

Ekkar nan Riabnano Norton Bikajla (eo ej abnano ilo etan jemen, Jordon Bikajela), ej ba ejimwe im jejjot bwe Jordon Bikajela en kabjor maron eo an Alap ion Ajokle Island, Majuro Atoll, einwot ke Ajokle Island ej juon *katlep* jen Irojlaplap Jebdrik nan lellap eo jibun, Libelto (ak jipeel eo juon Libalto), kin an kar kareo ekkar nan kar kappe eo jen Irojlaplap Jebdrik alkin *typhoon* eo ilo 1940 jima ak 1950 jima ko. Ej bareinwot ba bwe Ajokle ej juon wot im jab ruo mottan ko, im bwe ewor wot juon Alap ion Ajokle Island.

Rijumae Abnano eo, Jehu Kattilman, ear make joloke abnano eo an ikijen maron eo an Senior Dri Jerbal ilo case in einwot ke ejjab tarbok im wor iakwelel kake maron eo. Rijumae Abnano Nejwi Katwan, ej ba bwe Ajokle ej jikin *bwij*, im ej walok jen bwij eo eritto ak Riabnano Bikajela ej jen bwij eo edrik. Ej-bareinwot ba bwe mekarta Ajokla ejjab ruo mottan, ak bwe bwij kein ruo ren maron jimor jokwe im mour ie, Iroj Telnan Lanki im tok alik Iroj Jeltan Lanki, rar lo bwe bwij in ear lonlok uwaan, innem rar lelok Tu-rok bwe bwij eo edrik en ber im mour jene, im Tu-ion ear etal nan bwij eo eritto bwe ren bareinwot ber im mour jene. Rijumae Abnano Katwan ej ba bwe ejimwe im jejjot bwe en e eo ej Alap nan Ajokle Tu-ion.

KAJJITOK KO KAR LETOK NAN PANEL EO BWE EN UAAKI:

1. Ajokle Island, Majuro Atoll, Marshall Islands, ear ke ajej ilo ruo mottan ko: Tu-ion, Ajokle Island; im Tu-rok, Ajokle Island?
2. Elane emoj kar ajej e Ajokle Island nan ruo mottan ko, innem won ikotaan Norton Bikajela im Nejwi Katwan, im ro rej kobalok ibeirro kin abnano ko aer, ekkar bwe en kabjor im makitkit kin jimwe im maron ko an Alap?
3. Elane Ajokla ear jab ajej nan ruo mottan ko, innem won ikotaan Norton Bikajela im Nejwi Katawan, im ro rej abnano ibeirro, ekkar bwe en kabjor im makitkit kin maron im jimwe ko an Alap ion Ajokle Island, Majuro Atoll?

UAK NAN KAJITOK EO:

1. Aet, Ajokla ear ajej nan ruo mottan ko: Tu-ion im Tu-rok.
2. Ekkar nan karok jen Iroj ro aer Ajokla Island, im ear jino jen tore eo an Iroj Telnan Lanki, im ro tokalik in Iroj Jeltan Lanki, rar lelok bwe *bwij* eo eritto an Nejwi Katwan ren mour im mona ikijen maron eo an Alap ilo Ajokle Tu-ion, im *bwij* eo edrik an Norton Bikajla, ren mour im mona ikijen maron eo an Alap ilo Ajokle Tu-rok.
3. Elane ear jab ajej Ajokle nan ruo mottan ko, Tu-ion im Tu-rok, innem einwot ke ej imon *bwij*, enaj kar etal maron an Alap nan *bwij* eo eritto, eo im ej an Nejwi Katwan.

MELELE KO IM UAAK KEIN REJ BEDBED IOIER:

Ekkar nan naan in kamol im melele ko an Riabnano Jordon Bikajela, Ajokla Island ej jikin Irojlaplap Jebdrik, eo im alkin *typhoon* eo ilo 1940 im 1950 ko, ear kir nan armij ro droon bwe ren raro. Riabnano Bikajela ear bareinwot kamol im ba bwe ro ion Majuro in im uwaan *bwij* eo rar kir nan Jabyokwe, eo ej jinen Rijumae Abnano Nejwi Katwan, einwot ke ej jen *bwij* eo eritto ilo tore eo, ijo wot ke, Jabyokwe ear jab maron itok jen Mili. Innem Libelto, eo ej jen *bwij* eo edrik ear wonmanlok wot im kareo. Riabnano Bikajela ej ba bwe ekkar nan manit, Irojlaplap Jebdrik ear *katlep* e Libelto kin Mwinkiren Weto, Ranbot Weto, Jonak Weto, im Ajokla Island kin maron ko an Alab im Senior Dri Jerbal.

Alkin an Panel in etale aoleb kein kamol kein im rar jakimaantak ilo naan in kamol im ilo jeje, ear loe bwe ear jabwe kein kamol ko nan kalikar ke Ajokla Island, Majuro Atoll ej juon *katlep*. Ejabwe melele einwot an Riabnano eo kwalok bwe ear ejelok kalimur in *katlep* in ilo jeje, im Iroj eo rainin, Iroj Kelai Nemna, ear bareinwot kwalok an jab melele kin *katlep* in kenano kake. Alikata Rijumae Abnano eo, Nejwi Katwan, ear bar kwalok an jab melele kin *katlep* in. Elane ejimwe im jejjot ke ear wor *katlep* innem ro tellokior bwe ren jela, ekkar nan manit, einwot Iroj eo im ro uwaan *bwij* eo, renaj kar bareinwot melele im jela kake.

Panel in ej bar kile jet melele ko rejab lukin alikar ikijen wot *katlep* in. Kein kajuon: ekkar nan Riabnano eo, Iroj Jebdrik ear *katlep* e lak Ajokla Island nan lellap eo jibun, Libelto ilo iio kane 1940 jima im 1950 jima ko, alkin kar *typhoon* eo elab ilo aelon in Majuro. Panel in ej melele bwe Jebdrik eo aliktata, Jebdrik Lakitwerak, ear jako ilo 1919 alkin *typhoon* eo elab ion Majuro ilo 1918 eo. (Spoehr, 1949) Panel in ej bar kile bwe Serai Ria, eo nejin Libelto, ear lotak ilo January 8, 1918 einwot an alikar ilo kein kamol eo an Riabnono eo, Plaintiff Exhibit “P5”, pepa in mij eo an Serai. Kein kamol in ej bareinwot kalikar nan Panel in bwe emool ke Libelto ear mour einwot juon jiron eo emoj an wor an bamle ilo tore eo an Iroj Jebdrik Lakitwerak. Ijo wot ke, iio kein Riabnano in ear kwaloki ilo naan in iakwelel im kamol kein an rej einjuon jen melele ko rej alikar nan Panel ikijen *typhoon* eo ilo 1918.

Eo kein karuo: Panel in ear bar etale kein kamol eo an Riabnano eo, Plaintiff Exhibit “P3”, *Land Determination* eo an Majuro Atoll ilo 1958 eo, im loe bwe ej walok etan likao eo edriklok im jatin Libelto, Jotor, einwot juon Rijerbal an Ajokle Island. Menin ej kalikare lok ke elane Libelto ear juon Alap ikijen *katlep*, innem ekkar nan manit, ro bwijjin einwot ro nejin renaj kar an Rijerbal im jab ro jatin einwot ke *katlep* ej nan Libelto im ro bwijjin.

Itok wot nan melele eo kein kajilu ikijen *katlep* eo nan Libelto: Riabnano eo ej ba lellap eo jibun, Libelto, ear make raro alkin *typhoon* eo im Jabyokwe ear jab eoron jilok eo an Iroj Jebdrik ilo an kar ba ren raro, ak ear bed tok wot Mili. Kin wawein in, ekkar nan Riabnano eo, Iroj Jebdrik ear wonmanlok wot im *katlep* e lok Ajokla Island nan Libelto mekarta ej walok jen *bwij* eo edrik, im ear ejelok an Jabyokwe ilo *katlep* eo kin an kar jab eoron Iroj eo im raro. Ebin an Panel in bok melele in kinke einjuon jen melele ko ikijen tore eo mokta im alkin *typhoon* eo ear bok jikin im rej walok ilo book eo an Spoehr naetan: *Majuro, A Village in the Marshall Islands*, eo ear je ilo 1949 eo. Book in ej kwalok ke Jebdrik eo aliktata, Jebdrik Lakitwerak ear jako ilo 1919 eo. Bareinwot, elane *bwij* eo eritto ear bed Mili im jab maron kar bok kunaan ilo raro eo, ak *bwij* eo edrik ear raro, innem Panel in ej tomak bwe ejimwe im jejjot, ekkar nan manit, bwe raro eo an *bwij* eo edrik ear komman ilo etan aoleben *bwij* eo, jen eo erittotata nan eo edriktata, einwot ke

bedbed ijin bedbed ijon. Ej alikar wawein in im walok ilo case in: *Civil Action 2003-122, Tibon v. Molik v. deBrum*. Panel in ej bar kameej lok tomak in ilo an kar Kate (ak jipeel eo juon Kathy), eo jinen Riabnano eo, lelok juon ian weto ko an *bwij* in ilo Laura nan an Jabyokwe bed im jokwe ie ke ej jeblak tok jen Mili.

Ikijen an ruo mottan Ajokla Island, Panel in ej reilok ilo naan ko an Iroj Kelai Nemna, einwot juon eo ej Irojedrik nan Ajokla rainin. Panel in ej kile bwe eban 2 alab nan juon jikin, ijelokin wot ne Iroj eo enaj koman kwon ko bedbed ion un ko rekhar im rejimwe. Ilo naan in kamol ko an Iroj Kelai Nemna, ear ba bwe ejjab bwe en *komakit dreka in jinme eo* ak ellok jen ta ko ro lak imaan rar karoki, ak ej loori wot im kabene ta eo Iroj ro imaanlok, einwot Iroj Telnan Lanki im eo tokalik Iroj Jeltan Lanki, rar karoki ilo aer kar loe bwe emenin aikuij ilo an *bwij* in eddoklok im lonlok uwaer jen ien nan ien, bwe ilo Ajokla, *bwij* eo eritto en bed im amnak ilo tu-ion en im *bwij* eo edrik en bed im amnak ilo tu-rok. Ilo wawein in rej maron jimor mour im jermal im kojeramon ejjab er wot jen dron, ak elaptata Iroj rein an Ajokla, ekkar nan naan in kamol ko an Iroj Kelai Nemna.

Kin aoleben melele kein, Panel in ej tomak bwe Ajokla ejjab ruo mottan bwe juon wot *bwij* en ie, botab emoj ajej e bwe *bwij* eo edrik en mona jen tu-rok im *bwij* eo eritto en mona jen tu-ion. Panel in ej bar erra ilo naan in kamol ko an Iroj Kelai Nemna im bareinwot ro imaanlok kar karoke, bwe ilo wawein in, eo ej jeban *bwij* eo edrik ej Alap non Tu-rok, Ajokla, im eo ej jeban *bwij* eo eritto ej Alap non Tu-ion, Ajokla.

MANIT IM IMINENE KO REJELET CASE IN:

1. *Katlep – Irojlaplap eo ej lelok juon jikin nan an juon bwij bed im amnak ie.*
2. *Imon bwij – juon bwidrej, weto, ak aeto eo im ej an bwij eo ak an ro bwijin juon kora.*
3. *Bedbed Ijin, Bedbed Ijon Bedbed Jinma wot Kwe– Ro reber rej ber ilo etan ro rejako.*
4. *Dreka In Jinme Eo – Bedbed ak kwon eo emoj karoke jen etto.*

KEIDI MANIT IBEN MELELE KO REMOL:

Panel in ej lo bwe Ajokla ear jab juon *katlep* jen Iroj Jebdrik nan Libelto, ilo melele in ke elane ear juon *katlep*, innem ro jein im jatun Libelto reban kar maron kabjor maron ilo Ajokla, einwot an kar leo jein/jatin Libelto, Jotor, kar maron kabjor maron an Rijerbal ekkar nan *Land Determination* eo an Majuro ilo 1958 eo. Maron ko ion Ajokla, ne ear juon *katlep* nan Libelto, renaj kar bed wot ibben ro bwijjin Libelto.

Panel in ej kile bwe Ajokla ej *imon bwij* ak jikin bwijjin Libelto eo kar mokta einwot an alikar ilo kein kamol eo an Rijumae Abnono eo, Defendant Exhibit “A”.

Ikijen raro eo, Panel in ej tomak bwe ilo an kar Libelto raro, ear raro ilo etan im ro rejako einwot ke Ajokla ej jikin bwij. Mekarta ne bwij eo eritto ear jako ak bwij eo edrik ear raro ilo etaer jimor einwot ekkar nan mantin Majol in, *bedbed ijin, bedbed ijon, bedbed jinma wot kwe*.

Iroj Kelai Nemna ear kameejlok ke ear jab ukot *dreka in jinme eo* bwe ear jab melele kin *katlep* eo, botab ear wonmanlok wot kin kar kwon eo ro imaanlok rar komane bwe Ajokla en ajej nan bwij ko ruo jimor nan aer jimor amnak im mour ie.

Ri Kamol an Ri Abnano:

1. Jordon Bikajela
2. Norton Bikajela
3. Tisen Dick

Ri-Kamol an Ri Jumae Abnano:

1. Iroj Kelai Nemna
2. Nejwi Katwan

Kein Kamol an Ri Abnano:

1. Plaintiff Exhibit P1 – Menmenbwij an Belto & Jitadre
2. Plaintiff Exhibit P2 – Melim Nan Norton Bikajela jen Jordon Bikajela

3. Plaintiff Exhibit P3 – 1958 Land Determination of Ajokla Island, Majuro Atoll
4. Plaintiff Exhibit P4 – 1958 Land Determination of Laura Village, Majuro Atoll
5. Plaintiff Exhibit P5 – Death Certificate of Serai Ria
6. Plaintiff Exhibit P6 – Death Certificate of Kathy Bikajela
7. Plaintiff Exhibit P7 – Application for Registration of Ownership Interests
8. Plaintiff Exhibit P8 – Easement Agreement Mwinkidren Weto, Laura Village (5/29/91)

Kein Kamol an Ri Jumae Abnano:

1. Defendant Exhibit A – Menmenbwij an Libalto 1st

Wawen Ko Jet Panel In Ej Loi Bwe Rekkar Nan Aer Walok:

Ilo melele ko an Iroj Kelai Nemna, ear ba bwe elane ear jab ajej Ajokla nan ruo mottan jikin mona ko, innem enaj kar kile bwij eo eritto, eo an Rijumae Abnono eo bwe e eo ej imaan rainin nan bwij eo. Ijo wot ke, im Panel in ej bar erra ilo wawein in, bwe nan an aoleb maron amnak im jeramon jen Ajokla, Iroj rein aer rar ajej e Ajokla bwe en wor jikin an bwij eo eritto amnak ie, eo im ejenolok jen jikin an bwij eo edrik amnak ie.

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