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# 27<sup>th</sup> Congress House Investigation Committee Progress Report from August 29, 2023 – September 7, 2023

Proceeding in the spirit of transparency in this ongoing investigation, the House Investigation Committee will show consistency in seeking truth for the Texian people of the republic of Texas, One Nation Under One God, by transmitting a progress report from August 29, 2023 through September 7, 2023, and continuing to inform the Texian people during this process.

On August 29, 2023 an Emergency Joint Congressional Session was called and required to attend, by the Speaker of the House Steve Berryman and the President of the Senate Mike Blackwell, to review the progress of the House Investigation Committee. The Senate informed the House of Representatives they had already started a Senate Investigation Committee and reviewed some of their observations with the House Investigation Committee.

During this Joint Congressional Session, the Investigation Committees of the House and the Senate, voted to share information to enable the investigation committees to act efficiently, provide progress reports, and respect the time of those being called for interview.

## Interviews to-date

Vice President Mike Blackwell – August 25, 2023 - Video <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/nMpAYGcLO9KZxdtOI1qDcye6O\_INFJGf8RukShv-</u> <u>RjCdmgxmsFg815x\_tUF8HTTW.307Mj4fXwR4iKs3M</u> Passcode: 1eThrx=u

Speaker of the House Stephen Berryman – August 25, 2023 – Video https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/wN8ekxP9Q7ZJ7Ren713pH89hUiJGWw9n 5drOIrFKWg6OEf2-H6H4I0N54JKH.cOikAwc6RoszbY9X Passcode: 9S^p1b^9

President Billy Ford - September 5, 2023 - Video https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/bTOZk05ogBzrCBpPyrpJFTJCTbT\_YnAmr4YJkzllOyoEWMI7OvClk95HHceVFri.D2lDOAn3iU9w16jx Passcode: d8?7=J4A

Vice President Mike Blackwell - September 9, 2023 - Video https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/BJ w83 FUPEBCF pwfPJRkZjTn6Gl6fbcU70LRqBlS349ofi vrlcUrSmQ0gTH2aP.IzSgLswNDimrw7Sq Passcode: XvuQL\$Q9

Speaker of the House Stephen Berryman - September 9, 2023 - Video <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/hOA-</u> <u>x1FKzjobtePd0WvmVlujePfawLl4MaPGe5ISMmhFejgLMHfrUzlesRIJLtJ7.0L8xjijvx5vBs3DI</u> Passcode: +B%5JBN9

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Phil Harmon & Donnita Harmon - September 9, 2023 - Video <u>https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/rR4PTMIK7zgKbDPbx6BelvwLlbk7G1PfxB8\_-</u> <u>A8Wc7CqCss\_Qy3QPqi-bWeQWZ-V.zblLbj6eWjPkVc63?startTime=1694133408000</u> Passcode: +Xq8R!kn

Secretary of State Ken Barnett – Failed to respond to our interview request on August 23, 2023 & September 4, 2023.

#### Confirmations by President Billy Ford regarding "Secret Meeting" with DOD Mandating NDA's

The Investigation Committees verified the secret meeting took place on July 25, 2023, called by President Billy Ford. The Executive Branch including, Secretary of State Ken Barnett, Vice President Mike Blackwell, and Speaker of the House Stephen Berryman, as a pre-requisite to hear special guest Tim McClain of Americas-Assemblies, the Executive Branch had to sign a corporate Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA). Susan Miller, Chief Justice of the Judicial Branch, and a non-member of the Executive Branch, was in attendance and did also sign the NDA. Vice President Mike Blackwell and Speaker of the House Steve Berryman were required by mandate that they sign an NDA before they would be allowed to attend the meeting and be informed of President Ford's plans and who was involved.

During the interview with President Ford, the Investigation Committees were informed that the **Department of Defense (DOD)** was on the call; however, during second interviews with Vice President Blackwell and Speaker of the House Berryman, they both confirmed they were not aware the **DOD** was on the call. President Ford also mentioned a professor was there who knows about patents. Per President Ford, "I don't know who else, I don't know how many were on the call."

When President Ford was questioned about the NDA, he stated, "Okay, well, there are certain things that as a matter of national security that don't need to be broadcast, and that was one of the things that was on the meeting. I'm, I'm not going to divulge to you what was said. That's the reason I had Mr. Barnett, Mr. Berryman, Mr. Blackwell and Mrs. Miller on the call, too, so they could understand, and they could see what was there. And they could back up everything about it. If you want to find out what was said, you might ask them. I'm not gonna tell you. It's not I have. I'm strictly not gonna say anything about that meeting. It's not gonna hurt for the public one way or the other. It's trying to trying to grow us and get some things done. But it's kind of like given."

When further pressed about the NDA and what was said on the call, President Ford said, "Mr. Berryman, Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Barnett and I signed the NDA. My word is my oath. And I'm not going to tell you about that meeting. If you wanna ask somebody, you ask them. And if they feel like their oath of office is more than their word, their bond to their word, then they can tell you. But I'm not going to."

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## <u>Confirmations regarding the republic of Texas Sovereign Jurisdiction verses "State of the</u> <u>Union", "State", "Nation-State", and Treaties jurisdiction by President Ford</u>

President Ford was asked if there was anything that is being worked on that we are not aware of that could possibly alter or is altering our jurisdiction? Meaning where it could take us from being a sovereign nation to becoming a state or a State Nation jurisdiction.

President Ford said there were two ways this could go. He stated there is a way to be recognized as one of the States of the Union that already exist. "But if you want to be a republic and we stand up the republic, then you're gonna have problems with United States. But it's whatever this republic wants to do. And it's not gonna be my decision to do that."

Further questioning regarding sovereignty and jurisdiction and the relationship with Americas-Assemblies, President Ford explained that what he is alluding to and one of the things we could do is not taking place of the Texas independence but it could be way to take a stepping stone. Said that Texas can always go back and be independent and that we can always withdraw from the United States. But he cautioned that if you do that you have to secure all of the boarders, that you need to have money to run the country. President Ford suggested there might be a better way to do it in that State of the Union.

(See documentation on Treaties below)

## Presentments regarding constitutional documentation questioned during the 27<sup>th</sup> Congress

President Ford said, "If your gonna pass a bill and you don't have quite everybody there, nobody can get there, then I'm all in favor of saying whoever's their folks that's the way it's supposed to work. If we don't have a quorum in the house showing up and you gotta wait we may not ever get a quorum so should we penalize everybody because people don't show up? I don't think so. You run the government the best way you can with what you've got."

During the second interview with Speaker of the House Steve Berryman, he said "We've been under the Law of Necessity since the 1990's and the Constitution says two-thirds of the voting members make up a quorum. And the majority of the quorum vote is what wins the vote." And he added, "On the resolutions passed, we had both of these when the resolutions were passed."

Accusations have been made by the loyal opposition that Vice President Mike Blackwell and Speaker of the House Steve Berryman have been running the Congress unconstitutionally. For further clarification, the Investigation Committee has attached a few resolutions with notes in red with Constitutional questions and comments. (See below - **Bill Proposed to Regulate Elections during a Declared Emergency**)

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#### Confirmation regarding the Elections by President Ford

Q -Do you think you should be able to run as Vice President knowing that the Constitution states that you can't have a consecutive term as a president and if the President were to become incapacitated at any time, even a week to forever. you would then become President do you think that would be a conflict in the Constitution?

"Well, that's just all hypothetical. So far that the President if the newly President whoever that's going to be is still living that's all hypothetical. We could say the same thing, we could all move to an elevation of above 1,700 feet, because of the birds. That's all hypothetical stuff. If it comes to a point and there's a problem. I don't have a problem with that. The only reason I wanted to stay connected was so that I could help whoever the President was, continue some of the things I have been working on. That's the only reason and I don't care Vice President or not personally."

#### Confirmation of a Militia being assembled by Paul and Donnita Harmon

On September 7, 2023, the Investigation Committee was approached by Pual and Donnita Harmon and informed the committee they were contacted by Roy Bridgemen to assemble a militia with the approval of President Ford. The Committee did a interview of both Paul and Donnita Harmon and was given permission to release it to the Texian People.

#### **Documentation referenced above**

 <u>ROT Declaration of Independence</u>: In regards to the document submitted by Lowanna James at last session. \*See highlighted paragraph.

Question: Supreme arbiter of the destinies of nations. How does this relate to the UN and Haque intent and verbiage? Especially if our precedents and jurisdiction is removed by new Treaties? It looks like this may put us in a state or nation-state status into the Hague Permanent Court of Arbitration? I have included information below for your review. **Declaration of Independence 1836** Page 5 ....Mexican people have acquiesced in the destruction of their liberty, and the substitution therefor of a military government; that they are unfit to be free, and incapable of self-government. The necessity of self-preservation, therefore, now decrees our eternal political separation. We, therefore, the delegates with plenary powers of the people of Texas, in solemn convention assembled, appealing to a candid world for the necessities of our condition do hereby resolve and declare, that our political connection with the Mexican nation has forever ended, and that the people of Texas do now constitute a free, sovereign, and independent republic, and are fully invested with all the rights and attributes which properly belong to independent nations; and, conscious of the rectitude of our intentions, we fearlessly and confidently commit the issue to the decision of the Supreme arbiter of the destinies of nations.

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Here are some links and info regarding the push that we are seeing to move us into a state or nation-state jurisdiction. See links and notes below.

#### Nation-states

A community of people who claim the right of <u>self-determination</u> based on a common ethnicity, history and culture might seek to establish sovereignty over a region, thus creating a <u>nation-state</u>. Such nations are sometimes recognised as <u>autonomous areas</u> rather than as fully sovereign, independent states.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sovereignty



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The Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) is a non-UN intergovernmental organization located in The Hague, Netherlands. Unlike a judicial court in the traditional sense, the PCA provides services of arbitral tribunal to resolve disputes that arise out of international agreements between member states, international organizations or private parties.<sup>[4]</sup> The cases span a range of legal issues involving territorial and maritime boundaries, sovereignty, human rights, international investment, and international and regional trade. The PCA is constituted through two separate multilateral conventions<sup>[5]</sup> with a combined membership of 122 states.<sup>[3]</sup> It is not a <u>United Nations agency</u>,<sup>[6]</sup> but a <u>United Nations observer</u>.<sup>[7]</sup>

The PCA was created at the first <u>Hague Peace Conference</u> of 1899.<sup>[8]</sup> The <u>Peace Palace</u> was built from 1907 to 1913 for the PCA in The Hague.<sup>[9][10]</sup> In addition, the building houses <u>The Hague</u> <u>Academy of International Law</u>, <u>Peace Palace Library</u> and the <u>International Court of Justice</u>.<sup>[11]</sup>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Permanent Court of Arbitration

**2.** <u>ROT Treaties</u>: In regards to the current Treaty that is being reviewed that I believe was presented by President Ford, I read a clause that looks like it may have an affect on this matter. \*See highlighted paragraph.

**Question**: Would this treaty void our current treaties that are upholding our sovereignty as a nation?

The House Investigation Committee is dedicated to full transparency to the Texian People. Additional interviews are being scheduled and the continuing discovery will be included in future progress reports.

Respectfully,

Matthew Cordova, Bexar County Representative – House Committee Chair Misty Kacho, Robertson County Representative – Co-Committee Chair John McGee, Harris Galveston Liberty County Representative Linda Capuano, Fannin County Representative De Rudd, Bexar County Representative Bobby Lee Watt – Montgomery County Representative – Alternate

#### **Documentation referenced above**

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#### Bill Proposed to Regulate Elections during a Declared Emergency

Bill proposed by the house of representatives of the twenty-seventh congress of the republic of Texas.

After the People's house of representatives for the republic of Texas, in a meeting of congress assembled under the resolution Invoking the Law of Necessity enacting the Declaration of Emergency Powers, the following Act was approved and adopted in a special session of the house of representatives.

Bill No. ??-07-14-2023 originating in the house

#### **Regulating Elections during a Declared Emergency**

**Making regulations for the forbearing of elections** during a declared Emergency of the Republic and how the Chief Justices manage elections in depopulated and unrepresented counties within the Republic. This is the same thing the loyal opposition are saying is "unconstitutional" on our Congressional Joint House Resolution – Forbearing Elections.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the republic of Texas in congress assembled. That congress shall in circumstances of war, emergency, world crisis, or any hostility or act of opposition that may come unexpectedly to the republic and or all Texians, forbear elections for the duration of the crisis or emergency but not to exceed 12 consecutive months between scheduled election dates. Upon the end or repealed emergency, the election Law shall be conducted in the manner that elections have been heretofore conducted.

Section 2. Be it further enacted that the Chief Justice of each county, abiding by the Act of Regulating Elections passed in law on February fifth one thousand eight hundred forty-fouranno domini, shall designate election officers in counties where a Chief Justice has not yet been elected or where the county is considered depopulated.<u>Not constitutional per Article IV Sec.</u> **10 and Sec. 11 \* Where are ANY Constitution Articles noted on this resolution?** 

Section 3. Be it further enacted that the seated Chief Justices in bordering counties or appointed by congress, shall, abiding by the Joint Resolution Relating to Election for the depopulated Districts (Counties), that upon the president directing writs of elections to fill vacancies during the declared emergency or crisis, appoint a clerk in those areas to hold a special election. The clerks shall write and number the name of each voter for that county. When the ballots are received, the clerk shall write upon the back of it the voter's number. These ballots shall be sealed in an envelope with the clerks list and all ballots received. The clerk shall sign and date across the sealing of the envelope to ensure it has not been tampered with. The ballots shall be mailed or delivered to the Secretary of State.

Section 4. Be it further enacted that all presidential writs of elections that are held in counties during the declared emergency, the Secretary of State shall first verify the votes and then they shall be presented to Congress where upon they shall be sent to the committee of privileges and elections to also verify the secretary's count. Upon approval of the committee, the election results may be presented to the house. Privileges are enslaved by the government – Citizen – 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of United States Constitution in contrast to The republic of Texas

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#### Constitution amended 2007

Sec. 13. Each house shall be the judge of the elections, qualifications, and returns of its own members. Two-thirds of each house shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may compel the attendance of absent members.

Sec. 3. The returns of the elections for president and vice-president shall be sealed up and transmitted to the speaker of the house of representatives by the holders of elections of each county; and the speaker of the house of representatives shall open and public the returns in presence of a majority of each house of congress.

#### Showing the Congressional Powers belong to Congress and not the Judicial Branch per Article II

Section 5. Be it further enacted that all laws and parts of laws conflicting with the provisions of this act, except so far <u>as they relate to elections for depopulated counties</u>, be, and the same are hereby repealed as they relate to the Declared Emergency; and that this act take effect from and after its passage. Note - Does this not change the Constitution – which is why it's been said the emergency had to be enacted by April 30, 2023 because it had to be viewed by the Texian People for 3 months because we did not have the delegates to do a convention to actually change the Constitution the right way?

#### republic of Texas Constitution states:

Article IV Sec. 11. The republic shall be divided into convenient counties, but no new county shall be established unless it be done on the petition of one hundred free male inhabitants of the territory sought to be laid off and established, and unless the said territory shall contain nine hundred square miles.