARRIOS, AND FAMILIES HAD TO DRINK THE WATER. SO BEING FROM TUCSON, I PLEAD, I ASK, HOW CAN WE PRESERVE THE LAND?

PROFESSOR WILLIAMS HAS BEEN WITH US, TO PROTECT THE MOUNTAIN, AND RESPECT
THE LAND, HOW IT DESERVES TO BE RESPECTED. AND THAT LAND IS NOT BY ITSELF, IT
CONNECTS TO SO MANY FAMILIES, SO MANY RANCHES, GARDENS. AND I PLEAD HERE TO

COME TOGETHER AND PRESERVE WHAT WE HAVE. AND I HAVE THE BELIEF THAT SPIRITUALLY, IF WE COME TOGETHER TO PRESERVE THE LAND AND IT'S THE HEART OF TUCSON AND HURTING NOW, AND WE LET IT BLOOM, CREATORS, WILL THERE WILL BE MORE HEALING WITHIN THE CITY. AND IT WILL EXTEND TO FAMILIES AND YOUTH AND ELDERS. AND THE CITY OF TUCSON AND THE STATE OF ARIZONA. LOOK WHAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU.

ROBERT WILLIAMS: I WAS APPROACHED BY A YOUNG ACTIVIST AT LUNCH WHO ASKED TO USE MY INFLUENCE TO HAVE HER MAKE A STATEMENT. FAITH HALL.

FAITH HALL: MY NAME IS FAITH HALL. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT OIL AND WATER. I BELIEVE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT DRILL OIL. AND EVERYONE IN THE ROOM DRINKS WATER. THANK YOU.

SHE PROMISED IT WOULD BE SHORT.

ROBERT WILLIAMS: AGAIN, ANY NATIVE EVENT, WE ALWAYS BRING THE CHILDREN. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT PARENTED THE CHILDREN, CONGRATULATIONS. IT'S OUR HONOR TO HAVE THEM HERE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

NEXT WE HAVE MIKE WILSON. I HATE TO DO IT TO YOU. FOLLOW A LITTLE KID. IT'S TOUGH IN SHOW-BIZ.

MIKE WILSON: I THINK IT'S AN HONOR TO FOLLOW CHILDREN. WE'VE BEEN TAUGHT THAT SUCH IS THE KINGDOM.

I HAVE A SLIDE TO SHOW, I WANT TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF HISTORY OF WHAT I DO. OF WHERE I DO, MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, WHY I DO IT.

WHAT HAVE WE TALKED ABOUT FOR THE LAST TWO DAYS IS HUMAN RIGHTS.

AND WE HAVE BEEN USING THE DECLARATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE.

TO PROTECT US. TO PROTECT US FROM THIS HISTORICAL AND PRESENT OPPRESSION.

MY QUESTION IS, WHAT ABOUT WHEN NATIVE GOVERNMENTS ARE THE OPPRESSOR?

WHAT ABOUT WHEN NATIVE GOVERNMENTS ARE NOW THE VICTIMIZER?

SO WHAT THIS SHOWS IS A, WHICH WE CALL IN THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY. A

DEATH MAP. 1999 TO 2009, THIS IS A COMPOSITE MAP. EVERY DOT IS A MIGRANT

DEATH.

AND IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY ON THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION, MANY, TOO MANY MIGRANTS ARE DYING ON TRIBAL LAND IN INDIAN COUNTRY. CASE IN POINT. WE KNOW NOW FROM THE PIMA COUNTY OFFICE OF MEDICAL EXAMINER, IN FISCAL YEAR 2010, THERE WERE 253 KNOWN MIGRANT DEATHS IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA.

I FOUND OUT LAST YEAR, TOHONO O'ODHAM RUNNER, I HAVE TO QUOTE IT, THE NATION'S OWN NEWSPAPER, I HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF LYING.

SO FROM OUR OWN RUNNER, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT SAID, IN 2010, THERE WERE 125 MIGRANT DEATHS ON THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION. LOOK AROUND.

I STOPPED COUNTING. THERE'S MORE THAN 100 IN HERE.

THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO EVERY ONE OF US HERE DYING FOR LACK OF WATER ON THE

TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION.

WHERE IS THE MORAL ACCOUNTABILITY?

WHERE IS THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION?

DOES IT APPLY TO US AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE. IN INDIAN COUNTRY OR ARE WE EXEMPT?

ARE WE EXCLUDED FROM MORAL ACCOUNTABILITY? ARE WE EXCLUDED FROM THE MYTH OF EQUAL? TO BE EQUAL MEANS WE ARE EQUALLY ACCOUNTABLE.

AND HERE, I PUT WATER, BY THE BARRELS. THE TRIBAL POLICE CONFISCATED THE WATER BARRELS. I HAD TO GO BACK AND PUT OUT GALLONS OF WATER.

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO WATER

ON THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION THAT'S LEFT BEHIND FOR MIGRANTS IN DISTRESS. ECONOMIC REFUGEES, LIKE WE USED TO BE.

SLASHED. BY TRIBAL MEMBERS.

BORDER PATROL. OR TRIBAL POLICE.

AND WHERE IS OUR MORAL ACCOUNTABILITY?

WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT US AS NATIVE PEOPLE?

I HEARD FOR THE LAST TWO DAYS ABOUT HOW SACRED WE ARE. THIS MAKES A MOCKERY OF OUR SENSE OF SELF-SACREDNESS. TO SAY WE ARE SACRED, TO REFER TO SACRED SITES, WE REFERENCE OURSELVES AS SACRED. I'VE HEARD TOO MUCH FOR THE LAST TWO DAYS. A LOT OF RELIGION, A LOT OF PRAYERS. BUT VERY VERY LITTLE SPIRITUALITY.

WE ARE RICH IN RITUALS.

BUT IN POVERTY WHEN IT COMES TO SPIRITUALITY.

AND THIS IS EVIDENCE.

OF WHO WE ARE.

WE AS NATIVE PEOPLE, WE MUST HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE.

FOR HUMAN BEINGS SUFFERING AND DYING ON THE TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION.

ROBERT WILLIAMS: THANK YOU.

NEXT SPEAKER, NORMAN, IF YOU WOULD COME UP AND I'LL CALL DOWN PETER CLARK, MICHAEL RIOS, RAWSHEED COYOTE.

>> I'M NORMAN, NAVAJO AND LAGUNA.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE THIS AFTERNOON. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN. WE TALKED BEFORE.

IN MY DISCUSSION TODAY, IT'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING MR. FRANKLIN STARTED TALKING ABOUT. THAT'S THE FACT WE HAVE 25 PERCENT OF PEOPLE ON RESERVATIONS AND 75 OFF RESERVATIONS AND A LOT OF TIME PEOPLE OFF THE RESERVATION DON'T PARTICIPATE IN THE SO-CALLED PARTICIPATION, BEING HEARD. AND BEING ABLE TO TALK TO OUR LEADERS. AND SOMEHOW WE NEED TO BRING ALL THE PEOPLE TOGETHER SO WE CAN HAVE THESE DISCUSSIONS. WE HAVE THINGS TO SAY THAT ARE IMPORTANT.

OVER THE LAST DAY-AND-A-HALF WE TALKED ABOUT HEALTH CARE. EDUCATION. WE TALKED ABOUT HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. TALKING ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND AGAINST CHILDREN. TALKING ABOUT ALL THE THE ISSUES AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE TRIBAL LEADERS COME OFF BELIEVING WHEN YOU MOVE OFF THE RESERVATION, WE DON'T HAVE THE SAME PROBLEMS AND DON'T

### NEED THE LEADERSHIP.

I'VE BEEN TOLD, WHO ELECTED YOU, WHO ASKED YOU TO SPEAK? NOBODY ASKED ME TO SPEAK, BUT LIKE THE GENTLEMAN THAT LEFT THE BOTTLES THERE, WHO WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE? WHEN THE GRANDCHILDREN LEAVE THE RESERVATION, IT'S OKAY TO GO BECAUSE YOU DON'T GET HEALTH CARE.

OKAY FOR THOSE THINGS TO HAPPEN OFF RESERVATION. I KNOW A LOT OF OUR TRIBAL LEADERS THAT HAVE RESPECT FOR THE JOB THEY GO DO. THAT'S GOOD. WHEN WE LEAVE RESERVATIONS, WE'RE THE FORGOTTEN PEOPLE. WE HAVE NO PLACE TO GO. WE HAVE GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT. AND FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND GOVERNMENTS TALK TO EACH OTHER AND NONE OF THEM TALK TO US.

I'M GLAD YOU ARE DOING THIS TODAY. FOR PEOPLE THAT LIVE ON AND OFF RESERVATION, TO LISTEN AND DO SOMETHING WITH THE CONCERNS WE HAVE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

SO, THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT TODAY. THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT. I KNOW A NUMBER OF TIMES I HAVE WRITTEN TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHEN THEY WOULD NOT LISTEN TO ISSUES ON CRIME, EDUCATION. I DON'T GET AN INVITATION. IF I WANT TO GO OVER THERE, I HAVE TO MAKE AN EXCUSE OR FORCE MYSELF INTO MAKING A PRESENTATION. THEY DON'T SPEND TIME LISTENING TO US ANY WAY.

I THINK AS TRIBAL LEADERS, AS CONCERNED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE, WE ALL HAVE TO COME TOGETHER. WE ALL HAVE CONCERNS, BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THINGS OUR

PEOPLE DO, ON OR OFF RESERVATION. AND HELP AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE CAN. THAT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ONE ANOTHER.

AND SO, I'M GLAD WE'RE HAVING THE MEETING AND HOPE THERE'S MORE. I THINK AGAIN, WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER AS INDIAN PEOPLE. NOT ONE TRIBE, BUT ALL THE TRIBES ON AND OFF RESERVATION, AND PROVIDE THIS KIND OF SUPPORT.

ONE OF THE THINGS I LOOK AT IS A THING CALLED OBAMA CARE, UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE. AND PEOPLE SAY, THEY PASSED AN ACT. WHAT DOES IT MEAN? IS IT PART OF OBAMA CARE? MORE MONEY, LESS MONEY? WHEN I TALKED TO THE SENATOR OF NEW MEXICO AND ASKED HIM. WE GAVE OUR LAND AND RESOURCES AWAY, AND WE ARE PAID UP.

WHEN WE SIGNED THE TREATY YOU SAID YOU'LL PROVIDE HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION. AND HE RESPONDED: NOBODY GETS A FREE RIDE. WE ALREADY PAID, AND HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. CHANGE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS. AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE UP-TO-DATE.

IT TAKES SO LONG TO DO ANYTHING. BUSINESS, LANDS, HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION.

SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE, NOT JUST WITH THE GROUP HERE, WITH PEOPLE

AROUND THE COUNTRY. TO BE ABLE TO HAVE INPUT TO THE RULES AND

REGULATIONS.

MAYBE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD, MAYBE WE'LL ALL GET HEALTH CARE. WE GET
THREE BILLION DOLLARS FOR HEALTH CARE, AND THEY SAY, IT'S TWO THOUSAND
DOLLARS APIECE. IF YOU TAKE THE NUMBER OF NATIVE AMERICANS THAT NOBODY

WANTS TO COUNT, IT'S ABOUT 14 OR 15 BILLION-DOLLAR WE SHOULD GET. AND IT'S NOT SOMETHING, YOU HAVE TO GIVE IT TO US, IT'S WHAT THE GOVERNMENT PROMISED. IF YOU STOP KILLING US, IS WHAT WE WILL GIVE YOU. IT'S NOT BEEN DELIVERED. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> PETER CLARK. INTERNATIONAL COORDINATOR FOR LEONARD PELTIER, THE COMMITTEE HAS 200 CHAPTERS. AS YOU KNOW HE WAS ACCUSED IN CONNECTION WITH DEATHS IN '75 OF TWO FBI AGENTS. GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS SHOW WITHOUT ANY EVIDENCE, THE FBI DECIDED FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE INVESTIGATION TO LOCK HIM IN THE CASE. AND THAT'S DIRECT FROM THEIR MEMOS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE J TREATY, AND AFTER THE INCIDENT ON PINE RIDGE HE CROSSED TO CANADA, WHERE HE SOUGHT ASYLUM. HE WAS ARRESTED IN '76. US PROSECUTORS KNOWINGLY PRESENTED FALSE STATEMENTS TO EXTRADITE HIM TO THE UNITED STATES

THE STATEMENTS WERE SIGNED BY A WOMAN FORCED BY THE FBI, PRESENTED FALSE STATEMENTS TO CANADA TO EXTRADITE HIM. THE STATEMENTS WERE COERCED. THE GOVERNMENT HAS LONG SINCE ADMITTED THE WOMAN WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE INCIDENT.

MEANWHILE IN IOWA. FOUND HE HAD A RIGHT TO BE ON THE RESERVATION, AND NOT ENGAGED IN UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY. NO EVIDENCE HE PROVOKED ASSAULT OR WERE THE AGGRESSORS. IN LIGHT OF THE (INAUDIBLE) HISTORY OF MISCONDUCT ON THE PART OF FBI. INVOLVING INDIAN ACTIVIST AND RECKLESS BEHAVIOR OF THE FBI. THE JURY DECIDES HIS CO-DEFENDANTS WERE NOT GUILTY BECAUSE OF SELF-DEFENSE.

HAD HE BEEN TRIED WITH THE CO-DEFENDANTS HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ACQUITTED.

UNHAPPY WITH THE OUTCOME OF OF THE TRIAL. HIS TRIAL MOVED TO AN AREA,

FARGO. THE TRIAL JUDGE HAD A REPUTATION FOR RULING AGAINST INDIANS.

AND MADE RACIST COMMENTS. DUE TO THE RULINGS MADE IN FAVOR OF THE PROSECUTION, THE JURY NEVER HEARD THE MAJORITY OF EVIDENCE PRESENTED AT THE CEDAR RAPIDS TRIAL. THE FBI'S OWN DOCUMENTS PROVE THE PROSECUTION MANUFACTURED A SO-CALLED MURDER WEAPON. A TEST SHOWED THE GUN AND SHELL CASINGS DID NOT MATCH. BUT THE FBI HID THE FACT. UNABLE TO ADEQUATELY DEFEND HIMSELF. ETCH WAS BE CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO TWO LIFE TERMS. HE HAS BEEN DENIED A NEW TRIAL ON LEGAL TECHNICALITY. AND DENIED CLEMENCY AND PAROLE.

HE HAS SERVED A MAJOR PORTION OF THE SENTENCE AND BEING UNNESS HELD IN PRISON. DESPITE THE FACT THAT CONTINUED PRINCIPLE -- HE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED A POLITICAL PRISONER, BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. AND CALLED FOR HIS RELEASE. NELSON MENDEL A, 55 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, INCLUDING A JUDGE. UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS, MARY ROBINSON, ALSO VOICED SUPPORT FOR HIS FREEDOM. TIME IS RUNNING OUT. I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE, THE REQUEST THAT MR. ANAYA MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT AND SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR CALL UPON THE US GOVERNMENT TO FREE LEONARD PELT AREA IMMEDIATELY AND ASK KNOWLEDGE AS A PERSON OF EUROPEAN ACCIDENT I AM HUMBLED IT TO BE AMONG GUESTS HERE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY.

>> MY NAME IS MICHAEL RIOS. I'M GOING TO TELL A STORY ABOUT MY FAMILY. I'M
FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, DESCENDED FROM, (INAUDIBLE) -- WE'RE HERE TO LET
THE UNITED NATIONS KNOW JUST ONE KIND OF STRUGGLE AT THE HANDS OF OUR
OWN PEOPLE. DENIED MEMBERSHIP MANY ALLOTTIES, INCLUDING MYSELF.

ARE NOT HELD ACCOUNTABLE OR BOUND BY RESTRAINT REQUIREMENTS BY CONGRESS, AND THE NEW AMENDMENT. THE CURRENT CIVIL RIGHTS ACT. SIXTY-EIGHT, (INAUDIBLE) BINDING THEM WITH SOVEREIGNTY WITH NO ACCOUNTABILITY. SOVEREIGNTY PROVIDES SAFW HAVEN FOR THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT STRIPPED OR DENIED NUMEROUS ALLOTEES, SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SATISFYING THE INDIVIDUAL TO MAKE THE INDIAN ENTITLEMENT -- BIRTHRIGHT AND LAND OWNERSHIP ACCESS HANDED DOWN FOR GENERATIONS. THE CLAN -- WE HEAR THINGS LIKE YOU CAN'T BUILD ON YOUR LAND. WE HAD STOP YOU FROM USING THE ROADS. LAST YEAR, RESTRICTED FROM ACCESSING OUR RESERVATION. BANISHMENT AND EXCLUSION OCCURRED. WHEN THEY WENT TO THE RESERVATION TO BURN SAGE. THEY WERE SURROUNDED BY TRIBAL RANGERS AND DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING EVEN AFTER PROVIDING PROOF OF OWNERSHIP.

NOVEMBER FOUR, 2009, FAMILY MEMBERS DETAINED WHEN THEY ATTEMPT TODAY ACCESS THEIR LAND AND JANUARY TWO, FAMILY MEMBERS STOPPED DETAINED AND NOTIFIED THAT THEY HAD BEEN BANISHED AND COULD NOT COME ON RESERVATION. AT THAT TIME, 90 DAY NOTICES WERE GIVEN TO THE DESCENDANTS. THE MOST RECENT BANISHMENT. RECEIVED LETTERS STATING THE BAND RECOGNIZES THEIR OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN ALLOTMENTS ON THE RESERVATION. BUT CANNOT USE

TRIBAL ROADS. THE ONLY MEANS TO GET TO THE PROPERTY TO ACCESS THE LAND.

MADE ATTEMPTS TO ADDRESS THE BANISHMENT ISSUE, WITH TRIBAL OFFICIALS BUT

NOT PROVIDED WITH INFORMATION. (INAUDIBLE) I DO NOT WANT TRIBAL OFFICIALS

NEGOTIATING MY RIGHTS, -- THE CLAN WANTS TO BUILD ON THEIR LAND. THE UNIT

UNITED STATES TRUST RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT LIMITED -- INVOLVING FEDERAL

TRIBAL RELATIONSHIP FROM THE ROLE IN THE INSTITUTION PROVIDING PRE-EMPT

TIFF FORCE OF FEDERAL LAW OVER STATE INTRUSION. THE OBLIGATION TO PROTECT

AND EXERCISE THE FEDERAL SOVEREIGNTY AND RIGHT OF THE TRIBES TO BE

SELF-GOVERNING. THIS WILL ADDRESS IDEAS FOR MEANINGFUL TRUST REFORM.

INCLUDING TRIBALLY VOMIT IN FORMULATION OF POLICY.

THEY BANISHED ALLOTTIES, ILLEGALLY DISENROLLED AND PLACED MANY DESCENDANTS ON MORATORIUMS AGAINST THEIR OWN INSTITUTION.

THE FREEZE ON ENROLLMENT ONLY APPLIES TO NON- MEMBERS.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SHARE.

WE APPRECIATE YOU OBEYING THE 5-MINUTE.

HOW SHE'D, STONE COYOTE. AND MARY LEAN.

>> HONORABLE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR, THE PEOPLE,

SPANS TWO MILLION ACRES OF DESERT TERRAIN IN THE NORTHEASTERN ARIZONA MOST OF THE MEMBERS DO NOT IT SPEAK READ WRITE ENGLISH AND LIVE IN TRADITIONAL SUBSISTENCE LIFESTYLE.

WE -- MEDIATE CONDITIONS, AND THE FORMER BENNETT FREEZE.

GIVEN THE FOCUS AND IN THE DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
ON INAUDIBLE) FOR VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. OUR COMMUNITIES LAND AND
WATER RIGHTS ARE ESSENTIAL TO OUR PHYSICAL CULTURE AND SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL
AS A PEOPLE.

THE PETITION, THE US GOVERNMENT IS (INAUDIBLE) WITH THE NAVAJO NATION, HOPI TRIBE AND PEABODY COAL SACRIFICES US AND AND OUR LANDS AND WATER ARE FOR ENERGY RESOURCE EXPLOITATION. WE ARE CALLED TRESPASSERS ON LAND WE HAVE CONTINUOUSLY OCCUPIED FOR MORE THAN 10 GENERATIONS. BEFORE THE LONG WALK, AND CREATION OF THE NAVAJO AND HOPI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT. FOR OVER FOUR DECADES. WE SURVIVE, RESISTING FORCED RELOCATION BY THE US GOVERNMENT. FEDERALLY FUNDED, DISMANTLING OF ALL THE WATER SOURCES. FEDERALLY FUNDED CONFISCATION OF ANIMALS AND DENIED THE RIGHT TO BUILD AND REPAIR HOMES. FORCED TO LIVE UNDER HOPI TRIBAL GOVERNMENT WITH NO PARTICIPATION, NO CIVIL RIGHTS. NO RIGHT TO VOTE. AND NO REPRESENTATION. BY FAILING TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE IT HELPED CREATE, THE US GOVERNMENT THROUGH IT'S RELOCATION COMMISSION, ATTEMPTS TO CLEAR LANDS FOR LARGE-SCALE MINERALS WATER EXPLOITATION.

WHILE THE PRESIDENT SHELLEY OF NAVAJO, REFUSED TO HELPS US, AND TELLS US
OUR LAND IS LAWLESS FORTY-THREE YEARS US GOVERNMENT LIFTED IN 2009. WE
CANNOT FIND ANY FUNDING OR PLANS FOR REHABILITATION. FOR INFRASTRUCTURE,
HOUSING WATER AND ROADS.

ONLY THREE PERCENT OF THE FAMILY HAVE ELECTRICITY. 90 PERCENT OF THE HOMES DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO WATER REQUIRING FAMILY TO HAUL WATER FROM THE LOCATION, 24 HOMES INHABITABLE TODAY. US EPA (INAUDIBLE) THE PRESENCE OF OVER 1,300 ABANDONED MINES AND MILLS ON THE NAVAJO NATION, AND UP TO 25 PERCENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS REGULATED -- DRINKING WATER, TOXIC, AND INCLUDING THE URANIUM MILL ON THE BANKS OF THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER, QUANTIFY AS DRINKING WATER IN THE SETTLEMENT. US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, (INAUDIBLE) OVER A MILLION COUNTS A MINUTE.

FEBRUARY 2012, SENATOR KYLE AND JOHN MCCAIN INTRODUCED SENATE BILL. AND HOUSE RESOLUTION NAVAJO NATION, SHELLEY, SIGNING A CONTROVERSIAL LITTLE COLORADO RIVER WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT WITHOUT INFORMING THE NAVAJO NATION. AND THE PEOPLE.

THIS LEGISLATION -- THE NAVAJO GENERATING STATION OWNS AND PEABODY COAL.

THE SETTLEMENT GRANTS A WAIVER WITHOUT REDRESS FOR PAST PRESENT AND

FUTURE CONTAMINATION OF OUR WATER SOURCE.

ROBERT WILLIAMS: IF YOU COULD CONCLUDE, PLEASE.

>> I HAVE MORE TO READ.

NATIONAL MONUMENT. A LONG NAVAJO, HOLD OUT GIVEN SPECIAL DISPENSATION, NO RIGHT FOR FAMILY MEMBERS TO CONTINUE LIVING THERE WITHOUT RIGHTS OF RETURN. OF ALL FAMILIES THAT SURVIVED A FORCED MARCH ACROSS THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER.

WHERE THEY DUMPED URANIUM. AND THEY KNOW, THERE'S NO OTHER CHASE THE RECOMMEND, PRESIDENT OBAMA SHOULD SIGN A BINDING DECLARATION TO SHOW THE INDIGENOUS RIGHTS. NAVAJO NATION SHOULD ADOPT -- ADDRESSING WATER RIGHTS ISSUES, SENATE BILL, 2109. THE US GOVERNMENT HELD ACCOUNTABLE IN COMMITMENTS MADE AND INCLUDING THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE RESOLUTIONS ON THE RIGHT TO SAVE DRINKING WATER. AND SANITATION AND COMMITMENT BY THE US EPA AT THE 2000 UNITED NATIONS WORLD SUMMIT. ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF CITIZENS LACKING SAVE DRINKING WATER.

ROBERT WILLIAMS: WE NEED TO MOVE ON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WHILE LORRAINE IS GETTING SET UP.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON. I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR. AND WILLIAMS AND TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION.

THAT I HAVE IN CONTINUANCE OF WHAT MIKE SAID BEFORE.

I, TOO, AM FROM THE SAME FAMILY. TODAY I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR SITUATION. WE ARE NOT RECOGNIZED DUE TO THE FACT WE HAVE A FAMILY OF SIX.

GENERATED FROM THE FOURTH GRANDMOTHER. SHE HAD FOUR CHILDREN. OF THE CHILDREN ONE DAUGHTER IS NOT RECOGNIZED AND THAT IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE. FAMILY MEMBERS ON TRIBAL COUNCILS KEEPING US FROM BEING RECOGNIZED.

AS TO WHY WE ARE NOT TOLD. WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO VISIT THE LAND. THERE'S A

WATER ISSUE GOING ON THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND WE ARE TOLD

I TOO AM DESCENDANT FROM INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA. I WANT TO GO OVER A STORY

EVERYBODY HAS A RIGHT TO VOTE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE WATER ON YOUR LAND.

IT'S NOT TRUE. WE OWN LAND ON THAT RESERVATION AND WE ARE NOT ALL LOUD TO VOTE OR TRAVEL ON THAT LAND. BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY IS THROUGH TRIBAL LAND ITSELF.

I WANT TO REITERATE. WE HAVE SUBMITTED DOCUMENTATION, IN 95, TO PROVE OUR LINEAGE, AS WELL AS OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. THE THAT TIME WE WERE TOLD THERE WAS SO MANY OF US, 104 STRONG. WE HAD TO WAIT A YEAR TO BE, TO HAVE THE PAPERWORK RECOGNIZED AND VERIFIED. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THREE MEMBERS OF A FAMILY IS RECOGNIZED AND ONE IS NOT. IF YOU HAVE SISTERS AND BROTHERS OUT THERE, NOT RECOGNIZED, IT'S NOT FAIR THAT PART YOU ARE HELPED AND PART AREN'T. AND YOU'RE FROM THE SAME BLOOD. AFTER SUBMITTING THE DOCUMENTATION, AND ENROLLMENT. THE BOARD INFORMED US THEY WILL HAVE TO BACKDATE US FOR A ONE YEAR MORATORIUM. TEN MONTHS LATER. WE RECEIVED NOTICE WE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT AN ADDITION 10 MONTHS. WE ASKED THE ECONOMY FOR A SPECIAL MEETING TO REVIEW DOCUMENTATION FURTHER NEEDED. WE WERE TOLD THEY HAVE THE DOCUMENTATION. SIXTEEN YEARS LATER, STILL NOT RECOGNIZED. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE. I'M ASKING YOU TO LOOK INTO THE SITUATION, AS TO WHY TRIBES HAVE BASICALLY THE CONTROL OF BEING ABLE TO LET SPECIAL COUNCILMEMBERS MAKE THE DECISIONS WHEN OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ALREADY RECOGNIZED. WE ALSO HAVE LAND NEXT TO THEM. I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. ALSO, SO WHEN MY FATHER AND COUSINS AND ELDERS OF THE FAMILY. WHO COULD NOT PARTICIPATE TODAY BECAUSE OF AGE. THEY WERE TOLD THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THE LAND. ANOTHER FOUR, WHEN THEY DID, THEY WERE GIVING

A NOTICE OF RESTRICTION FOR THE THREE MONTHS BANISHMENT. SAYING YOU CANNOT ENTER YOUR LAND. WITH A POSSIBLE LIFETIME BANISHMENT. I BROUGHT THE INFORMATION. IF YOU NEED, I LEFT A COPY OF IT, WITH YOUR RECEPTION AREA. I OUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE DYING OFF, AND PAUL WE WANT TO KNOW, WHY ARE THEY CONTINUE BEING RECOGNIZED. AND WHY ARE THECISM RIGHTS DENIED. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK AND MAKE VOTES AND DECIDE ON OUR OWN LAND AND WHAT WILL BE BUILT AND WHO WILL LIVE ON IT. WE HAVE CHILDREN THAT DON'T KNOW THEIR HERITAGE. THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ATTEND POWWOW OR ANY MEETINGS. THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO MY STORY. AND THANK YOU.

#### WALTER BENALLY,

>> FORGOTTEN PEOPLE APPRECIATE YOUR INVESTIGATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS.

OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES. AND WISHING TO DISCUSS THE

FAILURE OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT RADIOACTIVE ABANDONED URANIUM

MINES AND CONTAMINATED WATER. -- 20,000,000 ACRES IN THE WESTERN PORTION

OF THE NAVAJO NATION.

OUR COMMUNITY FACES SERIOUS ISSUES. THESE ISSUES HAVE BEEN COMPOUNDED BY THE 43 YEARS OF BENT FREEZE, -- (INAUDIBLE) PLAN FOR REHABILITATION, THE FREEZE IS LARGELY. ADEQUATE HOUSING, WATER, PACED ROADS. AND THE -- TWO PERCENT OF THE FAMILY HAVE ELECTRICITY. 90 PERCENT OF HOMES DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO PIPED IN WATER REQUIRING FAMILIES TO HAUL WATER. FROM OTHER LOCATIONS. ACCESS TO PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM ONLY 24 PERCENT OF THE HOMES ARE IN BE HABITABLE TODAY. THE FREEZE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA, AFFECTING PSYCHOLOGICALLY. MOLD STUDY

CONFIRM, OVERCROWDING. ABSENCE OF RUNNING WATER, SEWAGE,

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE RESIDING IN THE BENNEST FREEZE.

MENTAL ILLNESS AND A (INAUDIBLE) SINCE 66, THE POPULATION IN THE AREA

INCREASED BY APPROXIMATELY 65 PERCENT. FORCING SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF

FAMILY LIVING TOGETHER, WITH A WELL DECLARED UNFIT FOR HUMAN

INHABITATION. EXPOSURE TO THE HARSH CLIMATES. AND MORE OVER, IN THE H. D. L.,

WE DID NOT HAVE DECENT HOUSES AND DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO CLEAN DRINKING

WATER. B. I. ACAPPED OFF AND BULLDOZED THE WATER SOURCES. THEY SAY THIS IS

BECAUSE THE WATER IS CONTAMINATED. WE DID NOT SEE THE DATA AND NO HEALTH

EMERGENCY WAS ISSUED.

WE ARE CONCERNED BECAUSE THE US EPA (INAUDIBLE) ABANDONED MINES ON THE RESERVATION.

RECOMMENDATION, THE INTERNATIONAL LAW THAT PROTECTS WATER (INAUDIBLE)
WHERE LAWS ALREADY EXIST. (I'M SORRY, I JUST CAN'T HEAR HIM.)
LANDS AND WATER AND RELIGIOUS RIGHT

ROBERT WILLIAMS: IF YOU COULD CONCLUDE, PLEASE.

>> WE BELIEVE THE US SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

THE RIGHT TO SAVE DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION.

2000, -- INDIGENOUS PEOPLE MUST HAVE CONTROL OVER THE THEIR OWN NATURAL RESOURCES. WE MUST HAVE THE RIGHT TO INFORMED CONSENT TO ENSURE LAWS ARE PASSED.

WE PRAY FOR A HELP AND RIGHTS TO CLEAN WATER AND DESCENT HOUSING.

ROBERT WILLIAMS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> I'M GOING TO TRY TO STICK TO MY SCRIPT. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

THERE'S SO MANY, I'M HERE ON THE SAME, IN PARTICULAR SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
FORT WORTH. IN THIS COUNTRY. THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION, WAS
ENDORSED, AND THAT DECISION WAS ANNOUNCED BYKED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES. THE DECISION WHO WOULD MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE BY HIS
OFFICE. AND IT HAS THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE PRESIDENT, THE POWER HIS OFFICE
HOLDS.

HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT'S GOVERNMENT IS FAIL HIM. AND IT'S FAILING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES. UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY CONFIRMED THERE'S FOUR BILLION BARRELS OF RECOVERABLE OIL.

20007. IT WAS THOUGH A TSUNAMI HIT THE RESERVATION, AND EVERYBODY IS TELL YOU TO SIGN THIS LEASE. 2008, WITH THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN AND A FEW ORDERS, SEVEN PEOPLE, WE LOBBIED IN WASHINGTONDC, DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, B. L. M. FOR A ONE STOP SHOP TO CHANGE THE PROCEDURES.

BASED ON ARTICLE 32.

ALL THE SUITS SAID, I HEARD ABOUT THAT. NOBODY GAVE CONSIDERATION TO IT. WE CANNOT EXTRACT UNTIL YOU ASK THE OWNERS. THE ALLOTTIES FOUND THEMSELVES IN THE THE BIGGEST OIL CLAIM IT COUNTRY. OWN SOME OF THE MOST VALUABLE PROPERTY. AN EXAMPLE. WITHIN A 30 DAY PERIOD, OIL ROYALTIY PAYMENTS. A 12,000,000 FOR 30 DAYS OF EXTRACTION.

AND IT'S GROWING. PROJECTIONS ARY NORM. TO DATE THEY HAVE WADE WITH THE

TRIBE IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, OVER 280 MILLION-DOLLAR.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE B. I. A, THE STATUS REPORT. THERE'S NO
TRANSPARENCY OR REPORTING RECORD OF HOW THE ROYALTIES ARE SPENT. DESPITE
ALLOTTIES PASSING A RESOLUTION IN THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING. CALLING ON
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO PUT ALL THE ROYALTY IN TRUST UNTIL THE
PEOPLE COULD DECIDE HOW THEY WERE SPENT. THAT'S FALLING ON DEAF EARS. THE
SECRETARY HAS NOT ACTED OR RESPONDED.

ALM OF THE TRIBAL LANDS WERE LEASED IN CLOSED DOOR SESSIONS. TWO OF THE -- IN VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION. AND NOT IN LINE. IN THIS CASE, THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, THIS IS A NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUE. OUR PROBLEMS IS YOUR SOLUTION.

WITH THE SOLUTION IS, TO ENDORSE THE DECLARATION WITHOUT QUALIFICATION. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT THE UNITED STATES IS REVIEWING, GIVEN THE LAST 25 AND 30 YEARS, WHERE THEY HAD FULL PARTICIPATION. WHAT ARE YOU FALL PHIING. WHAT'S THE LAST YOU ARE QUARTER CENTURY, WAS IT IN GOOD FACT OR NOT. IT NEEDS TO BE ENDORSED. IN PARTICULAR, IF YOU WOULD SIR, URGE THE UNITED STATES TO GIVE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO FORT BERTHOLD OWE AS THEY DID THE OSAGE NATION. TO PROTECT THE RESOURCE AND REVENUES AND THE PEOPLE THAT OWN THE MINERALS. THIRTY MORE SECONDS. THANK YOU SIR FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

NEXT SPEAKER.

>> SPEAKING NAVAJO.

I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK, BECAUSE USUALLY, I DON'T COME UP BEFORE A MICROPHONE. I HAVE MUCH TO SAY. BE STRONG, US GOVERNMENT IS A BIG BAD BOY. AND THEY THINK THEY CONTROL. WORLD. THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO STOP YOU. INAUDIBLE) SOMEONE VISITED GLENNA HOGAN SAID HE WAS NEVER INTERFERED WITH AS MUCH AS HE WAS BIT UNITED STATES. IN ANY INVESTIGATION AROUND THE WORLD. RENA BABBITT LEAN, BEAT UP BY THE B. I. AAFFAIRS, RANGERS. TRYING TO GET GOATS OUT OF A FENCE AREA AND SHE WAS DENIED ENTRANCE. THE RANGERS WERE WAITING FOR HER, PUT HER IN A PICKUP TRUCK. NO JACKET AND WENT THROUGH THE HOME TO LOOK FOR GUNS OR SOMETHING SHE WALKED DOWN THE MESA 15 MIMES MILES. SHE DIDN'T KNOW SHE HAD A HEART TALK. SHE WENT TO SEE ME, SHE GOT PNEUMONIA TOO. THEY TREATED HER AT THE HOSPITAL. THEY TRIED TO GIVE HER A SHOT. THEY PUNCTURED THE LUNG. PART OF THE JOB IS KEEPING THE GRANDMAS ALIVE. I APPEAL TO YOU, WE HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO TURN. PRESIDENT SHIRLEY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAVAJO NATION. SIGNED OFF ON SOMETHING VERSUS JONES. A LAWSUIT WHERE THE HOPI TRIBE SOLD THE ACREAGE, FOR THE VALUE OF THE COAL AND HE QUIETLY SIGNED OFF. WHAT DO WE DO, WE HAVE APPEALED TO YOU. MAY YOUR HUMAN RIGHTS BE THE SAME AS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WAS INTENDED WHEN CLINTON SIGNED IT. HUMAN RIGHTS ARE REAL, I HAVE BEAUTIFUL WORD OF SOMETHING, A MEDICINE MAN THAT TALKS ABOUT PEOPLE BLOWING IN THE WIND AND WHAT IT MEANS TO LOSE YOUR ROOTS, FOR RELOCATION.

THEY EXIT COMMITTED GENOCIDE. COMMISSIONERS RESIGNED. YOU HAVE HEARD THE POLITE OF THE PEOPLE. WE PRAY YOU CONDUCT A SITE VISIT. BULLDOZE FENCE AND CAPPED OFF WATER WELLS. WITHOUT HOMES PEOPLE CAN'T SURVIVE. BUT THE PEOPLE WILL NEVER LEAVE.

BECAUSE THIS IS THEIR ROOTS IN THE GROWN. THE MATRIARCH SAID, AS FAR AS YOU GO TO THE GROUND, THAT'S HOW FATHER ANCESTORS BONES ARE. SUPPORT A PETITION TO UNESCO, AND THE GRANDMOTHERS TO BE DECLARED LIVING TREASURES. LOOK AT THE WEBSITE. IT WAS A WORK OF 10 YEARS.

JIM IS GOING TO FRANCE. THE LAND SHOULD BE PROTECTED. THEY ARE THE MOST TRADITIONAL PEOPLE LEFT IN THE UNITED STATES. AND THE GREATEST OF ALL TREASURES AND RELOCATION IS FOREVER.

PLEASE HELP.

NEXT SPEAK LEONA.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

MY NAME IS LEONA MORGAN. I AM HERE, TO REPRESENT A GROUP IN EASTERN NAVAJO, CALLED EASTERN NAVAJO DINE' AGAINST URANIUM MINING. AND I'M A FELLOW LOBO. THIS IS THE STATEMENT AND I'LL FOLLOW WITH QUICK COMMENTS.

ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP, I THANK YOU FOR FOCUSING ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES. AND OVER THE COURSE OF THE CONFERENCE, YOU HEARD ABOUT THE MANY OBSTACLES FACING US AND I WOULD LIKE TO BRING YOUR ATTENTION ONE RIGHTS ISSUE IN PARTICULAR, AS YOU ARE AWARE, DINE' COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO FACE THREATS TO HEALTH AND CULTURE DUE TO

MINING AND MILLING. FAMILIES LIVING NEAR MINES AND MILLS. CANCER BIRTH DEFECT AND AUTOIMMUNE DISORDERS. THE LINK BETWEEN DISEASE AND PROXIMITY TO WASTE IS IS UNDENIABLE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVITILY FACILITATING A NEW PUSH. THE MOST PROMINENT EXAMPLE IS THE CROWN POINT PROJECT. PROPOSED IN CHURCH ROCK AND CROWN POINT. A COMPANY, HAS PROPOSED TO MINE URANIUM ON FOUR SITES.

I. S. L. WORKS BY INJECTINGS CHEMICALS TO CONTAMINATE THE AQUIFER. THROUGH A SERIES OF WELL, IN THE COURSE OF MINING USING THIS TECHNIQUE, MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF POTABLE WATER ARE CONTAMINATED FOREVER. IN 30 YEARS, NO MINE HAS EVER RESTORED A MINED AQUIFER. EXAMPLES IN TEXAS AND WYOMING. THEY TRANSPORT THE SLURRY, 40-MILES THROUGH SEVERAL MORE DINE' COMMUNITIES. EVEN IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT HYDRO, WILL DESTROY LOTS OF WATER.

THE US COMMISSION APPROVED THE COMMISSION TO DO THE PROJECT AND IS CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS.

WORST STILL, US EPA APPROVED THE PERMIT AQUIFER EXEMPTION FOR THE FIRST PROJECT. WHICH ALLOWS THEM TO CONTAMINATE A PORTION. WE BELIEVE THE -- VIOLATES THE DINE' RIGHT TO SAVE DRINKING WATER.

FURTHERMORE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FAILED TO SECURE THE PEOPLE'S INFORMED CONSENT.

IN FACT, IN 2005, NAVAJO NATION SPECIFICALLY REJECTED THE PROJECT AND ANY OTHER MINING OPERATIONS WHEN IT PASSED THE DINE' NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTS ACT. LIKEWISE, -- (SHE IS READING TOO FAST.) UNFORTUNATELY, CHURCH ROCK AND CROWN POINT ARE LOCATED IN THE EASTERN AGENCY. A CHECKERBOARD AREA. HR I.'S PROJECTS ARE SMALL ISLAND OF PRIVATE LAND AND OTHER LAND TYPE THAT ARE SURROUNDED BY NAVAJO INDIAN COUNTRY AND THEREFORE WE ARE NOT PROTECTED BY THE -- FOR THIS REASON AND THEPROTECTION OF THE GROUNDWATER. WE FILED A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE UNITED STATES. MAY 13. 2011. WE WAIT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

AND I ASK YOU HAVE TO USE THE POWER OF THE OFFICE, TO REVIEW THE UNITED STATES ACTIONS AND SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS ON WAYS TO PREVENT THE VIOLATIONS.

ROBERT WILLIAMS: THANK YOU.

### JULIAN

>> I WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE ELDERS OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM PEOPLE. AND TO ALL THE ELDERS, FOR THE FREEDOM OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND DISTINGUISHED PANEL COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS. I'M A PERSON OF AFRICAN ACCIDENT. WHO IS, I WOULD SAY, A STUDENT, OF INDIGENOUS RELIGIOUS CULTURES AND STRUGGLE, WHO IS ALSO A PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY. HOWEVER I WANT TO SAY FROM MY EXPERIENCE FROM ALL THE TESTIMONIES WE HAVE HEARD, ESPECIALLY FROM THE ELDERS AND ELEVATE HOSE OF THOSE OF THE YOUTH NOT HERE TODAY. I CONSIDER MYSELF AN ADVOCAT OF THE YOUTH. WORKING WITH THE TOHONO O'ODHAM VOICE AGAINST THE WALL. WITH THE NATION IN SAN CARLOS AND MOVEMENT TO SAVE THE

PEAKS, SACRED FOR ALL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE SOUTHWEST. TO YOUR THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR, TO CONSIDER THERE'S A CONVERTED EFFORTS TO UNDERSCORE THE NEED FOR THE EXPANSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. TO INCLUDE THE RIGHTS OF MOTHER EARTH AND ALL OF HER CREATURES, AND LIFE ON THE EARTH, AIR AND WATER. AND ALL THOSE BEINGS OF THE AIR, AND THE SKY, AND INSECTS OF THE EARTH THAT SPEAK A DIFFERENT LANGUAGE AND WHOSE VOICES ARE EXPRESSED (INAUDIBLE) THE LAW OF NATURE AS, THE NATURAL LAW OF THE UNIVERSE. SPECIFICALLY, I WANT TO REITERATE FIVE THINGS, AND I THANK YOU FOR THE PRIVELEGE OF SHARING SOME OF MY THOUGHTS. TO IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS AND REDRESS, AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL, IN MANY CASES PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF THE UNRELIABILITY, THE VOLATILITY AND FLAGRANT INJUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES IUDICIAL SYSTEM.

ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLES IN THIS LAND. ONE, THE PROTECTION AGAINST DESECRATION BY SEWAGE WATER. WATER PIPELINES AND DEFORESTATION. PURSUED BY ARIZONA SNOWBOWL ENTITIES. THEY DENY PEOPLE FROM GAINING ACCESS TO SACRED PLANTS, MEDICINES AND STUFF.

TWO, THE EXPOSURE, ADVOCATED BY SENATORS KYLE AND MCCAIN IN COLLUSION WITH SOME OF THE AUTHORITIES THAT ARE NOW URGING THAT THE WATER RESOURCES OF DINE' AND HOPI BECOME ACCESSIBLE FOR USE BY PEABODY COAL AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES BE COERCED INTO ACCEPTING A FORM OF WATER LOSS SETTLEMENT AND THE THREAT IF THERE'S NO AGREEMENT REACHED, THE WATER RESOURCES WOULD RETURN THE ARIZONA STATE GOVERNMENT.

EXPOSE AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL THE VIOLATION OF RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL RIGHTS. THE TOHONO O'ODHAM PEOPLE FROM BEING DENIED ACCESS TO THEIR SACRED SITES AND CEREMONIES, AND TERMINATE IMMEDIATELY THE HARASSMENT, ABUSE, AND DETENTION OF INDIGENOUS ELDERS AND PEOPLE WHOSE HISTORY AND EXISTENCE PRECEDE THE EXISTENCE OF THE UNITED STATES. PERPETUATING THE KILLING OF MIGRANTS BY DENYING THE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT OF WATER.

THREE, THE REPARATIONS TO THE APACHE AND THEIR PEOPLE, SAN CARLOS.

FOR THE EFFECT OF AGENT ORANGE AND CESSATION OF EXTRACTIVE MINING.

FOUR, TU DEMAND THE UNCONDITIONABLE PARDON AND RELEASE OF LEONARD

PELTIER, THE LONGEST SERVING INDIGENOUS POLITICAL PRISONER OF WAR. AND THE

ADVANCEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT, TEACHING OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

ESPECIALLY IN EDUCATIONAL CURRICULA, ESPECIALLY TO CHILDREN GIVEN THE LOSS,

THE GENOCIDAL LOSS OF LANGUAGE IN THIS COUNTRY.

IT'S HIGH TIME. THE 500 YEARS OF COLONIZATION. THE ORIGINAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE OF THIS LAND TERMINATE, BECAUSE MOTHER EARTH ULTIMATELY REPRESENTS THE ULTIMATE COURT OF LAW. AND THE US GOVERNMENT MUST BE LEGALLY REQUIRED TO RESPECT AND HONOR THE PRINCIPLES IN A RESPECTABLE WAY. I THANK YOU.

>> MR. ANAYA, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY.

THE DECLARATION RECOGNIZES THE RIGHT OF INDIGENOUS INDIVIDUALS TO CARRY
OUT THE HUMAN RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT.

I'M FROM SHIPROCK, A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION. WE ARE IN THE BUSINESS OF BUILDING HOUSING FOR NAVAJOS. GIVEN THE CURRENT MARKET THE ONLY WAY WE CAN FUND HOUSING PROJECTS IS LEVELING FUNDING. IT MEANS WE IDENTIFY POTS OF MONEY FOR A PROJECT. WE CAN LOOK TO PRIVATE FUNDS, OUTSIDE FUNDS AND FOR FUNDING OF THAT TYPE. WE USE FUNDING KNOWN AS TAX CREDITS. THEY ARE NOT ENOUGH FOR A MEANINGFUL PROJECT.

IN THIS CASE WE LOOK TO ACCESS AND INDIAN HOUSING FUND. THOSE FUNDS, SOMETIMES THERE'S A LOT OF RED TAPE. AND SOMETIMES IT'S DIFFICULT. FOR EXAMPLE, OUR NON- PROFIT BUILT A 96 UNIT PROJECT IN SHIPROCK. IT WAS A DIFFICULT, WHEN WE STARTED THE PROJECT. WE ACCESSED THE FUND BECAUSE OF ALL THE RED TAPE INVOLVED. THE DIFFICULTY CAME IN TRYING TO WORK WITH THE LOCAL TRIBAL HOUSING AUTHORITY.

BUT I CAN SAY AT THE TIME WE WERE PROUD TO SAY OUR PROJECT WAS BUILT WITHIN BUDGET AND ON SCHEDULE. WE ARE CURRENTLY HAVING PROBLEMS, THE STATE AGENCY FOR NEW MEXICO THAT ISSUES TAX CREDITS DOESN'T UNDERSTAND DEVELOPMENT IN INDIAN COUNTRY. AND IS NOT GIVING US SUPPORT.

OUR MANAGEMENT WARD, SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH A NON- INDIAN HOUSING MANAGEMENT COMPANY TO OPERATE OUR APARTMENTS. THE NON- INDIAN MANAGEMENT COMPANY IS IGNORING THE AGREEMENTS WE SIGNED AND STATE AGENCY IS REFUSING TO BACK US UP AS THE FEDERAL LAW REQUIRES.

OUR OTHER PROBLEM IS THAT WE MUST RELY ON LEVERAGING FUNDS, AND MONIES FOR THE TRIBAL DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITY DOESN'T FOLLOW. REQUIRES FOR SELF-DETERMINATION. OUR TDAG??. IS -- (INAUDIBLE). DOING PROPER NEEDS ASSESSMENT OR OTHERWISE FOLLOWING THE FEDERAL HOUSING SELF-DETERMINE NATION LAW. THAT MEANS IN SOME CASES WE CANNOT DEVELOP OUR PROJECTS IN OUR AREA.

WHY ARE WE HAVING THE PROBLEMS? THE IDEA OF SELF-DETERMINATION NEEDS TO COME INTO PLAY. THERE MUST BE A LOCAL OVERSIGHT OF TRIBAL DESIGNATED HOUSING ENTITY, TO MAKE SURE IT FOLLOWS PROPER PROCEDURES AND STATE AGENCIES CARRY OUT THEIR OBLIGATIONS. WE AGREE WITH THOSE WHO SAY THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN DEVELOPMENT LIES IN GOOD GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT AND FOLLOWING THE LAW. WE ASK FOR THE UNITED NATION'S SUPPORT OF THAT CONCEPT.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN.

HONORABLE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR AND ALL THE DIGNITARIES.

AND THE AUDIENCE. YOU KNOW MY NAME BY NOW. FERN BENALLY.

(SPEAKING NAVAJO).

I'M FROM BLACK MESA.

MY BROTHER SENDS HIS MESSAGE TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

1997. THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAD A MEETING IN THE FOOTHILLS OF BIG MOUTAIN. MY BROTHER AND GRANDMA TRAVELED TO GENEVA.
THEY REQUESTED INVESTIGATION ON RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE.

THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR AND IT'S COMMITTEE LANDED ON THE PEABODY AIRSTRIP ON THE REMOTE AREAS OF BLACK MESA. MANY RESIDENTS AND ELDERS GREETED THEM, INCLUDING MOM AND DAD, AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS. IT WAS SPECIAL TO ALL THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CAME. MY BROTHER NORMAN AND THE REST OF MY FAMILY, ADVOCATES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE VISIT INSPIRED US. 2009. INSTRUMENTAL STARTING A NON- PROFIT ORGANIZATION. BLACK MESA UNITED. A GRASSROOTS AGENCY WITHIN THE PEABODY WESTERN COAL LEASE AREA. THEY PRODUCED A DOCUMENTARY.

PEABODY WESTERN COAL IS MENTIONED MANY TIMES. IT'S BEEN MINING BLACK MESA FOR 45 YEARS. SIXTY PERCENT OF THE LOCAL RESIDENT HAVE ELECTRICITY. EIGHTY WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEARS. IT'S NOT FROM PEABODY. EVERYBODY HAULS WATER PICKUP TRUCKS. ZERO PERCENT OF RESIDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO RUNNING WATER. WE STRUGGLE EVERY DAY.

AFTER 10 YEARS AND TRIPS TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WE WON A SETTLEMENT, WATER IS LIFE. WATER, SACRED. THE NAVAJO HOPI RIGHTS SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED BY KYLE AND MCCAIN. ADDRESSES THE WATER RIGHTS OF THE TWO TRIBES AND IT SHOULD. NOT THE CORPORATE GREED OF PEABODY.

US SHOULD NOT MINGLE IN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF OF THE NATIVE PEOPLE. INTEGRATE THE DESIRES OF INDUSTRIES AND THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATES THE RIGHTS OF THE TWO TRIBES.

WE REQUEST THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR. WE STAND ALONE IN NEGOTIATIONS AWAY FROM THE NAVAJO AND HOPI WATERS RIGHTS AND LIMIT CONGRESSIONAL LAWMAKERS AND STAFF AS SHAREHOLDERS OF COAL AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES. THE NAVAJOS AND HOPIS BEING HELD HOSTAGE TO RECEIVE MONIES FOR THE PROJECTS IS NOT RIGHT.

THIS BILL ALWAYS (SOMEBODY) AND PEABODY TO RELEASE OF DAMAGES TO ASKS.

GRANT THEM HOPI AND NAVAJO WATERS. TWO COMPANIES REFUSE TO ABIDE BY THE NAVAJO LAWS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LETS THEM GET AWAY WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE. THE EVIDENCE IS BURIED UNDERGROUND.

DAMAGES THE AQUIFER, AND TO CONCLUDE. NAVAJO AND HOPI WATER RIGHTS

SETTLEMENT, IT'S THE NAVAJO NATION AND HOPI WATERS. A LOT OF WATERS FLOW

OFF TO THE LITTLE COLORADO RIVER.

EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS A BASIC RIGHT. FOR SAFE ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER.

SENATOR KYLE SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED AND NEEDS TO BE PRESSURED TO

APOLOGIZE TO THE NAVAJO NATION FOR HOW THEY BELITTLE THE NAVAJO NATION

AND HOPI TRIBE ON NATIONAL TELEVISION. PLEASE APOLOGIZE AND DON'T HIDE IT IN

LEGISLATION. DISCRIMINATION OF THE PEABODY LEASE, THE COAL COMPANY, HAS

BEEN ABUNDANT ON THE RESIDENTS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AGAIN.

>>THE LAST SPEAKER. ANDREW.

>> THANK YOU. I AM A MEMBER OF NAVAJO, I HAVE THREE POINTS TO MAKE, AND I'LL MAKE THEM QUICKLY. THE FIRST IS REGARDING ABOUT THE SENATE BILL, 2109.

THERE'S A CONCERN ABOUT THE WAY KYLE AND MCCAIN TRIED TO PRESSURE THE

NAVAJO NATION TO SIGN THE LEGISLATION, WITH THE RENEWAL OF THE N. G. S. LEASE, AND THE (SOMETHING) MINE CONTRACT IN ORDER TO RELEASE 6,000 FEET OF WATER TO THE NAVAJO COMMUNITIES. THE SENATORS ASK FOR THE NAVAJO NATION TO RENEW. THEY ARE SAYING IT'S FROM THE CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT. PRESSURING THEM TO PRESSURE THE NAVAJO NATION. THIS MIGHT BE A VIOLATION OF ANOTHER EXISTING LAW. PERHAPS CONVENTION AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION. THE ARIZONA CITIZENS IN THE AREA ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST.

TWO MORE POINTS. ANOTHER SESSION OF THIS TYPE MIGHT INCLUDE INFORMATION ON OTHER INTERNATIONAL LAWS THAT CAN BE APPLIED AND THIRD, FUTURE MEETINGS, MAYBE HAVE EACH GROUP SIGN UP FOR TIME. THERE'S A LOT OF ISSUES, AND I HEARD FROM SEVERAL GROUPS MULTIPLE TIMES AND THE POINTS ARE GOOD BUT REPEATED VERY MUCH.

ROBERT WILLIAMS: THAT CONCLUDES THE OPEN FORUM.