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APPENDIX II - CARTOGRAPHIC ERASURE DOSSIER

Annexed to the Declaration of Restoration of the Ben-Ishmael Nation Filed under the Authority of the Sun Village California Tribal Government (Bani Al-Shams)

I. PURPOSE

This appendix documents the **systematic erasure**, **redistricting**, **mislabeling**, **and cartographic fraud** enacted against the Ben-Ishmael Nation and affiliated tribal entities through U.S. territorial manipulation, map forgery, and jurisdictional misappropriation. It serves as a **forensic record and legal instrument** of spatial, geographic, and national identity theft.

II. ORIGIN OF GEOGRAPHIC CLAIMS

The Ben-Ishmael Nation historically occupied and traversed a trans-territorial corridor extending from:

- The eastern seaboard (Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina)
- Through Appalachia, Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana
- Up to Illinois, Missouri, and the Great Lakes basin
- Down through Tennessee and the Mid-South

Major encampments, trade corridors, and tribal formations were known in:

- Morocco, Indiana tribal capital and spiritual seat of governance
- Beaver Township, Newton County agricultural, political, and judicial center
- Cincinnati, Ohio mobile tribal registry and commerce waypoint
- Southern Illinois Amerindian military recruitment and ceremonial encampments

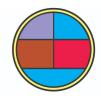
These areas were recorded in early state records under:

- Ishmael Settlements
- Free Persons of Color (tribal registry code)
- Mohammedan Camps
- White Gypsies
- Nomadic Muslims
- Zouave Militias



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III. METHODS OF CARTOGRAPHIC ERASURE

The following methods were systematically used to erase the spatial memory of the Ben-Ishmael Nation:

1. Renaming and Reclassification

- Original tribal place names (e.g. *Ben-Ishmael Valley*, *Camp Morocco*) were scrubbed or rebranded as **rural zones**, **poor districts**, or "**white trash**" **settlements**
- Townships such as *Morocco*, *IN* were reframed as "laid out" in 1851—despite clear evidence of prior tribal settlements with over 1,000 residents

2. Map Forgery and Territorial Collapse

- Official county maps from 1870–1930 **excluded tribal encampments** and instead labeled them as:
- Non-taxable zones
- Vagrant territories
- Undesignated state parcels
- Ben-Ishmael trails and fortified wagon corridors were erased or absorbed into settler road grids

3. Redistricting and Jurisdictional Dissolution

- Tribal land bases were severed by reassigning district lines, splitting clans across multiple jurisdictions to dismantle kinship-based governance
- Voting districts were gerrymandered to dilute tribal electoral presence
- Sovereign tribal boundaries were dissolved by forcibly absorbing Ben-Ishmael communities into Negro, colored, or unclassified groups

4. Geospatial Misnomering

- Cartographic entries used vague terms such as:
- Moorish Tramps
- Mixed Ancestry Camps
- Itinerant Gypsies
- Degenerate Whites
- These served to obscure legal recognition, deny tribal rights, and suppress treaty protections









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IV. LEGAL VIOLATIONS & IMPLICATIONS

These cartographic crimes constitute violations under both U.S. and international law, including:

- 1. Violation of Treaty Recognition
 - Breach of the Treaty of Peace and Friendship with the Sultanate of Morocco (1786, 1836)
 - Violation of tribal trust capacity and treaty-based spatial sovereignty
- 2. Violation of Indigenous Rights under UNDRIP
 - Illegal redistricting
 - Erasure of territorial continuity
 - Denial of sacred site and homeland restoration
- 3. Fraudulent Suppression of Tribal Territorial Identity
 - Conversion of Ben-Ishmael lands into tax lien properties, "no man's land," or federal confiscation zones
 - Destruction of tribal mapping archives held in county deeds and early court records
- 4. Constructive Dissolution of Cartographic Sovereignty
 - No referendum, consent, or treaty was provided for the forced disappearance of Ben-Ishmael territories

V. SPATIAL RECLAMATION DEMANDS

This dossier forms the evidentiary basis for the following spatial claims:

- 1. **Reassertion of Tribal Jurisdiction** over historic Ben-Ishmael zones, including:
 - Morocco, IN
 - Beaver Township and Newton County
 - Cincinnati migration corridors
 - Southern Illinois sovereign outposts
- 2. Restoration of Tribal Cartography, including:
 - Original geographic identifiers
 - Reinstatement of erased tribal boundaries
 - Public posting of corrected maps in county, state, and federal archives
- 3. Sovereign Right to Geographic Identity, including:
 - Right to designate tribal homelands
 - Right to name, map, and mark territories under tribal rule
 - Right to refuse settler reclassification of tribal zones



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VI. ATTACHED EVIDENTIARY EXHIBITS

This appendix supports full recovery and correction of the following:

- Pre-1900 tribal mapping records (from state, religious, and legal archives)
- Affidavits from county courts confirming presence of "Mohammedan," "Gypsy," and "Ben-Ishmael" settlements
- Historical route overlays (wagon, patrol, and militia)
- Redistricting records from Indiana and Ohio reflecting racial motive
- Census and landroll discrepancies from 1820–1930

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